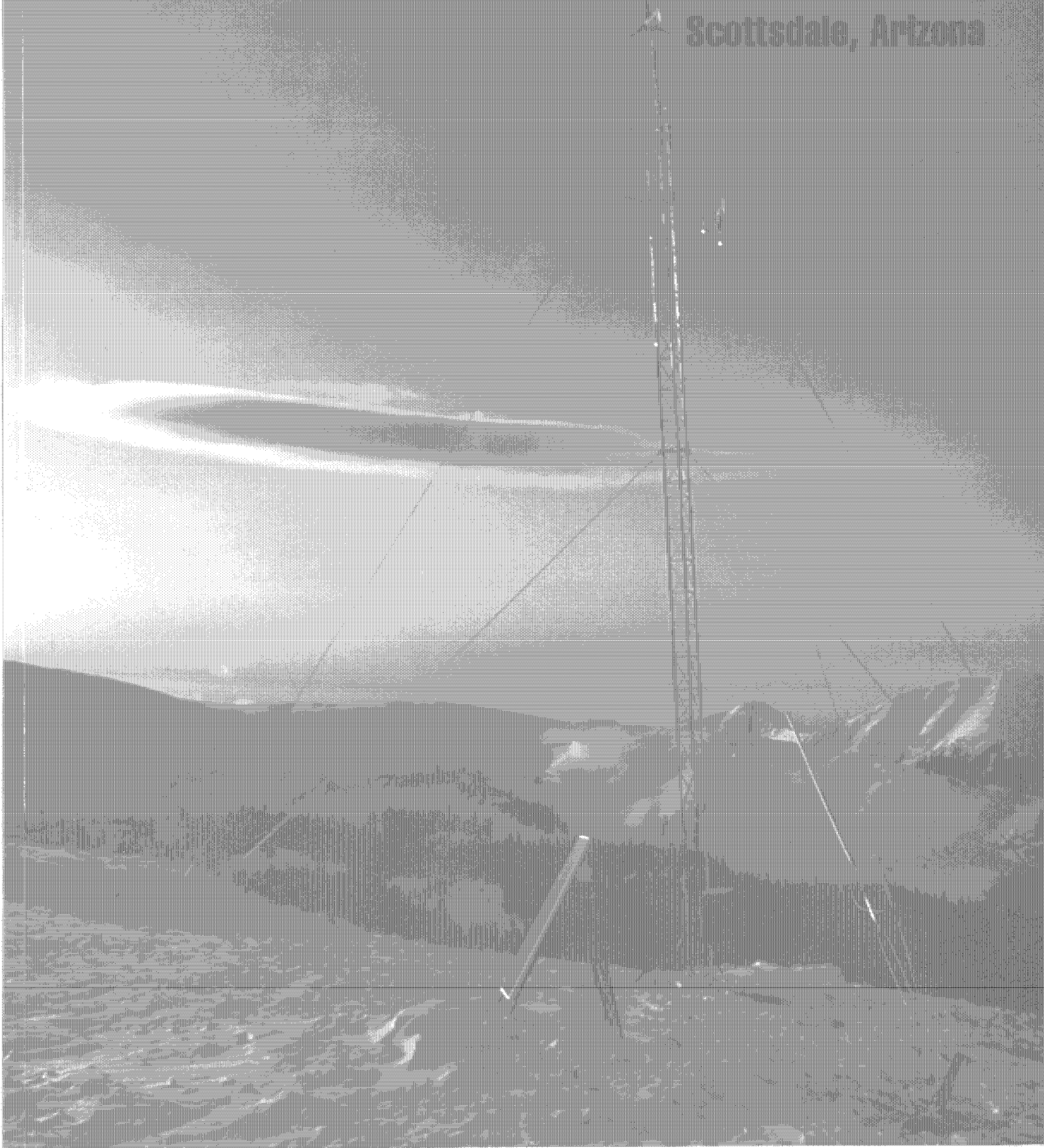


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Minutes of the Western Snow Conference Executive Committee Meeting
April 21, 2003, 1435 pst
Scottsdale, Arizona

In attendance:

Allerman, Rob
Brunengo, Matt
Freeman, Gary
Gehrke, Frank
Hannaford, Jack
Huffman, Don

Julander, Randy
Kattelmann, Rick
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Lea, Jon
Martinez, Larry
McGurk, Bruce

