

**Sierra Avalanche Center Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - 6:00 pm**  
**Parasol Foundation**  
**948 Incline Way, Incline Village, NV**  
**Or Google Meet**



Phone in **ANDY**

	<b>Board of Directors</b>		<b>Forecasters</b>
✓	Chris King - President	✓	Brandon Schwartz
✓	Mark Bunge - Treasurer	✓	Andy Anderson
✓	Zach Tolby - Secretary	✓	Steve Reynaud
✓	Jonathan Laine		
	Todd Offenbacher		<b>SAC Staff</b>
✓	Jason Oelkers	✓	David Reichel - Executive Director
✓	David Fiore		Travis Feist - Education Coordinator
	David Bunker		Jason Bilek - Observer
	Peter Stanton		
✓	Tasha Thomas		<b>Advisory Board/Public</b>
✓	Murph	✓	Holly Yocum
✓	Sara Davidson		
✓	Kerry Stendell		

AGENDA – Items may not be heard in the order they are listed

- A. CALL TO ORDER - Establish quorum / Introduction of guests
  
- B. AGENDA AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL (Approved)
  
- C. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES (Approved)
  
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT - *Any member of the public may address the Board of Directors on any matter that is not listed on the agenda. (No public comment)*
  
- E. PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS (5 min) – Chris King
  - It’s a real winter
  - Good progress on the Strategic plan
  - Revisit sled topics
  
- F. Weather and Announcement (Zach)
  - Zach has accepted a position in Boulder as the Director of NOAA’s Fire Weather Testbed. He and Danielle will be moving to Colorado in the next few months.
  
- G. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE (10 min) – Brandon Schwartz
  - Into Miracle March Reverse Miracle March
  - Impressive avalanche cycle feb 28th cycle
  
- G. ED REPORT (30 min) – David Reichel
  - See ED Report in meeting folder
  - Epic promise, no real change
  - Grant- formally accepted.
  - Tahoe split fest: went pretty well
  - Sugar Bowl uphiller on the schedule 4/1
  - Granite chief - shred it showdown
  - Ton of media last week
  - Newsletter is on the todo list
  - Reupped insurance, risk management call with insurance company
    - MB question about clarity volunteers riding the sled
  - LTBMU presentation all-staff meeting
  
- H. EC REPORT (20 min) – Travis Feist (Tasha updates)
  - See EC Report in meeting folder

- Snowmobile classes all done
- New bear valley and women's specific
- All awareness events are done, went really well
- Nevada video finished shooting
- State of the snowpack has been great
- Daily flow curriculum all on on line and updated
- Jason Oelkers - Committee to meet at the end of March
- Discussion about Palisades space for BF memorial education

I. COMMITTEE UPDATES (20 min)

- Budget/Finance - Mark Bunge
  - Moved money temporarily out of savings into checking account
  - Big payroll month, NV video bill, sled repair
  - Grant money coming in soon
  - Sold old Snowmobiles
  - Bought new sleds
  - Reasonably good track to hit fundraising target
  - Should still do an April push
  - Coming up short on corporate and ski day fundraising
  - DR and Mark will do taxes soon
- Development – Peter Stanton
- Strategic Planning - Peter Stanton (Fiore)
  - Another shot at mission and vision and add core values
  - DR todo from meeting
  - Accomplished restarting, need to keep the momentum going
- SM/Marketing – Tasha Thomas
  - No updates
- Education – Jason Oelkers

J. SLED DISCUSSION REVISITED (10 min)

- Revisit the issues brought up last year
- Discussion about Polaris sleds for forecasters
- Selling or not selling sleds - decided
- Reimbursement of observers
  - Instructors that use sleds get 100/day, observers do not.
  - MB - We have observer sleds for that reason
  - Murph - Gas and oil has to be purchased either way, come up with a flat rate.
  - BS - Lots of variables in how much gas gets burned

- MB - need more input from the board
- Murph - logistics and comfort with personal equipment.
- AA - maybe it makes sense to focus the observer sled to match
- CK - the major obstacle is logistics and accessibility
- Move forward with a stipend for next year, amount to be determined

K. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: April 4, 2023 at Parasol Foundation