

Ohio Region Fall Meeting Minutes
 Liberty Township Fire Hall
 7761 Liberty Road, North, Powell, OH
 September 20, 2009

Intro

Call to Order

Bill Currier

The Ohio Region Fall Meeting was called to order at 905.

Roll Call

Pat McCabe

PRESENT: Amy Arnold, Dave Baumlein, Tom Ciranna, Dave Cobb, Bill Currier, Max Davis, Guy Day, Chad Dworkin, Mark Fogt, Janet Glaeser, Sandi Hammons, Bruce Heichelbech, Rick Jackson, Carl Hilker, Scott Kinnamon, Daryl Knauss, Pat McCabe, John McGoff, Orest Melnyk, Alida Moonen, Kim Hiser, Chris Raudabaugh, Bob Smith, Kurt Tenerove, Todd Vermilya, Jim Vickroy, Jay Zedak, Troy Southwick. ABSENT: Pat Aquila, Steve Barbour, Kim Garrett, Dick Ike, Phyllis Mauntel, Dan Moss, Ellen Mulqueeny, Lori Ringley, Greg Schoenmen, David Walker, Dave Zeager, Bev Janke.

Announcements

The new elections officer is Bev Janke from Snowtrails.

The new PR for MRM is Kim Hiser.

The new OEC Administrator is Alicia Knapke-Stanley from MRM.

Janet Glaeser is a candidate for a position on the National Board of Directors. Janet is the only representative from Central Division. All candidates will have platform statements on the national website. Janet stated the entire application and one-page platform statement will be on the site.

Carole Cobb having retired, there is an open position for Historian.

Appointments

Parliamentarian: Chad Dworkin

Segeant at Arms: Jay Zedak

Proxy Announcements

None

Voting PRs

Section Chiefs

Section chiefs named Carl Hilker, Dave Baumlein, Daryl Knauss

Agenda Additions

Janet Glaeser: Retest policy for OEC Basic Tests will be added to New Business. Motion to approve: (1st) Bob Smith (2nd) Scott Kinnamon. Agenda was voted and approved.

Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes

There were no changes to the Spring meeting minutes. Motion to approve: (1st) Alida Moonen (2nd) Janet Glaeser. Minutes were voted and approved.

Fall Division Meeting Report

Bill & Others

Division Meeting highlights: Two presentations are on the website: Jim Woodrum's presentation and one also by Wayne Block, National office CFO. Other presentation was by Chris Stoddard, President of the Midwest Ski Area Association. There is some sensitivity to it, so don't make presentation public. Sandi was at the meeting and can add to it as well. 20 attended from Ohio region—one of the larger groups from Ohio to attend. Attendance at the banquet was over 200 people, one of the largest. We had the largest number of award winners. Give Lori Ringley “woohos” for her work on that. There are four positions open for the National Board of Directors Janet Glaeser is a candidate, along with seven other candidates. Bill has hopes that voting will be better. There have been less than 10% voting in the past, so we need to improve that—or don't complain about what the BOD does. New IT system is in place—applications are not yet active but are up and coming. Improvement of site over previous years—easier to navigate and sign on to it, which is going in the right direction. Registration will be all electronic nationally, run off of national website this year. Target date for making it live is October 1. National has been operating in a deficit position for 2-3 years. It lost half of its reserve from the lawsuit a few years ago and has not recovered it. A \$145,000 deficit is projected for 2010. National tried to increase revenue by imposing a 10% increase in fees; but due to efforts largely on the part of Central Division, agreed to rescind that. OEC fee still to double. National expects that to raise an additional \$100,000 to help. July 2010 set for release of new OEC manuals. Trying to get reserve back to what it should be, which is double the annual expense. Central Division: Ski area owners want to see better skiers and riders. They want to see more SESs (32 held last year); there is a potential for 130. The same goes for TESs--Division had 44. Ohio had TESs at every area but one. Also promotion of better skiing and riding through PSIA and NSP-C ski school. Ohio has about half of Central Division's total instructors. Could do better in recruiting and retention. Recruiting younger people into the Patrol is important. Alida gave a nice presentation at the Division Meeting about what Ohio is doing, We need to do more of that. Janet Glaser: number for frosty and refreshers—get course registration number; every patrol with candidates need registration for patroller 101. Bill says patrol should collect dues at time class starts and submit to National—that helps get a registration number and ensures insurance coverage for the candidates. Max Davis questioned if each refresher date had to be registered, and Janet Glaeser clarified that a start and end date could be used. Waiver forms need completed for OEC Refreshers, as well as for Ski and Toboggan Refreshers. So, any event that is held needs one signed by each participant, which is emphasized by National.

