

**Ohio Region Spring Meeting  
Brandywine Ski Resort  
Sagamore Hills, OH 44264  
April, 30, 2011, 9:00 AM**

**Introduction**

**Call to Order**

**Bill Currier**

The Ohio Region Spring Meeting at Brandywine Ski Resort was called to order at 9:15 am.

**Roll Call**

**Pat McCabe**

PRESENT: Bill Currier, Chris Raudabaugh, Pat McCabe, Greg Schmidt, Rick Jackson, Sandi Hammons, Jim Burns, Tom Ciranna, Daryl Knauss, Scott Kinnamon, Kal Dworkin, Kurt Tenerove, Ellen Mulqueeny, Steve Barbour, Jay Zedak, Kim Garrett, Dan Moss, Tom Tavenner, Bruce Heichelbech, Lori Ringley, Chad Dworkin, Max Davis, Dave Baumlein, Alida Moonen, Amy Arnold, Troy Southwick, David Walker. ABSENT: Guy Day, Carl Hilker, Orest Melnyk, Pat Aquila, Dave Zeager, Phyllis Mauntel, C. Richard Ike, Mark Fogt, Bev Janke, Frank Cleary, Kim Hiser, Greg Schoenman. GUESTS: Janet Glaeser, Rose DeJarnette, Jim Woodrum, Marty Collins, Dave Puruczky, Laura Scott,.

**Announcements**

Tom Ciranna welcomed everyone and gave directions for the day's events. Scott Kinnamon was reelected for a new term as Section Chief 0-3. Rick Jackson has taken over Bruce Heichelbech's spot as PD at Paoli Peaks. Pat Aquila is stepping down at Alpine Valley; Dave Puruczky is taking over. Amy Arnold is retiring from Alpine Ski School Advisor; Marty Collins will be replacing her.

Scott Kinnamon announced that Clear Fork has been sold. A group of four have bought the property and have already begun renovations to turn it into a year-round resort that includes horseback riding and ATV riding, which could eventually need the Ski Patrol. Plans are to open this coming ski season. Scott has gotten together with Snow Trails to discuss which patrollers who had transferred might be willing to come back. They will need 30-40 people; previously had 65. They will work this summer to get things back in order.

**Appointments**

Parliamentarian – Chad Dworkin

Sergeant at Arms – Bruce Heichelbech

**Proxy Announcements**

None

**Voting PR's**

**Section Chiefs**

Greg Schmidt (01): Rick Jackson

Jim Burns (02): Daryl Knauss

Scott Kinnamon (03): Kal Dworkin

Kurt Tenerove (04): Dave Puruczky

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#### Agenda Additions

There were no additions to the agenda.

#### Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes

There were no additions to the Fall Meeting Minutes. (1<sup>st</sup>) Scott Kinnamon; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Daryl Knauss Minutes were voted and approved.

#### News From National

Janet Glaeser

The annual meeting will be held in June in Denver. Janet will be attending, as well as Jim Woodrum. The OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition is now being published and should ship May 6, 2011. Brady online has a sample chapter and power point. Regarding removing the title, "Auxiliary," 39% of patrollers said yes to a name change, 30% said no, and 31% had no opinion. The name change will become official in the P&P overhaul. The National budget will voted on at the June meeting. National wants to become more effective with fundraising. The cookbook and posters haven't been that successful. The National Board is trying to revamp with a move from operational to being more strategic in thinking and actions. There is a new IT Director at National, Keny Ondrak, with hopes that the IT committee comes into play soon. There are recommendations for education to become more electronic. Darcy Hanley is working with Humeda to put the ID course online. V1 software is now electronic and becoming more available. They hope to have more webinars. Some presentations could have been stream videos to be more accessible. They are excited about the Ski Patrol IT being brought up to date. Daryl K asked for clarification on the Auxiliary name change—designation would be "patroller." It was explained that basically the "auxiliary" would be eliminated from the title. Ex: "Senior Auxiliary" would just be "Senior Patroller." Bruce H asked if there was any change in "candidate" designation. Jim W responded that local patrols decide how to register the candidates (i.e. candidates being classified as "Auxiliary" when registering). He added that it would be made more clear in the National P&P.

