

ESAC BOD Meeting
USFS Building- Mammoth Lakes
October 18, 2005

Forest Service providing office space:

- ◆ Phone
- ◆ Computer
- ◆ Snomo- sometimes
- ◆ Access behind gates

Need a formal written agreement from FS for office space

Employee is protected as an unpaid volunteer employee
Memorandum of understanding b/t FS and ESAC

Forecast must go out "under fs name"
Must use standard Avalanche Danger Ratings

Liability:

We don't need liability insurance, we need board insurance- cheaper
Coverage for employee from FS, but insurance needed for board

Nate, Walt, and Allan will look into board insurance

Inyo Cty offered \$5000 but we need Liability Insurance that lists them. We need to look into options for this.

Treasurer's report:

\$8620.47 in account

SP having problems reconciling bank accounts w/ Quicken
Missing a statement from June
May 15- deposit of \$405 what is this??

Need to renew domain name for website- Board voted to OK this expense. SP will do this.

Please send SP an email when deposits are made to the account with the date, description, and amount

Fundraising:

Upcoming Events:

This weekend:

SNO-Fest @ Mountain Light event

Sherwins- Slideshow, raffle
9 December movie premiere @ Sherwins

Karhu will buy ad space on web
Cloudveil, G3 happy to donate gear for raffles, etc.

Ad space to Footloose/MMS- Nate is looking into this
Brian at Brian's Bikes maybe interested

K2 is interested in discussing options, Howie is working on this

Howie is talking with Ann Klinefelter about doing an evening fundraising awareness presentation at a private party.

Nate will send advertising pdf to board

Andy Selters has offered to give proceeds from his slideshow on the history of eastside skiing. We need to set a date with him for this.

SP will talk to Dave T about the Rando Rally

Walt will buy some stickers- we need more

SP put together some ideas for a info flyer- we can get something printed in 10 days. ~\$600 estimated cost. Walt moved to allocate the \$ to this, board voted to approve.

Website:

Nate presented his excellent start for the website complete with an interactive map.

He will change the drainage specific advisory to be just obs for each drainage instead.

If specific drainages need special consideration these comments can be included by the forecaster in the discussion within the main regional advisory.

Operations:

- ◆ Sue presented a potential funding structure for a forecaster that works with a minimum of \$14,400 and 3 days/week.

Board agreed that we need to have some level of forecasting this year and that we probably have the funds to make it happen at least at the minimum level.

Agreed that we need to fly the forecasting job announcement in the local papers: Sierra Reader, Mammoth Times, website, shops, Inyo Register, email list. Applications due on Nov. 2nd, accepted only via email. Salary dependent on experience, seasonal, approx 6 mos. Winter '05-'06. Previous forecasting experience required.

Nate will do this.

- ◆ ESAC may be able to look at an educational campaign geared toward homeowners, planners, developers, etc.

Could interest the counties and gain funding for a residential program

- ◆ Neil Satterfield is going to put Obs up on the web from June Mt. We need to be in contact with him as we set up the operations for the forecaster.