Bill's FYI: *Rusty Parka* will be distributed by the division website and no longer will be mailed automatically. If you wish it be mailed, there will be a form in the next issue--Tim Zimmerman is the contact for that.

Key dates: As Division did last year, there will be three alpine clinics held: Dec. 5-6 at Trollhaugen in Dresser, WI, Dec 12 and 13 at Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, MI, and Dec 19 and 20 at Cascade Mt. in Portage Wisconsin. Next year's fall division meeting will be September 10-12 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Ohio Region will host the spring division meeting.

MSAA: Sandi attended the MSAA meeting this past August at Devil's Head. Next year's event, will be held at Shanty Creek, Bel Air, MI Aug 10 and 11. Jim and Chris encourage PDs to work through their areas to participate if possible—very worthwhile to attend. The owners want increased skiing and boarding skills and more members on patrols. Chris Stoddard mentions statistics, per Bill Currier: Last season 57 million skier visits (shows they were down from previous years. However, they were above 10-year average. Nationally, 5%. In Midwest, down 7.7%; MI, 10% East (due to economy and springlike weather. Most flat or down last year. Forerunner of coming season...preseason sales down 20%, attributed to higher prices for equipment, but also poor communications on part of technology vendors regarding equipment. Challenge manufacturers to do better job of relaying new technology on equipment. Fairly low rate of retention of beginners. 85% of beginners leave the sport. Point was that this needs turned around and ideas were made (high points of presentation). Sand Hammons says skiers should come out at least three times to decide on coming back. She also says women are dropping out due to family issues—so there is a need to keep women in skiing. We should communicate better with younger patrons to promote the industry. Risk management classes said 41% of claims turned in are not related to skiing, so make sure to document better where injuries are taking place—exact locations. Hot topic was helmet policy—states are trying to make it law. Areas don't want it policy, just personal responsibility. But patrollers should promote leadership by all of us wearing them. Regarding the Jackson Hole incident, OSHA got involved, saying the area did not give personal protection. Vail adopted the policy of requiring employees to wear helmets. Areas want to make it one's personal responsibility, but have patrollers be role models. Boy Scouts have group trips mandate all wear helmets. A mock trial was held—got back to personal guidelines and policies about whether enforcing what's in writing—they encourage us to do the same. Make sure it's current and in force or it can be used against you. Stated incident as example. Documentation is important. Dual responsibility lies there. Question was raised about snowmobilers wearing helmets. It is something to think about. Discussion took place regarding OSHA and requirements. In injury deaths, OSHA might get involved—employee vs. volunteer. Background checks came up—suggested it might be an issue—if done in one department, must do it in all. Look at all the employees/volunteers of area. Suggestion: Willing to have a background check? Put on the application? Aging patrollers--round table discussion: How do you "get rid of the old guys?" Need good recruiting and also how to retain older ones as part of family. Janet asked if areas providing helmets document on helmet hits and so forth and whether helmets are still good. Guy Day asked if areas are supplying helmets.

