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9:10: Meeting began with a hello from our Region Director Bill Currier

Announcements: Bill Currier is the NEW Region Director(RD); Orest Melnyk is the new Region Treasurer; Bev Benzing is moving up to Division Treasurer.; NEW Assistant Region Directors(ARD): Dave Cobb is ARD for the Directors Line; John McGoff is ARD of Proficiency; Guy Day is ARD of Administration; and Jay Zedak is ARD of Programs! Please welcome Jim Woodrum, our Division Director ... please give him a warm welcome!

Members in attendance: Bill Currier, RD; Orest Melnyk; Cindy Soter; Dave Cobb; Jay Zedak; Guy Day; John McGoff; Bob Smith; Sandi Hammons; Janet Glaeser; Tom Ciranna; Scott Kinnamon; Dave Baumlein; John Norris; Kurt Tenerove; Pat Aquila; Max Davis; Wes Soter; Greg Schmidt; Frank Cleary; Alida Moonen; Dave Walker; Alica Knapke-Stanley; Jim Vickroy; Jim Burns; Lori Ringley; Bruce Heichelbech; Carole Cobb; C. Richard Ike; Dave Zeager; Todd Vermilya; Kal Dworkin; Bob Smith; Bev Benzing; Dan Moss; Amy Arnold

Bill asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes & agenda sent electronically. Then a motion was brought to the table to accept the Minutes & Agenda, Janet motioned, Dave Cobb second. All in Favor! Bill gave out Division awards (First runner ups)

Voting Board Members: As per Region By-Laws, Section Chiefs appointed PR's to have voting rights for this meeting: Section 01 – Sandi Hammons (PNS); Section 02 – Tom Ciranna (BMBW); Section 03 – Dave Baumlein (Snow Trails); Section 04 – Pat Aquila (Alpine Valley)

Proxy Announcements: None

Parliamentarian: Max Davis

Sergeant at Arms: Bruce Heichelbech

Treasurer Report: Bev Benzing: Giving a verbal report, because of power outage. A hard copy will be sent electronically to board members as soon as her power is restored! From all indication we had are good. \$22491.57 is in savings; \$17,000 in checking but has not been reconciled yet! We(the region) are behind in getting stuff to Division for the end of the year...SECTION 4 Bev still waiting for materials from patrols there. Please forward everything now to Orest. Bev sent a budget to Bill, who then forwarded it to the ARD's before the meeting... additional items were added at the meeting to the budget: \$500 for Avalanche, \$550 for mountaineering, and \$200 for OEC, \$200 for ID making the proposed 08/09 budget \$6483.00. Janet mentioned that the budget for the Certified Program seemed a bit high being it is a "Division/National" program, Guy stated that it is a National Program but that our Region supports the program, that was the reason for the budgeted amount to be so high in comparison to other disciplines .The 08/09 Certified budget is \$1200. This will help offset travel costs. Jay added since Ohio Region has kicked up the funding for the program, in the few years three pins were handed to three Ohio region patrollers! After all these were penciled in, Bob Smith motioned to approve the budget. Dave Cobb seconded the motion. All in Favor!! BUDGET APPROVED

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Central Division Meeting: Bill Currier: 12 people from the Ohio Region were able to attend the meeting. Sadly, there was no presentation from the National Board. Board elections are coming up; 16 candidates, 3 of who are from the central division. Less than 10% of the membership voted in the last election. Please exercise your right to vote!! The Powderfall event has now been replaced/renamed and is now called National Education Event and this will be held @ Snowbird. National has taken our SS#'s out of the data base. Janet asked if there was anything said about the OEC Refresher guide being sent out so late. Bill said there was nothing said at the meeting. At the awards banquet the central division was awarded 4 National Outstanding Awards. Registration is going to change to electronic registration.

There are ½ dozen areas of focus Jim Woodrum would like for us to focus on this year: Maintain High Standards; Always practice ethical behavior; Have SES's at every area in the region; Increase the skiing & boarding skills of our patrollers; Increase the levels of our instructors; and To be innovative in our recruiting.

MSAA Meeting: Sandi Hammons: PNS area management supported the PR to go to the 3 days meeting; first year that some of the programs were focused for Ski Patrol, Sandi attended an Insurance Seminar, she said it was eye opening...Document, document, document. NSP put on a seminar about Terrain Parks, there was a hand out for all features; describing them, the approach, the skill, and exit from the feature. She also went to a seminar about Electronic Incident Forms; Sandi has the flyer for a "free" electronic incident form system if any PR or area management would be interested; however, it is not complete. During the seminar, Progressive Discipline.... It was asked how do you deal with a volunteer (patrollers), what you say to them is thank you very much for your services, but they are no longer needed. This differs from what PR's had been told in the past which was to document, document and document some more the issues you are having with a volunteer. They also had Snow Making presentations. Next year's meeting will be at Devils Head in Wisconsin. Following year it will be on the East side of the lake somewhere in Michigan.