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Pattee, Scott
Rango, Al
Whaley, Bob

- Changes to the 2002 WSC Executive Meeting minutes and Proceedings were discussed. Only changes are to misprinted award recipients. Addendum will be included with the WSC 2003 Proceedings.
- Donation of \$5K from the Arizona NRCS and Salt River Project discussed. Donation dollars are only to be used for "hard" expenses of the WSC. This includes meeting facilities, Proceeding printing, etc. Food, booze, or banquet fees will not be billed to this \$5K. McGurk, Martinez, and Osterhuber will maintain proper accounting for the fund.
- WSC 2002 Proceedings were printed, and subsequently mailed, quite late. Kelly Elder said this was in a big part due to authors being late in submitting their final, digital copies of accepted papers. It was agreed upon that the WSC, and the WSC Program Chair, would stick to a July 1 deadline for final paper submission. Papers submitted after July 1 will not be included in the printed Proceedings.
- WSC 2004 was discussed. Tentatively scheduled for April 19 – 22, in Kolona, British Columbia. Concern was raised about the meeting site. Many US government employees are restricted from, or must overcome many hurdles to travel out of the US. Also, this somewhat rural location raises concern about meeting attendance. WSC 2003 looks to be poorly attended (60 attendees); two lightly attended meetings in a row could be disadvantageous to the WSC. Attendees of the WSC 2003 General Business Meeting will be polled as to their feelings on the meeting site.
- At present, no meeting time or place has been decided upon for the WSC 2005.
- Gehrke reported on the state of wilderness snow sensors in California. No permits are current for the sensors. The WSC will take no official action at this time.
- All agreed that the WSC website is a fine piece of work. Many thanks to Tom Painter for building and maintaining the site.
- An ad hoc committee of Julander, Whaley, and Osterhuber will investigate proper non-profit organizational (the WSC) behavior in respect to advertising, corporate sponsorship, etc, both in print (WSC Proceedings, fliers, mailers, announcements) and on the WSC website.
- The WSC's policy on complimentary registration fees was discussed. There is in fact no official WSC policy on this. Since disseminating complimentary fees has never been abused, no official policy will be adopted at this time.
- Osterhuber reported that he now stores all extra copies of the WSC past Proceedings as well as the WSC's business documents at the Central Sierra Snow Lab in Soda Springs, California. In the future, no more than 10 hard copies of each year's Proceedings will be stored. Extra copies currently available will be advertised on the WSC website.
- Osterhuber took over as WSC Treasurer on September 18, 2002. All bank accounts have been moved from Portland, OR to Truckee, CA. Total monetary net for the WSC during FY 2002 is +\$2,379.70. Big thanks to Bob Swanson for all his work as former WSC Treasurer.

Minutes of the General Business Meeting of the Western Snow Conference
April 23, 2003, 1600 pst Scottsdale, Arizona

In attendance:

Approximately 40 attendees of the Snow Conference and the WSC Executive Committee

- Secretary/Treasurer Randall Osterhuber (CA) gave a brief report outlining the WSC's current budget. Breakdowns of income and expenses for FY 2002 were distributed among those in attendance.
- General Chair Don Huffman (OR) opened discussion about the WSC 2004. He outlined concerns voiced at the Executive Committee Meeting about potential difficulties with travel to Canada. The suggestion of disrupting the historic rotation of meeting locations among the four geographic areas of western US and Canada was discussed. So discussed was moving the WSC 2004 meeting location from Canada to somewhere in the US, possibly Portland, OR. Canadians Harold Steppuhn (SK) and Stephanie Smith (BC) both objected to moving the meeting from Canada, pointing out that a good percentage of the WSC membership are Canadians, much pertinent snow research is ongoing in Canada, and that we ought not to vary from the historic rotation. Randy Julander (UT) agreed, remarking that if the WSC were to weather a few financially lean years, now would be a good time considering the current \$5K donation from the NRCS. A show-of-hands vote was conducted as to whether the WSC meeting should be moved to the US. A majority of those present voted to keep the meeting in Canada. It was then agreed upon by the present membership to investigate a more central meeting location in Canada, possibly Vancouver. Jon Lea (OR) will investigate optional meeting sites.
- Discussions were held on the state of the California Wilderness snow sensors, the WSC website, possible copywriting of the WSC Proceedings, and WSC document management at Soda Springs, California. No new actions were taken on these topics.

Respectfully submitted,

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