New National data base: Will be restricted access to parts of data base. Currently need to sign on but new one will have further restrictions. Jim Woodrum has asked us to take poll as to what access we need. Region directors have given him feedback on that (member rosters, i.e. access to course areas) Bill asks advisors and patrol directors to give him an indication of what information on national database you'd like access to. Will be passed to Jim and sent on to National working on data base. Jim Vickroy: do you want column to column? Bill: topic area. As far as course records, he would like ability to access course records for any registered in Ohio Region; whether course closed. Would like blast e-mail capability. Requested by all region directors. Will have enhanced e-mail capability. Sandi says when blast e-mail goes out—can you protect some addresses?

Bill mentioned awards—number of outstandings were great: Jade Garrett (PNS) division and national outstanding young adult. Barbara Reed (PNS) outstanding auxiliary & national runner-up; Rose DeJarnette (PNS) outstanding division and national runner-up OEC Instructor; Marty Collins, outstanding instructor & yellow merit star; and MRM was large alpine patrol of the year. Mark Branham (PNS) alpine patroller of year & national first runner-up; Alida Moonen (1st runner-up) for administrator; Dave Baumlein, 1st runner-up outstanding PR and was there. Three special awards to Ohio Region patrollers: Amy Arnold (ST)—outstanding NSP ski school division director; Troy Southwick (MRM)—outstanding instructor trainer for division; Ed Raudabaugh (MRM)—lifetime achievement award. Another retired patroller: C. Richard Ike (MRM). Max Davis brought up need for alumni to be used. The Region photograph had 30 people per his count. Bill talked about new asst. OEC division supervisor—Kathy Glynn from Three Rivers, MN. Proposals: 11 proposals, 9 passed. More of formal substance needed in division bylaws and P&P changes. SW region merged to southern and western regions—reduced election cycles by one. Another regarding QA activity. Board voted to eliminate division dues for patrollers who became unemployed in 2009. Also was suggested that each region make same offer to their patrollers—more discussion later in meeting. Jim Woodrum will be permitted to rerun for division director, and bylaws were amended to allow that.

Meeting Break at 1012—Back at 10:28.....

Treasurer's Report Orest Melnyk

OEC and Senior Alpine combined. Each cost area ____net: ____ (perhaps Orest can fill in the blanks) The region spent a lot less than previously. Next year's budget is in the process of being finalized, but it should be close to last year's; budgeting is about the same for registrations. Current balance: \$3,531.39. Money Market: \$40,658.57 Total of \$44,189.96. Jim donated items. Orest can give letter for tax purposes on donations. Three checks outstanding: Marty Colins (May '08, April '09); Carole Cobb from fall meeting expenses—donated. Section I needs details on financial reports; need Paoli's report yet. Details from Alpine Valley coming.

PR Retreat Report

Jim Vickroy

This year's PD retreat was held August 14-15. The Norris's hosted a mixer Friday night. John's worksite hosted the meeting. Special guests, Jim Woodrum, Chad Dworkin and Mark Granger were available for panel discussions. The focus was legal issues, as in past retreats. The discussions helped PDs understand those issues, recordkeeping, and discipline. Jim Woodrum gave an update on national and division events, and Sandi gave an update on MSAA. Dates for next year: August 13 and 14. Venues will be sent out further in advance than this year. Already have topic items suggested: risk management (work with Jim regarding risk management). Sandi suggested policies and bylaws section. Focus is in creating policy and procedures manuals and protecting patrols. Polled present there and there was resounding positive opinion on how the PD retreat is being handled. Others were invited for suggestions on things useful to PDs.