Coffee Break @

10:00.....Return/Resume
@ 10:15

Max Davis Passed around the ORG chart & Calendar:

ARD LINE: DAVE COBB: Electronic Registration Process: For record keeping, quickly posting payment, DRAMATIC improvement, may take a year to get the bugs out, but we are involved in a pilot program for this. Patrol Reps need to pull up the Information and Forms, from the internet. (Yes/No Form, Candidate form, Alumni Forms will all be available online.) How each patrol wants to administer this is up to the PR. No hard checks will be mailed, ACH checks/wired to the Central Division. Dave Baumlein stated that

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they requested to sail mail a VOIDED check, sent to Sherwin in Durham, North Carolina. He will then request the funds once the registry for your patrol has been sent

SECTION 01: BOB SMITH, Section Chief: Would like to thank all the patrol Reps for getting him the financial close out, in order to get them to Bev in a timely manner. .

PAOLI PEAKS: BRUCE HEICHELBECH: Alida Moonen & her crew came to Louisville and did an ID class: 8 new instructors, along with 3 new ID Instructors and 2 new IDIT's. We have had an INSTRUTOR Refresher. OEC class just started with 10 Candidates, and will end in November. Having both a TES & and SES this winter.

PERFECT NOTH SLOPES: Sandi Hammons: Area management is putting National Ski Patrol back on their patrol jackets, due to a lack of the public knowing who they are. Last year we had a low angle rescue training, and with this we realized there was a need to go into this training a little more, so we are adding a little more in depth low angle rescue, and chair evacuation for our candidates. We are having a two day refresher. We are also hosting a "CHICKS ON STICKS" (Women's Seminar) JAN 10 & 11.

SECTION 02: JANET GLASER: We have 3 refreshers in our Section this year ... Sept 27, October 5, November 12th, all of which will be at BM. There will be a \$25 DONATION for all patrollers attending the November 12 refresher.

BM/BW: Tom Ciranna: 15 candidates in the OEC class. MCI to be held October 29. Continuing with our opening week this year, including, chair evac, and clean up. This year we are Phasing in the Red Jackets and out the Rusty Jackets.

SECTION 03: Scott Kinnamon: Would like to WELCOME MRM to Section 03!

CLEARFORK: Area has not sold, and will not open. We will be joining Snow trails for the OEC Refresher.

SNOWTRAILS: DAVE BAUMLEIN: OEC refresher October 5. We do not have a candidate program this year, so we are jump starting our senior program. No new resort changes to report. Management has changed tubing park hours. Our patrol has purchased 10 adult and child mannequins for CPR. We launched a new website www.SnowTrails.ORG. Any form our patrol has, the patroller can go on there and find it, as well as the roster (password protected), duty hours, duty shifts, and so on. Jr. Patrol held a Mountaineering program at Mohican National State Park. Snow Trails will be holding an OEC Instructor Re-certification Program SUNDAY October 19th, 9 to 1. Saturday December 6 Snow Trials is hosting SEM.

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MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN: John Norris: 11 new Candidates. We will have a BEGINNERS ONLY TERRAIN PARK, this year on one of our new runs. We had a JP help re-write the Junior Patrol (JP) p n p. MRM will be hosting a, SES, TES, ID and an OES at sometime this year. MRM local EMS has suggested we start using the Vacuum splints, we have talked to our area management about acquiring these. It will be our current Area Managers last year, and he will be working this winter with the new Area Manager

SECTION 04: KURT TENEROVE:

ALPINE VALLEY: PAT: We already had our OEC class. Had 9 candidates and 7 of them has passed, and they are still working with 2 of them with scenarios. Our open house is the same weekend as BM/BW. We are going to try a new fundraising event this year called "a Night at the Races" in the spring. Area did do a load test of all the chairs this year, and all passed. Area needs an additional transformer installed in order to run all guns at the same time...First Energy is dragging their feet to install this. This year the chair evacuation will be done at night without Electricity, as instructed by the area's insurance company.

ARD ADMINISTRATION: GUY DAY:

AWARDS: Lori Ringley: Thanked the Judges. I would like some judges from section 04 to help judge next year. Lori would like to continue giving Senior & Certified Plaques. 12/1 is the deadline for national appointments and DSA. Feb 14 is the deadline for the Internet paperwork, as long as the hard copies come shortly afterwards.

