

Notes from REC meeting Jan 19,2008 at Killeen, Texas

Attendees:

Michelle Fanelli (Shell) – Regional Coordinator  
Aaron Murphy – Regional Chief of Computer Operations  
Raymond Ford – Regional Chief of Staff  
Jeffery Webb – Regional Deputy Chief of Staff  
Robyn Winans – VRC North  
Randi South - Regional Chief of Shuttle Operations  
Clint Hill – Senior Enlisted Advisor  
Stephanie Izard - Regional Chief of Operations

The following are the things that were discussed at the meeting:

1. Agenda is so far out of date and it needs to be updated
2. Notes will be taken for all meetings so that there will be a record of the proceedings. Stephanie volunteered to take the notes.
3. Shell hasn't gotten the records yet, but has started talking to people
4. Shell thinks it will be a lean year, because of not knowing what the financial situation is.
  - a. Aaron suggested setting up a table at the conventions in the Dallas area for Region 3 promotion.
  - b. Raymond, Jeff, and Clint have some ideas about low cost events. Smaller events and away missions. Possibly the Star Trek tour?????
5. Shell would like to standardize the software for Region 3 so that we can pass documents back and forth without having compatibility issues
6. Shell wants to put together an away team packet on the R3 site so that members can download the packet to promote anywhere they go.
7. Brad didn't get the incorporation done, but Shell is pushing to get it done soon. Again, Shell needs to see the financials first in order to be more informed while doing the incorporation. Shell has looked into 2 different types of tax status and will need to know more about the Region's current financial status before making a decision on how to move forward.
8. At this time the Region has no checks and balances when it comes to financial matters. We need a financial officer, but Shell wants more of an auditor in that position. We need to start paying more attention to costs with Summit, Quartermaster and other projects. Regional Financial Officer will be involved with the financials, the records, the incorporation and will be a full time job. It was asked if this post would be an REC post? That decision was tabled until more is known about the position. As far as the State is concerned, they don't care.
9. Brad Pense has dealt with the taxes thru 2007. He has also worked out a possible transfer of records to Shell. The Region will keep the Frost bank account and it will be transferred to Houston.
  - a. The amount of taxes paid for 2007 was \$133.74
  - b. The total for the great Texas raid was \$1697.48
  - c. According to Brad Pense we have \$3500.00 in the bank for Region 3

10. Shell would like to get new VRC South by Feb. Also, we need to reconfirm Robyn for VRC North, and get new VRC West.
  - a. It was asked, when do we have an VRC East???? Some one thought that 4 ships constitute the need for VRC in an area. We decided to table the realignment of the region until summit.
11. We all decided that there is a need to rebuild the confidence in the region. We need to shift the focus for people to have fun at regional events and to recruit new members. And we need to encourage a positive attitude in everyone. In the next month we need to market the region and fleet.
12. Shell wants to set goals and get organized. Some of the goals that were discussed were:
  - a. Re-do the Regional Handbook
  - b. Organize the regional staff and know what is expected of each position
  - c. Be more systematic with recruiting
  - d. Decide is Region 3 is to help with cost of Summit banquets
13. Jeff handed out memo for Report on Retreat/Summit bids.
14. IRC might be an option to discuss busyness along with the RECList.
15. When everyone gets home, please post your personal info to exchange with REC
16. We should all expect to respond to emails in 72 hours.
17. Shell asked what each of us would like to do in the coming year:
  - a. Robyn: take over the unassigned, VRC North, try to get the 3 ships in the north to work together, pass more info between the ships to get more involvement in activities,
  - b. Randi: Shuttle Ops trying to get access to shuttle ops on the fleet level, working with 2 shuttles and one upcoming, would like to update the START manual, recruiting once we get settled in to the new admin. (had hand outs)
  - c. Jeff: Billie's report, would like more info on awards page on R3 site, (refer to hardcopy from Jeff), would like to change the Special Forces Officer to Third Brigade Commander, Youth Services Director should be more involved (had hand outs)
  - d. Clint: is here to help get things done, help grow the membership, would like to develop a program similar to the Vessel Readiness program targeted toward Enlisted members ( had hand outs)
  - e. Steff: should be more involved with event planning, contact point for away teams and recruiting.
  - f. Aaron: Has the Region 3 web site 95% operationsl, Has set up territorial discussion lists, Chapter Aliases set up, looking at regional web forums, has registered an IRC channel on the STARFLEET IRC Server #SFI-R3, talked about having monthly REC chats (had hand outs)
  - g. Raymond: is here to help everyone, now has Shell in the loop, but will still be here to help, would like to see about the reorganization.