#### Spring Division Meeting Report<sup>1</sup>

Bill & Others

Jim Woodrum stated there will be lots coming up concerning the OEC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Three Division STW's are planned (300 participated last year): Trollhaugen, Boyne Highlands, and Cascade. Region staff comes to the events, as well as locals. Regarding the ASE (Accredited Senior Evaluators), people can go through it examining themselves, test their knowledge, demonstrate skiing skills expected and the ability to recognize errors of other skiers. They've created their own system divisionally. The Board says that anyone wanting to be a Senior ski/board evaluator has to have completed the ASE Program or must be a PSIA/AASI Level 2 or 3. Jim passed around a training schedule when the OEC manuals will be updated. If you go to the National website, you'll find an application for running for National Board. He's been disappointed that Central Division has only had one board member since our division is the second largest. The website

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<sup>1</sup> See also *ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM SPRING 2011 CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING* in the report package

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lists the requirements for National Board members. He'd like to see 25 applications for the Fall election. He has asked the Region Directors to choose people to run and he wants them to have strategic experience. Leave operational to National or Division to run day-to-day activities. If questions, see the National website.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Orest Melnyk**

In Orest's absence, Bill gave the Treasurer's Report. Have a current balance including pending transactions as of Friday; still working on the categories, but it should be below budget. Not sure of outstanding expenses. Balance is above \$9,400. Orest would like to remind everyone to have outstanding expense reports turned in by May 15, 2011. June 30 is the fiscal year end. There is a change in reporting date—Joe Hammel, Division Treasurer, will send note to region treasurers. The submission date will be moved up by about 30 days so he can keep the Division from filing late returns. Bill handed out a few copies of the financial report to those requesting them.

Bill would like the Board to approve the 2010-11 budget. There is very little change from the 2010 budget. They will be gathering input for the 2012 budget. The ARDs need to submit their requests for budget to Orest before the Fall meeting. They need to look at expenses and incomes to make the upcoming budget as accurate as possible. There were only two who submitted requests this year. Motion was made to approve last year's budget: (1<sup>st</sup>) Kal Dworkin; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Rick Jackson. DISCUSSION: Jay Z emphasized the need to have the money flow through the Region rather than just locally so the Region knows how much the program actually costs to be provided to areas (i.e. cost of books). Rick J pointed out that the costs should be itemized despite whether or not you're seeking reimbursement. Jim B noted that the numbers for voting on don't match numbers on the report; there's a discrepancy in 09/10 and 10/11. Bill C will look at the numbers and check with Orest. Tom C suggested tabling the motion until confirmed with Orest on proper numbers on which to vote. Motion tabled till numbers confirmed.

**Circulate Calendar & Org Chart**

**Max Davis/Pat McCabe**

Max advised that Dave B had concerns about scheduling refreshers for next Fall so they don't overlap one another. The calendar circulated has what was registered on the website through December. The organizational chart was sent around and changes made.

**ARD Line<sup>2</sup>**

**Section 01**

**Guy Day**

**Bob Smith / Gregg Schmidt**

Bob Smith has moved and is now living in Leadville, CO, and patrolling at Ski Cooper.

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<sup>2</sup> See attached Advisor.Patrol Reports for details of all PD and Advisor reports

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PERFECT NORTH SLOPES – SANDI HAMMONS: PNS was open 91 days with over 17,000 hours on the snow. A Mountain Host program was started for their alumni. Eleven candidates completed the OEC class; six are now Alpine Patrollers. They have five new Seniors and two Certified. They also added new AASI and PSIA certified people.

BUCKEYE NORDICS – CARL HILKER: No report for update.

PAOLI PEAKS – RICK JACKSON: The area closed two weeks early due to rain. They have five new Alpine Patrollers and one Senior. They have had an increase in participation in training since being new in the Ohio Region. Dave McKinley will be OEC IOR.

**Section 02**

**Jim Burns**

BM/BW – TOM CIRANNA: Area was open 92 days. They added five new Auxiliary, seven Basics, three Senior, and five new instructors. Jodi Ream will get the Sammy Leadership Award at their banquet next weekend. Jen Noble will be OEC IOR; Janet Glaeser and Freddie will be in charge of their Refresher.

CUYAHOGA NORDICS – DARYL KNAUSS: The Nordics moved from patrolling the tubing hill at Brandywine to and the Lake County Metro parks. It was a good year and good trails. They have five primary patrollers. They helped with a biathlon event and another race. Nineteen participated in their annual refresher fundraiser. Lake Metro Parks is a great place to volunteer and everything is going well for them.