ALUMNI: Dick Ike: National Board has asked to think of ways to make the Alumni Program more marketable, looking for suggestions from the PR.

LEGAL: Chad Dworkin: Not in attendance

HISTORIAN: Carole Cobb: Looking for someone to step up and become the new Historian. Carole would like to keep getting "history" from other patrols. With the Age of electronics, this task could be a little easier. A few weeks ago, someone came around and asked Bill Currier about patrollers who had 3 generations still actively patrolling: Jim Woodrum said he is also looking for 2 generations, not to do a feature on, but just to list in the Downhill

ELECTIONS: Carole Cobb: Will be an election in the spring for section chief 01 & 04 for a three year term to start July 1 2009.

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DOWNHILL: Max Davis: We have a new publisher; PM graphics of Streetsboro, our former publisher went out of business. This new publisher is seems to be a better quality. Deadline will be Sept 30 for the next issue. So this will have our calendar and new roster in it.

WEBMASTER: MARK FOGT: Not in attendance. Bill stated that he has spoken with Mark and mark is very excited to show Bill the new website!

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS: GREG SCHOENMAN:

Before the Break Jim W. talked about a few things:

With the restructuring of the National Ski Patrol System, there is a new staff. Dorsey took a lot of the old staff with him to PSIA. We (as a division) need to think of a way to welcome the new staff with open arms, in order to build a relationship with them. ** National has chosen to eliminate the mid winter meeting: and move it to the same time as PowderFall (National Education Event as it is now called). Jim has asked the Division not to support the meeting, but the board has chosen to SEND someone to represent our Division. **Jim Explained the 4 National Committees: Finance (spent in the lawsuit about 1 million dollars 75% came from Dues) Planning, Governance, New Education; In the past national only had board members for the committees, now they have given division directors the right to vote on what comes into the committee. Jim is on two of them: Governance & New National Education Committee. Proposed new Classification Structure...Central Div made a proposal about Auxiliaries. There will be a re-structuring of all the classes. Jim has a conference call on Oct 1 to discuss this.

Break For Lunch @

12:00.....

Returned to the meeting @ 12:45

APD PROFICIENCY: John McGoff:

OEC: JIM VICKROY: Ohio Region: Refreshers & Class courses are coming to an end. Jim is trying to get QA's to all events. Instructors Recertification's, IT appointments, ID Instructors: Jim has sent a list of all those previously mentioned to all PD's ...please get him a list of who needs re-certification. Jim has to have this info back to him by October 29, to turn this into Division. He no longer can RECERT up until Jan. ** SEM at SnowTrails December 6. Division states SEM MUST be on snow. If there is no snow the SEM might be held off until spring. ** There is 1 OES scheduled at MRM on Jan 31. ** National & Division News there is a new emphasis on completeness of the OEC program: New course Completion Form, that comes from National, at the bottom of this form there is a spot for the IT's to certify the course. This can be any IT from the region, including one from your own area. Also, two weeks is all you have to have your paperwork turned in. TWO WEEKS!! ** Jim introduced Alica Knapke-Stanely as his assistant. She will take over next year, and

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Jim will be her assistant.** Both were able to attend the IT conference: Had an opportunity to talk to National Medical Director, DR. Millin. He talked about the new book OEC fifth Edition should be out in 2010. Janet Glaeser & Dave Walker from the Ohio Division will be participating in the production of this new book. This new direction of the book is going to be a program that stands alone. Part of this new book, they are looking at us as PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, they want us to act & talk like such! Dr. Milliner said that he would like to have us use the book as a guide... it is just a text book...and should be used as a teaching guide, not as a line by line word for word "Bible". He has created a protocol book to subsidize the OEC manual. This has been looked down upon before, but this protocol book would be put out by your area management.

ID: ALIDA MOONEN: Bruce from Paoli talked about the ID Course done there. They paired up "newbies" with experienced Instructors: No powerpoint presentations given, it was an entire day of modules & teachable moments:

S&T SENIOR TEST: DENNIS MASLAR: Was not present, but a report was given by John McGoff. This year we are going to BM/BW for the senior event. The senior event does not need to be QA'ed this year for the High marks that we have received from the past two years. Dennis is asking for a Senior Advisor from the PR's. We will be ramping up the program and we would like someone locally to have as a contact. Feb 21st will be a clinic with the senior test on the 22nd. Sandi asked about the records from certain Senior Components, she was doing an audit of her patrollers and noticed several were not complete. Bruce H. asked about the date for SEM...if it is always done in the beginning, why can't it be done in the spring! Jim W. said there was no specific time it needed to be done BEFORE the season began. (on a side discussion Jim asked this question: If I was building a program for the progression from Candidate to Certified, how would you do it. Please email any suggestions to: JRWoodrum@centurytel.net)

TOBOGGAN: GREG SCHMIDT: Report given. Most important objective would be make sure that the toboggan skills of all sled pullers in the region meet the BASIC toboggan standard. We have been working on this by making sure all areas have TES....but we need to make sure the ones that NEED the training are the ones that are participating. We need to be sure the patrols are taking the FROSTY seriously. Troy Southwick will become assistant to Greg.