Circulate Calendar & Org Chart

Max Davis/Pat McCabe

Calendar and Organizational Chart were sent around. Asked about additions to calendar. Calendar is web calendar. Bruce: several links to calendar—something went out that was outdated—have someone check those links. Amy: link on side 09/10 not working—had to go to top, but otherwise good. Anyone use it yet? Any issues to rolling it out to region people. Max felt it could go out. Requires a sign-on; Bill will share ID and password with rest and ask for us to maintain portions of calendar (program supervisors and ARDs, Orest, PRs, Section Chiefs, etc.) Jay asked if people can override on top of stuff. Bill answered no. Dave Baumlein asked if dates overlap, but need to have people talk to one another. Jim asked about limiting sections that can be altered. Mark Fogt asked if it's possible. Max said to call people as courtesy regarding scheduling conflicts. Orest asked if calendar is backed up so things aren't deleted. Mark answered that it can be restored, so yes it is backed up. To sum up, Bill asked if we can go ahead with posting it. Jay asked about whether things could be uploaded by perhaps one person so "thick fingering" is avoided--default protection might be wise. New registration put in Q and then added by someone else. Mark replied it could be done that way as a precise process. Discussion followed regarding pros and cons. Sandi Hammons says this happens at PNS and dates get mixed up unintentionally. Jay adds that having one put it in helps to protect integrity. Mark and Jay discussed having a website submission form and then added by one person. Submission form by any IOR to be turned in. Amy liked being able to make changes because it's instantaneous. Turn around time? John McGoff suggested letting it go one season and see how it goes and then make changes later. Max recommended having "current announcements" put in and then event changed on calendar. Paoli argued that you don't have to be too restrictive but keep open for exceptions. Darryl: Talk to Patrol Rep—why open it up to IOR? John McGoff says local needs and region needs. Per Bill: Past calendars—put on member page of website to say the most current until chance to put on calendar. This might continue to work if you let Mark or Bill know changes. Access to calendar—if you want to limit that, perhaps those who want ability to change calendar, let them know and you will get the access. If you don't want to do it, have someone maintain calendar for you and give that person access. Jay asked if give people with editing privilege have their own unique individual password...Mark is checking into that. Bill and Mark will discuss it further.

Registration

Dave Cobb

This is the second year Central Division is handling registrations electronically. It went reasonably well last year. Around Oct 1, the PRs will be receiving instructions electronically. Asked if PR is not handling function. Tom's Treasurer is handling it. Asked if any patrols changed banks or accounts—let him know. Dave has informational process on how to handle registration. No paperwork. Bruce asked if it will be similar as last year. Bill said it should be similar. Roster will be electronic. A different transmittal form will be used, but same principle as last year. Roster changes are done on-line; when done, send transmittal form electronically to Sherwin; when he gets that and puts together with money and everything together, it goes. Transmittal form will be simplified. Todd asked if OEC roster is different. Bill answered that it's the entire patrol roster. Deadline is October 1. Final testing is being done on it and target date is October 1. Max requests that patrols check their addresses. Every year there are a number of returned mail.

ARD Line

Dave Cobb

Section 01

Bob Smith

PNS – SANDI HAMMONS: There are 14 candidates in the OEC class. They incorporate chair evac into class schedule, giving more individualized training. Super Sunday CPR. October 11 is their refresher. They will introduce Sager splint this season. Big change: Area has requested that when SES clinics, patrollers are not to be in parka. Reason: public perception of patrollers standing around in large groups. Comments came from area managers. Toboggan events are to be in parka, however. This new rule includes STWs and SESs—including those leading the clinics. This has nothing to do with insurance or their being upset about anything. It is just something they are trying. Women's Clinic will be limited to 30 people at PNS. Fundraiser Ski Swap is November 6-8. Cookbooks will be made to commemorate 30th anniversary of PNS. Program to keep alumni patrollers involved is being started.

BUCKEYE NORDICS – CARL HILKER: People are seeking commitments early for their clinics—midsummer in some instances. PSIA and NSP trying to keep up with all that. Ski patrol is suffering attrition of older patrollers. Alpine patrollers welcome—lots of jobs for them--snowmobiles, first aid. Last weekend of February is set for Berkebiner, and they need patrollers. There are more attempts to get Nordic skiers to alpine areas. Encourage Nordic patrollers at alpine areas.