**Section 03**

**Scott Kinnamon**

SNOW TRAILS – KAL DWORKIN: Area had a very good, successful year. They have some new Seniors and new instructors. The area is opened a new slope west of West Woods, possibly to be dubbed “WWW?” They had elections for APDs—Brittany Compton and Bob Wilson.

MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN – KIM HISER: In Kim’s absence, Scott reported that area had a good season. MRM hosted an MTR class in April. There was an additional day of training at the local hospital regarding head and back injuries. There are four new Patrollers and 14 new candidates. Registered 110 patrollers.

**Section 04**

**Kurt Tenerove**

ALPINE VALLEY – DAVE Puruczky: Alpine Valley was open 73 days. They passed four Basics. OEC IOR will be Dave Walker; Refresher IOR will be Mike Vermin. They had a lift evacuation this season and capably got 89 people evacuated in 2 hrs 4 min. Their area fire department was amazed at their proficiency.

BIG CREEK/CLEVELAND – ELLEN MULQUEENY: Big Creek was open 63 days. Lost two patrollers; none gained. It’s a small area and not much happens.

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OHIO NORDICS – STEVE BARBOUR: Had only one patroller. Daryl K and the Cuyahoga Nordics helped a great deal. They generally cover the weekend daylight hours when the crowds are there. They have close to 100% coverage by Ski Patrol for events.

**ARD Administration**

**Bruce Heichlebech**

AWARDS – LORI RINGLEY: Lori plans to work with MRM and Paoli over the summer to promote the Awards program. There is electronic potential for tying in awards to common access database at a later time. As always, she urges more judges.

ALUMNI – C. RICHARD IKE: In Dick's absence, Bruce reported that Dick tries to get information for the Alumni program. There currently are 67 alumni. It is requested that area PDs give him the names of patrollers quitting Ski Patrol so the Alumni Program can be offered.

LEGAL – CHAD DWORKIN: No news is good news. Helmet laws are being updated. Jim Burns asked if anything has happened regarding the Good Samaritan Law, and Bruce also asked where the OEC technician falls in the state of Ohio. Chad replied that the subject hasn't been touched lately, and it has not been addressed in Ohio or Indiana. It may be going on to Michigan. Janet Glaeser asked that if anyone knows a US Representative or Senator well to give the name as a possible contact in US Congress for an Immunity Law. Kal Dworkin suggested Pat Teaberry out of Columbus.

DOWNHILL – MAX DAVIS: *Downhill* is now electronic and doing well.

HISTORIAN – VACANT

WEBMASTER – MARK FOGT: In Mark's absence, Bill advised that the website is alive and well, thanks to Chris Raudabaugh. Chris will be attending the Division meeting coming up and will address the registration process.

ELECTIONS – BEV JANKE: In Bev's absence, Bruce reported that Scott was reelected to another term. Sections 01 and 04 will be up for election in 2012.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS – GREG SCHOENMAN: In Greg's absence, Bruce reported that there was no National appointment news.

**BREAK: 1028 - 1040**

**ARD Proficiency**

**Frank Cleary**

OEC – DAVE BAUMLEIN: Ohio Region has 246 OEC instructors and 37 IT's. The calibration process was good per the responses from questionnaires. Challenges will be addressed regarding SEM expectations in regards to first aid vs management. Will further go over items that need better defined so classes in the Fall have everyone on the same page. The goal is to

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have an SEM calibration clinic held the Saturday before, which gives a chance to get together early and start Sunday ready to go. SEM will be held next at Snow Trails. Concerning OEC re-certifications, would like three territories. Yvette Gerdes will be assistant to Alida this Fall. Alida will be handling the North, Dave at Central area, and Yvette down South. In the forefront this year is that we're not doing a good job on QA'g OEC instructors. There is a form from Division to do a QA on current instructors. The logical approach could be 1/3 of OEC instructors re-certed each year, having everyone covered every three years. Dave will be in contact further on this. There is no specific date yet for the next SEM. Karen at Division is working with Dave on this. Due to the new OEC manuals, they probably will continue with the Spring SEM, likely the second weekend of March 2012. He'll discuss this further at the Fall meeting. He'll have an SEM Calibration Clinic with the evaluators and candidates in the Fall like last year—date to be announced. The clinic can be used to kick off the SEM class for candidates. OEC Administrative Staff: Laura Scott still assistant. OEC change to Dave McKinley at Paoli. Will talk more this afternoon with OEC contacts and go over paperwork. A pamphlet regarding registering and opening OEC course will go out to the area patrols, including an OEC completion record/flow chart hopefully to help out the local patrols.

