

**Autonomy Zonal Forum
Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

Date: 3-12-18

Hosted By: Eastern PA – Tim Alt RD

Meeting opened at: 7:00 PM

Meeting closed at: 8:33 PM

Opened Meeting with Serenity Prayer and Traditions and Concepts

Today's Agenda:

- **Open Forum** time –
 - *Review the proposed agenda; add or delete items as necessary*
It was decided to skip Item 6 on the agenda.

- 1. Approve the January Minutes
The January Minutes were approved unanimously (Tim read minutes and had no changes)

- 2. Mountaineer Region's Proposals
 - a. Changing to a 3 year cycle (Item b was discussed)
 - b. Changing to a Discussion Based Conference
Cooper explained that the proposal is to create more discussion time at the Conference by spending more time in small groups. The proposal is to start small groups at the beginning of the Conference instead of near the end. The Mountaineer Region is also looking for other Regions to sponsor this proposal. Please contact Cooper if your Region is interested.

- 3. Putting a Zonal Delegate Contact on the Website
Kim brought up the fact that the Regions have not authorized us to choose a Zonal Delegate. Clarence added that NAWS has always contacted all of us (not just a single representative). It was agreed that a Contact person would not be chosen at this time.

- 4. Who is willing to take over updating the website, setting up Zoom meetings, etc when Kim's term is finished around January 2019.
Kim wants to have some time to train her replacement. It was brought up to take back to our Regions to see if someone outside this call would be interested. Kim nominated Darla. Darla expressed interest and is willing to train with Kim. Before Darla was voted in, there was discussion if the members should vote on this in person. Kim pointed out we have never made formal decisions on conference calls. Clarence thought it didn't make any sense and asked why hold the call if we can't make decisions? Randy suggested putting it on the agenda to discuss at end of conference call. Kim pointed out that we would need to create policy to make decisions on conference calls. Craig explained that this is an internal type of decision (housekeeping type of decision). Tim asked to make it official. Unanimous vote to have Darla take the place of Kim in January 2019.

5. Discuss holding a 2 day Zonal Forum
Tim advised that he will get Flyer done after the outcome of this discussion. It was asked if we have enough to fill 2 days. Billy suggested that there is nothing that justifies a 2-day meeting. Tim explained that Merle was thinking of adding a Learning Day. Cooper asked who would be running the Learning Day? Tim explained one of the EPARNA Areas such as Montco or Pure and Simple Areas. Kim doesn't want a PR event because there wouldn't be enough time to plan a PR event. Tim suggests discussing this topic face to face at the WSC.
6. Zonal Representation (Further Discussion?) (What it would look like at the WSC). Skipped
7. Is there a mechanism in place for our Zone making a motion in NB?
Kim asked who put this on the agenda? Cooper explains it wasn't him. Tim says I thought it was Kim. Cooper explains that there is no mechanism in place for our Zone to make a motion in New Business.
8. Discuss how we might choose a Zonal Rep for the Future of the WSC Workgroup if Motion 15 passes.
Cooper - If Motion 15 passes it would require two representatives. If we are discussing choosing a single representative to attend work groups then that is different than Motion 15. Craig - Let's add it to the discussion in July. Even if Motion 15 does not pass I'm not against the idea of having a representative for the work group to facilitate discussion.

On a separate note, Kim points out that she was disconnected twice during this conference call and this is a reason why we maybe shouldn't make decisions on conference calls.

Discussion on Motion 15 and choosing a Zonal Rep continues:

Craig – I don't have a problem with low level discussions being decided on conference calls. What does this Zone discuss at the Conference? Cooper - The Zone talks about what is happening at the Conference. Kim - We meet at the Conference and our Agenda can be whatever we want. Billy - I agree with Craig and Cooper. What is our role as a Zone? I question the value of zones so their future should be discussed. My Region is more in favor of Zonal Representation than I am. I'm skeptical and people at my Region said I'm too close to the issue. Clarence - If Motion 15 passes then this needs to be discussed in July. Billy - If Motion 15 gets squashed at World, what are some other alternatives for representation? What about Continental Representation or each group voting on line? Craig - We are trying to fix Zonal Representation but the real problem is the Conference Agenda Report. Cooper - If Motion 15 passes we need to decide how to pick a Zonal Rep and we need to be prepared in July. Clarence - If Motion 15 does pass, it won't happen right away. It takes two cycles for change to happen. Cooper - If it does happen right away, we need to settle it in July. Kim – We can ask our Regions to put forth a nomination and that person attend the July meeting. Billy - Regions aren't going to decide, we are as the RD's. Kim - If you (Billy) are interested ask your region to nominate you. Billy - It's up to us. We have to figure it out. Anthony - I agree with Kim. I want my Region's input. Clarence - We ask our Region for permission but that person should come out of one of us who knows what's going on. Tim - Bring it back to your Regions. If your Region elects to send a nominee, then have them attend the July meeting. Billy - I believe I'm burdening my Region with this. Randy - If the Motion fails why would we talk about this in July? Tim - If the motion fails it is a moot point. Billy - Did we just decide to send someone who is not an RD? Randy - No. Kim - What if someone was an RD and wants to get back involved? Billy - I hadn't thought about that. Cooper - We will revisit this at WSC. Unanimously agreed.

Future Agenda:

Agenda for WSC

- Choose a Zonal Representative
 - Discuss a possible 2 day Zonal Forum
 - Discuss Nominees for WSC elections
9. Other Discussion Items:
- a. • Revisit inventory
 - b. • Discuss proposed changes for WSC
 - c. • Discuss future event
 - d. • FIPT

Closing Discussion:

Kim - Do we want to talk about making decisions on conference calls?

Tim Let's put it on the July agenda.

Cooper - I thought we would discuss it tonight.

Kim - Conference calls are closed and face to face meetings are more open and transparent.

Clarence - If we are all here what's the difference?

Tim - If it's a housekeeping topic why involve other people?

Randy - It's being proactive and being ahead of the game.

Cooper - I understand we need to make decisions but the nature of the decisions. The problem is in the details. Which issues have the spirit of housekeeping issues? Also, Ryan doesn't like this environment at all. Big stuff needs to be handled face to face.

Craig - I would hate to write a strict, formal policy. Those philosophical and long term planning issues are better face to face.

Clarence - I agree but when it comes to making decisions on what needs to be face to face should be decided as the issues come up.

Tim - Make the determination on a case by case basis.

Unanimously agreed.

The discussion on a 2 day Zonal Forum is tabled until July. Kim says she needs to put something on the website and would like an itinerary. Tim will email Kim tomorrow with the Facility name and address to get something on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Open Forum:

Regional Reps Present	P-present A-absent V-vacant
Central Atlantic Region RD	P
Central Atlantic Region RD Alt.	V
Central Atlantic Region RD 2 nd Alt.	P
Chesapeake and Potomac Region RD	P
Chesapeake and Potomac Region RD Alt.	P
Eastern PA Region RD	A
Eastern PA Region RD Alt.	P
Free State Region RD	P
Free State Region RD Alt.	P
Greater Philadelphia Region RD	P
Greater Philadelphia Region RD Alt.	P
Mountaineer Region RD	P
Mountaineer Region RD Alt.	A

Upcoming schedule for Autonomy Zonal Forum:

- Eastern Pa Region: July 25, 2018
- Free State Region: January 26, 2019
- Greater Philadelphia Region: July 27, 2019
- Central Atlantic Region: January 28, 2020
- Mountaineer Region: July 25, 2020
- Chesapeake and Potomac Region: January 30, 2021

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