PAOLI PEAKS – BRUCE HEICHELBECH: Their refresher is not on online calendar...October 17. It will be added to calendar. The OEC class is small number of four, but they are happy to have them. Final test is December 5. Open house and Ski Swap is November 8. They have another new general manager--no negativity associated with this. The previous general manager moved to Missouri. They are getting new general manager, Matt Grenier, whose father is general manager at Snow Creek, Missouri. Trying to correspond with general manager and area scrambling to get new guy in place and patrol "train" ☺ him. SES and TES on calendar. Rick is upcoming PR there. Bruce is working with him on that. Bob asked if trying to get to 100 number, so

they are close to that. Bruce trying to reach “100” before leaving. ☺ Instructor Refresher is September 30.

Section 02

Janet Glaeser

BM/BW – TOM CIRANNA: First refresher in recert. 21 candidates. October 16-18 is open house. They are updating websites, blast e-mailing. Refreshers are September 26 and October 4. Annual opening week event is November 16—chair evacs, etc. Created two videos—package what it looks like, other is _____(Tom C fill in the blank). Redid all bylaws and finished P&P. Board approved them. D-team will come in February. They will have an in-house movements clinic. They will be hosting the SEM test.

CUYAHOGA NORDICS – DARYL KNAUSS: Tom at Brandywine has area of tubing...put them forward to handle early Saturday and Sunday morning shifts. Primary: Nordic; secondary: Brandywine. Summit County might have an interest in using them. A fall refresher will take place at BM on November 10, 6:30-10:00...\$35 refresher donation. Refreshments at 6:00.

Janet Glaeser: Will try at BM/MW for some of didactic refreshers...online, so contact her or Freddie for homework assignment prior to coming to refresher. Darryl added that if you want someone to come to theirs, please contact him beforehand so information can be added prior.

Section 03

Scott Kinnamon

CLEAR FORK – TODD VERMILYA: Someone is looking at the area but no purchase as of yet. They will maintain roster.

SNOW TRAILS – DAVE BAUMLEIN: Management is cleaning out trees and woods by terrain park, so they will have “glade” skiing. Tubing park night hours...will have at least 3 patrollers present--two for CPR and other to direct trained help. Will bring tubing help up to speed on some first aid aspects. Attended Central Division meeting and saw interesting item they will implement...a small business card with dual usage. Every patroller will carry business cards for recruiting. Multi-national languages on back of card that can introduce patroller. Incorporate hill captain meeting with hut clean-up and chair evac. Purchased 10 more manikins for classes. They have a new webmaster that talked them into putting patrol on Facebook. It worked well for OEC classes...some patrollers came to the classes to help that saw it on Facebook. New senior auxiliaries: wishful goal is that all auxiliaries become senior. They have two new Mountaineering instructors. Sharon Pinko is new senior. The candidate class is down to five from nine. They had another combined mountaineering weekend for junior patrollers. It was tied to mountaineering class by Dave Zeager. There is continuing housekeeping regarding forms documentation. They are trying to get more people to higher level certifications. They will offer second OEC instructor recert class. They already had one in July, but half dozen couldn't make. October 20 by Sharon Pinko to run OEC recert class at 6:30. Contact her at yahoo.com. Attended division meeting and really liked it.

MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN – KIM HISER: First year as PR. Retained two staff as APDs. Added Cindy and Troy. New area manager is Josh Faber, the “chameleon” on the slope. The new area manager is very involved. He removed all barrier fencing. MRM is allowing inverted aerials, but they are discouraged. Added terrain features on Sugar Bush. Some plans to include children’s area through woods. Patrol is adding OTDs (traction devices). The patrol continues to have a good relationship with the local squad. An OES was held last year with Life Flight and the squad. Credits for EMTs. OEC class down to two candidates plus two challengers. The area has added rental of helmets.

Section 04

Kurt Tenerove

KURT: They have two people toboggan training. The instructor refresher is today. October 4 is the regular refresher. Ski swap is October 16, 17, 18. Something different: They have invited Big Creek to participate and are using some of their resources of streamlining process of checking in equipment. Number of ski shops are participating. Opens patrol to invite shops in area. Good and only fundraiser each year. Still planning on opening the glades as an area between trails and main hill, and they are trimming up trees. They don’t have too many changes since last report. Alpine Valley is replacing one big pump, putting in pump with more pressure. No one here in attendance representing individual patrols.