Bill Currier commended Dave's efforts with the OEC and how much he's accomplished in such a short time.

ID – ALIDA MOONEN: There are new online capabilities and new program director. They took the old ID course and had a company convert it to an online course—see National website. Yvette Gerdes is helping with north and south focus. Priority is to clarify quality assurance. They are hoping to keep freshness in instructor core of ID and outreaching to patrols for consistency. The ID course is at all major ski areas. 40 new instructors have either mentored or finished. Alida will help Dave B do OEC re-certs with a geographical focus in mind.

TOBOGGAN – TROY SOUTHWICK: There were two S&T workshops, eight TES's, a Senior Clinic, and they have eight new instructors and added one new IT. The TES has worked well and Troy thanked the areas that were well prepared with a list of names beforehand indicating what they wanted to work on; the NSP numbers were completed ahead of time and sent to Troy. It is appreciated when the meeting rooms are set aside so registration can be completed early and are able to quickly get out on the hill. It was noted that some areas had no place to meet, so Troy urged areas to assign someone to have the area prepared ahead for the TES's to keep things running on time.

SKI SCHOOL – AMY ARNOLD: This is Amy's last year as Advisor, and she thanked everyone for the past three years of support. Marty Collins will be taking over her position. Amy pleaded with everyone to buy the last few t-shirts for \$20 each.

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MEDICAL – DAVE WALKER: Mike Spector is the assistant medical advisor. They contributed to this season's SEM test moulage. As always, they are open for questions regarding OEC issues.

**ARD Programs**

**Jay Zedak**

The Ohio Region is happy to have first new woman Certified, Sandi Hammons, #741. Name plates were distributed to the area PDs to be added to the Certified plaques. Jay wanted everyone aware of a new potential risk—hydrogen sulfide (mix of Drano, Lysol and other products). First responders responding in parking lots or confined space need to be aware of risk, such as with rushing in, of being susceptible to inhalation, which can cause coma, shock, and convulsions. This is a new school age kids' form of suicide. Jay went on to discuss the lift evacuation incident at Alpine Valley and how the Region wants everyone aware of NIMS training. Hill Captains and those responsible need to be aware of incident command systems and interfacing with local responders. Dave Puruczky related the difficulty dealing with the area fire department due to its wanting to completely take over. Jay brought up the fact that fire chiefs have to take command by law once given an emergency call. There would be a better chance of working together if patrollers are familiar with NIMS. Tom C said BM/BW gets together with their local fire chief concerning theirs. Jay suggested getting credentialed with NIMS training to alleviate some of the problems. Website:

[www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm).

AVALANCHE PROGRAM – KIM GARRETT: There is a great presence of instructors in the Region and about 90% of Division instructors. There were educational activities held at Hudson and Lawrenceburg fire departments. Both provided nice facilities for the events. Eleven took the Avalance I course, which requires an onsite activity (Mt. Bohemia). They will continue with two courses. The courses are not limited to backcountry skiers or extremists. MRM's Bob Ritzi participated in a group that used OH Region equipment for its educational adventure.

MTR – (JAY): MTR is looking for a new advisor and asks the PDs to nominate someone to this Region role. MRM hosted an MTR event in April. The IOR was doing it as a local patroller. Jay felt that if inviting patrollers and non-patrollers to come from other areas, the local area management doesn't need the extra liability exposure. Instead, the class should be registered and run through as a Region event rather than a local event to alleviate this liability.

CERTIFIED PROGRAM – DAN MOSS: Two new Certified Patrollers—Darcy Hanley and Sandi Hammons! Re-certifications were held for previous Certified's. Additional training events will be held. The OH region will host the Central Division test in 2012 at PNS. They hope to get more people involved by having it in a different area.

SENIOR PROGRAM – TOM TAVENNER: Tom presented a Power Point on the Senior Program. There are 33 Alpine Sr examiners, 31 Sr Toboggan instructors, 6 Sr Board/Alpine evaluators.

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Some are not at the disposal of the Senior Exam. Four QA'd outside the region. Three evaluators were inactive due to not having attended the STW recalibration. Out of 23 evaluators, six didn't respond or couldn't participate. So there were actually 17. They had five teams total. They need a team of 21. There just aren't enough evaluators for advocate roles. Therefore, they have got to grow an evaluator base. We need to encourage candidates to continue, so GET THE WORD OUT! We want the local patrols to support it more, not just the responsibility of the local Senior advisor. There is also the need to spread the numbers out to different areas of the region since you can't evaluate your area candidates. A Division QA was held and there are plans to go improve the program over the summer for next season.

