

## ESAC BOD Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2008

6pm at Allan Pietrasanta's home- Bishop

Present: Howie, Nate, Allan, Scott, Forrest, Bob, SP

### Beacon Basin

- Successful this year at Mammoth Mtn.
- All equipment put away for the summer
- Comments made that banner font is hard to read.
- Bob will have Cindy make 2 new ones with a different font.

### Treasurer's Report

- \$42,173.56 in account
- no debts outstanding
- DWP sent \$500 yet to be deposited
- Taxes were submitted on time and 2007 books closed.
- SP will look into switching the annual fiscal accounting date.

### Year-End Report

- Year-end report is not finished. Sue said she would provide a rough draft for comment by the board.
- Why is year-end report not yet completed?
- Why did the forecast season extend into June? Agreed that end of forecast season should formally be Memorial Day next year.

### Second Forecaster Position

- ESAC was told by Upchurch/Riegelbrugge to plan for a second forecaster for next season.
  - What is the second forecaster position?
  - Full time for the peak season (December-March)
  - Zero overtime for second position
- This will allow us to expand the range having a primary forecast area and a secondary range.
- This will also allow us to have one more forecast per week, written by second forecaster.
- We should put these stipulations in a second collection agreement.
- Forecaster positions need to be advertised ASAP. This needs to happen before signing the collection agreements.
- \$40K might be what ESAC needs to put forth for 2 forecasters? We are not bringing in that much per year right now.

### ISSW 2008

- Sue asked for \$2700 from ESAC to cover salary and expenses to go to ISSW.
- FS apparently will not fund this
- Question about exposure to liability if we contract Sue separate from FS
- Sue's proposal contained only a funding request, without a specified exchange of service.
  - Unclear of benefit to ESAC and what ESAC's expectations of Sue would/should be.
  - Board agreed to contact Sue to ask for a justification for helping fund sending the ESAC forecaster to such conferences, That way the board can discuss this with the FS and have it as an ongoing line item for the future in collection agreements.
  - ESAC would like a firm commitment from Sue to be the lead forecaster next season before agreeing to funding ISSW
- No resolution reached but consensus that expenses + salary is probably more than the value of Sue's presence at ESAC, but that some funding is appropriate in exchange for:
  - ESAC promotion and networking on ESAC's behalf

- Continuing education to create a better product

Interagency Meeting:

- June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am Town County Conference Room in Mammoth Lakes.
- Nate, Allan, Howie, maybe Bob will attend

Season Kick-off Event for 2008-9

- Thinking bigger this year and possibly combining with Telebration
- Second weekend in December (11-14)

Other Business

- Inyo Cty voiced concerns with Sue's contract to forecast for Aspendell.
  - Question as to whether she is getting paid twice for forecasting for Aspendell.
  - Speculation of preferential treatment for Mono Cty
- Agreed that the Board should address these concerns.