CERTIFIED: DAN MOSS: Dan would like to get advisors for the certified program; Dan would like to have "fireside chats" at some of these events with prospective candidates. Pre-Qualify Jan 4 Certified test Feb 26-March 1st.

SKI SCHOOL: AMY ARNOLD: We would like to grow the number of PSIA level Instructors. Sunday, Feb 8 we will offer a PSIA development focus event... it will be limited to 15 participants. Also that

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same day we are trying to offer an AASI development clinic the same day for Snowboard instructors.

MEDICAL: DAVE WALKER; Nothing to report. He is still available to all patrollers in the region, for questions or concerns!

ARD PROGRAMS: Jay Zedak:

Avalanche: KIM GARRETT: Not here: 2 courses in the region completed last year. There is a new manual coming out. The course will change here in the future NAME & Locations the classes can be held, since it will specify the practical portion be done in an Avalanche area.

AUXILIARY: PHYLLIS NOT HERE:

MTR: MTR I and Fundamentals - 6 total participants MTR II 5 participants. Currently scheduled a class session November 15(BM/BW)- for LEVEL II and the field session will be DEC 13 &14. Budget was increased this year to acquire a new Low Angel rescue.

OLD BUSINESS:

Senior Program: Greg Schmidt: After a lengthy discussion at the spring meeting, Greg collected information, and tried to get together a group, but with the summer months, it was difficult to get tighter a committee. I would like to suggest an ADVISOR for every patrol. This would NOT be just an administrative position. Waiting for candidates to come to the program is not working, each patrol needs an advisor to go out and get these candidates back into the program. PR's we need you to SELL THIS PROGRAM!! Use your resources as this season begins. A final report will be pulled together and given later.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill: We need a Place & a Host for the spring meeting & awards banquet: It will be at ALPINE VALLEY on April 25th 2009.

REGION P&P: GUY DAY: Bill is asking Guy to pick up the work started, and run with it. Think about forming a Standing Committee for updating/ changes the PNP yearly, to keep this PNP fresh!

Another Item Bill wanted to bring to the table: Patrol records... I have asked Dave Cobb and Orest to take on the Action item, to define what records, and record keeping requirements patrol needs to keep Locally & regionally. I have also asked them to get the legal side of the house in this as well.

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One of the tools, that he has found to be helpful, is an Action Item list: I am thinking about instituting this tool in the region. I would distribute the list to the region board members, and it would be sent out after the meeting, the about 2 months after that, and then about 2 weeks before the meeting. This way everyone could come to the meetings prepared.

Taskforce: Jay Zedak: Bill had asked us to put a group together a group for the board, to find the gaps & risks on the issue of insurance coverage. Chip Perfect gave a presentation a couple of years ago, where he suggested that patrollers line themselves up behind area management. We are looking for a PD or Past PD to help represent/support the group: Frank stepped up to this committee, Guy Day, Jim Burns and Alicia Knapke-Stanely will serve as a Medical Advisor on this project.

This group doesn't have any authority to makes changes or create policies. All this committee is going to do is come up with a presentation to give to the PD's to give to their patrollers to aid in the minimizing legal risks as patrols. One of the outcomes form the discussion from the PD retreat was that Chad Dworkin(our region legal advisor) and Kevin McMullen(our division legal advisor) were going to get together on a conference call to hammer out some definite details. Jay suggested a meeting on the Friday night in Boyne with Chad and all the other PD's since they should be up there... A discussion was brought to the table that What was covered..are some of the risks we're taking worth it? Are we providing our members with correct information? Ski swaps... an adult buys a jr. snowboard, goes out and blows the binding because it's not made for his weight, can work, cause of knee problem...who is liable, the area...the patroller...the manufacturer? Jim Burns, said this was something that couldn't be put together by December.. this is something that will take quite a while. Frank Cleary stated that PD's need to know what they need to do now, to reduce the risk of lawsuits to the patrol, and its members, and they need to know this NOW! This information would come from someone with an insurance background. Jay Zedak said anyone who would be interested in serving this committee PLEASE let him know. Bill Currier said the PD's need to have a meeting with the legal team before the snow gets to deep to cover bases before too long.

Guy Day Motioned to adjourn, Jay Zedak Second the adjournment: 3:00 PM