#### Old Business

CENTRAL DIVISION FALL MEETING: The Division Fall Meeting will be held in Cincinnati. John McGoff is heading up the committee and has included information in today's packet. There will be a riverboat cruise, band, and Cincinnati chili. The minimum number of attendees has been scaled back. The Friday evening event will leave from the dock at 8 pm instead of 7 pm to accommodate those traveling a long distance. The Ohio Region is responsible for funding this event itself. It needs donations for the auction, as well as grab bag items. Please get your donations to John McGoff and his committee by June. He is asking patrols to contact businesses to make donations to the auction. John needs more and can help with the paperwork for tax deductions for businesses. Registration will be on the Region website by about June 1. Alida said that popular items to donate are accommodations (like condos, time shares), and gift cards are also great. Remind businesses that anyone who donates will be recognized in the program for the event, and possibly even on the website. Jay encourages local patrols to make monetary donations. Sandi inquired as to the average cost from previous events. Jim Woodrum replied that there is no break-even dollar amount. Tom Ciranna asked if there is a budget amount, and Bill said he'd ask John about further figures. Bruce H asked if they normally are money-makers, and Jim replied that they normally are. Jay added that it's best to be prepared "just in case" and need to emphasize local patrols being more proactive in helping with it rather than draining just a couple people's efforts. Jim Burns also encouraged making the effort in getting patrollers there in order to make that profit. Bill reiterated the importance of getting patrollers there to cover the minimums, like for the river cruise and hotels. Jim Woodrum advised that the Division pays for the staff coming to the event already. If the OH Region makes money, it would prorate money back since Ohioans are such good attendees. Jay felt there are many ways of looking at it team-wise to make it work and all patrols have a chance to benefit. Jay asked if National has attendees, and Jim gave his assurance that there will be people from National attending. It was suggested that areas get together for transportation. Also could get people or patrols to sponsor different items, such as hospitality suite, night of riverboat cruise, etc. Chris Raudabaugh will be taking care of online registration. Jim Woodrum suggested a conference call

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with John to get budget figures for the PDs and have PDs participate in that call. Tom Ciranna would like to see budget figures before the conference call is even made.

#### **New Business**

POST-HUMUS PATROLLER AWARD – LORI RINGLEY: Would like to start an award in memory of Dennis and Chuck to be awarded to people who don't normally get recognized—the patroller who does what he should but is more quiet about it, suggested by Crew Captains and PDs. Dan Moss sees them as the spirit of the people, the quiet servants. Discussion ensued about possible problems. Bill suggested more discussion amongst the Region Awards Advisor and the local awards advisors. Tom Ciranna would like to see the wording of the award e-mailed to the PDs for further consideration. Jay suggested Lori presenting an Awards presentation at the next Region meeting, and Lori was open to doing that.

REVISED P&P – BILL CURRIER: Guy, Max, and Bill's committee have been working on the revised P&P manual. Please go to the e-mail sent with the agenda at the Region website to find the revised, unapproved P&P. You can also see a version with changes made outlined. He would like everyone to look over it this summer and bring it up for Region meeting in the Fall for approval. Please get back to Guy or Bill with suggestions and they will bring it up in the Fall. Several ARDs are working on a team headed by Guy Day to conduct a survey/assessment of the effectiveness (or ineffectiveness) of Section organization in the Ohio Region. Guy has spoken with some PDs about it already. There are no preconceived ideas or recommendations, but several have asked questions as to whether Sections are being effective. There will be open discussion at the PD retreat with options—carry on as at present or actual need of Sections in Ohio as extreme examples.

STUFFED TOYS – JAY: Jay presented examples of little stuffed toy snowmen (on skis or snowboards) that could be given out to small children who have gotten hurt and come into the aid room. The Ohio Region has them available for approximately \$3 each.

PD RETREAT – TOM CIRANNA: The PD retreat tentatively will be held the first weekend of August. He'd like everyone to think about issues of this past season as topics for discussion. Bill suggested August 20, per Section Chief Survey Committee.

NORDIC REFRESHER – DARYL KNAUSS: The Nordic Refresher will be the last one of the season—November 8, Tuesday, from 6 pm to 10 pm at Boston Mills. Cost will be \$35.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat McCabe  
Recording Secretary

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**ADVISOR / PATROL REPORTS**



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