ARD Administration

Guy Day

AWARDS – LORI RINGLEY: New award name: “Dale Mihuta Award.” Might change name or come up with something else; but it was voted on, so it stands. Decide on award for Senior Auxiliary--framed certificate or plaque? (Will be handled as new business.) Senior records...will deal with when working on Senior materials. Sweater pins...cover with program. Patrol Reps need primary awards person to contact her directly. Data keeping...Division Banquet will be hosted 2011 by Ohio Region. If patrol alumni want to stay active, they might consider doing awards. There is a quick summary at the end of report of award winners.

ALUMNI – GUY DAY: Dick Ike will retire but will stay on as alumni advisor. There were some changes at the spring meeting. National will be adding alumni advisor. Had been trying to eliminate region alumni advisor but now making 180 degree turnabout. Alumni programs are trying to reach out contact with them. Can be used as mentor or advisor—try to keep them on local patrol boards. Comes down to local patrols and local involvement and reach out from there.

LEGAL – CHAD DWORKIN: Chad indicated he is available for contact for any legal issues. Ohio Legislature House Bill 214 specific to Ohio immune to patient care. Call local Ohio State Legislature that we’re happy about this. Patrols are becoming text savvy, but there are risk management issues...don’t “tweet” during accident responses. Be careful! Alert patrollers not to do this. Scott asked about inverts due to Ohio Revised code says “no inverts!” Tom Cirrana says they are allowing it too. Bill asked about Good Samaritan Bill.

DOWNHILL – MAX DAVIS: Week from Monday is next deadline for Downhill newsletter. No other changes.

HISTORIAN – GUY DAY: The Historian position is open. Other opportunities are available for new positions.

Mark Fogt: Asked today for submissions for new pictures for front page. Asking PDs to send pictures representative of region. Site requests can be sent to him. Nothing else new.

ELECTIONS: Bev Janke volunteered to take over elections. She couldn't make it today.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS: Greg Schoenman wants information to him by December 1 by section chiefs. National Review Board meeting December 5 at SEM. Nominees for National and LCAs must have activities listed beyond local patrol. Some nominations were not accepted because nominee did not have sufficient current experience beyond local level. Application process for National LCA—need one hard copy. When submitted to Greg, when changes need made, they can be made easily. Convert to pdf and then no corrections can be made after that. Forms are available online. One hard copy is signed by individuals submitting awards, accompanied by electronic CD. Sign-offs by Region people are obtained before it goes on. Jim said we need list of voting board members so they aren't listed...Greg, Bill, ARDs, and Section Chiefs are the National board members (per Bill).

Meeting Break - Lunch till 12:45 p.m.....

ARD Proficiency **John McGoff**

OEC – ALICIA KNAPKE-STANLEY: There will be two SEMs, one north and one south. Rotate other years centrally located. First weekend in December, December 5, at Brandywine most likely. Applications and written scenarios are due November 21, and evaluator commitments are due the 15th of November. Spring southern SEM is the first weekend of March, March 6, at Paoli Peaks, with PNS as backup. Have those applications and scenarios turned in by February 20; evaluator commitments by February 15. OEC Refreshers will be covered. E-mailed ITs to look for quality standards—idea sharing event—looking to standardize OEC. Waiting to hear back. Looking for ITs for some events. Looking for two OEC finals QA people. Last year's SEM was at Snowtrails, and they included Senior Auxiliary at this. Promoted or advertised well, because some showed up the same day for it without being prior registered. John McGoff asked if Aid Room module will be at both north and south, and Alicia is hoping to—she will need to check with Phyllis on that. Jim added that Phyllis needed more substance for administering that. Both have been separate events but trying to coordinate to have it the same day. It was suggested that the board revisit Aid Room module as an OEC event (mark as new business). OEC instructor recert...change in National policy on class final retest policy. There was slight change in wording...don't know if there is

anything Region-wise as to how to retest. National says trainees can fail 100% but can continue to test the practical. It is not written anywhere...what's the point in testing practicals if the written was not passed? Needs written policy on how to handle that. Whatever decided at Region, Phyllis will support. National said when they do a written retest, it has to be within the 30 days and not the same test. Due date back to Karen of October 16 for updates or changes of list of ITs and instructors.

ID – ALIDA MOONEN: Integrate ID and teaching. She will go to instructor refreshers to help tweek what is presented to the groups. She will work with patrols on teaching. Request different ID ITs what courses will be for next spring and summer. No courses this summer. It is requested what good teaching methods they see and compile those to send out to others.

TROY SOUTHWICK: TEs are on calendar. Will get with PRs and APRs for special requests or needs at TEs. Whether large number of senior candidates, general population of trainees, older patrollers...will determine needs in that regard. Regarding ITs...need training logs, so mention at refreshers that they need turned in. Only three have been turned in thus far. Excel spreadsheet, date, hours, type of training (TES, STW, candidate training, etc.) so they can go through their list and make sure list is up-to-date with current people. He is asking all toboggan ITs to get the logs to him before October 15. Dave asked about tracking online. Troy said if that's tracked online, it should be sent to Troy. John McGoff says to cut and paste training log and send it to Troy, who can send it to Tom Worley. ITs must do it on a regular basis (Jay Zedak). Troy says to get in the habit of doing it every year. Everybody who is a toboggan instructor: make sure trainer logs are turned in! John added having IT s go to other areas. Alpine and Big Creek may be combining. Bill asked if information is in National data base where Troy could get the information. Activity log is not in National database (per Jim Vickroy).

MEDICAL – DAVE WALKER: Absent

SKI SCHOOL – AMY ARNOLD: It is a full schedule this year. Alpine Senior Ski Clinic will be before test again, SESs, and TEs. There will be a tele-focused SES. Current MRM changing to PNS or Snowtrails. They will have tele equipment available to try it, trying to create interest in the sport. There will be two PSIA-focused clinics, one January 16-17 at Snowtrails by Sonja Rom focused on teaching. There is a Division goal of creating better skiers. A PSIA event at MRM is scheduled for February 13 or 14 for anyone thinking about becoming PSIA. When having an SES, it would be helpful for a head count the Wednesday before event to make sure they have enough staff. That would cut down on paperwork and result in better preparation. PRs could have local Senior Advisor or Ski School rep e-mailed to her for information. Bill had her tell what awards she got...Division Directors Award for Ski School; Outstanding IT Awards, Outstanding Program Supervisor for Ohio, plus over all programs (without division) and also that of Division. Great job!

John asked if event put on list.....

Guy Day asked if it is possible to list contacts as hyperlinks...quick form with person, #, and “coming to that event.” Mark Fogt will come up with something and send it to John McGoff. Chris R. working on registration for the Division, and Mark will see if he can leverage that and use the same submission form.

Mark Fogt asked if Sonja’s events qualify for certification events, but Amy said no.

ARD Programs

Jay Zedak

AVALANCHE PROGRAM – JAY ZEDAK: There was an Avalanche course six weeks ago. Six participated at BW. It scored highly and all enjoyed the content. Some major at National level in program. There are changes in snow pack and technology, so it is difficult staying ahead of the curve. The American Avalanche Association is teaching Level 1 and 2 courses--very outdated, going away from program and functioning under different auspice. Rewrote new avalanche manual, and Level 1 and 2 courses are being restructured. Also have Avalanche Mountaineering Rescue. AFR course and Level 1 still both senior electives. Level 1 is 12-hour course. To complete level 1, you had to go outside into avalanche terrain, so it is difficult for Central Division to do that. Level 2 requires Level 1 completed. 8-1/2 hour course can be taught in Central Division. It is a senior elective, but it doesn’t get participants at level necessary for event in Utah for Level 2. Carl Hilker asked where you can go to Utah for Level 2. If Whiteface Mt. or Bohemia first week in March, Level 1 will be changed to 8-1/2 hour course and get senior elective. Starting everyone off as if subscribing to Level 1 course—March. If don’t, participation will be changed from IOR to reflect 8-1/2 hour course and not doing Level 2 course. No statute of limitations for eligibility to go to Level 2 course if gotten previously. Alida asked if there is a time limit between first and second part. Jay stated it would be difficult to keep courses open during summer. Alida brought up the scenario of one wanting to do November but can’t do March. Jay indicated he wasn’t sure, but he does see an advantage in taking the course again. To participate in Level 2, it is very challenging and a person must be able to perform on very advanced terrain and back country. AFR was discontinued. Intro to Avalanche Safety & Rescue is new course name.

MOUNTAINEERING PROGRAM: MT&R course will be March 27 at PNS. MT&R Level 1 will be April 10-11. MTR level 2 will be October 30 at 6 p.m. (3 days). Contact: Ray Martodam, Bill Shick or Mark Branham. If interested in low angle rescue, Region has LAR kit that is available for training purposes. A block and tackle system is available if a patrol is interested in adding to guidelines of lift evac. It is good for loaning to local patrols or to provide staffing to train evac members.

AUXILIARY: no report

SENIOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR: Now vacant and needing filled.

CERTIFIED PROGRAM: Per Jay Zedak, since 2005, Central Division has awarded 11 National Certified levels...8 coming from Ohio. Our region must continue to find ways to invest in membership to avoid membership becoming stagnant. Out of 12 Certified

staff members in Ohio, there are Region and Division advisors—a huge impact and contribution to our system. We have some Certified candidates (Sandi Hammons)...Sandi is Women’s Clinic Supervisor. Darcy Hanley is also one and heads the Senior Program. Jay will be making a motion to help certify program (funding).

Old Business

ACTIVITY LOGS - See the web site for both the current and updated logs

Carl Hilker: Followup to April meeting, communication says PNS did okay. Don’t bother National with radio issues. National radio license can help with some stuff, but going on own commercial system (self license). FCC makes sure licensed individually by patrols.

Tom Cirana: As group, are we going to do anything to motivate members to vote? Bill has no answer...Tom asks for suggestions. Voting deadline is October 15 to end of November. BMBW will have voting prior to deadline, so may have online voting perhaps at the refresher (Guy Day). Janet reminded people that all four people don’t have to be voted on, just “maximum of four.” Janet indicated she can’t campaign for votes. Tom just said personally talking with people will help. Bill suggested a supportive article in Downhill newsletter.

Meeting Break at 1355 for 10 minutes—Back at 1410.....

New Business

PNS –Sandi Hammons: Discussion took place regarding a kind of “unsung hero” award for those having passed away for their dedication to the NSP. It was thought best to defer till the Spring meeting. The award would be given at the local level and then on to Region. Max asked what involvement Region would have. Janet Glaeser asked for clarification of award and its chain. Guy Day asked all PRs to put a list together of local awards and then compile that to share, then take it to next level to use as putting together other awards. Send to Lori and cc Guy Day.

NSP-C, Amy Arnold: Would like logos that show they are a unified Ski School group (NSP-C). Guy asked on what level. Marty asked size of NSP-C in Central Divison. Ohio is one of the largest in the Division. Guy Day suggested letting leaders come up with uniform and get supplier for it. Bill supported that. Jim Vickroy asked who would be buying it. Janet asked about what logo would be on it—anything besides NSP-C. Smaller logo maybe of white cross as a second thing on another sling (Amy). Actively instructing at SESs and STWs, but not necessarily at ski patrol level. Discussion followed. Bill suggested Amy go for it and come up with what she wants. Jay asked if Region funding is being asked, and Amy admitted she’d be happy for it. Tom Cirrana said companies sent free samples. Jay asked about Tom having contact person to pass on to Amy. Mountain Uniform, Fila, Cloudveil. Jay added Cloudveil has pro-pricing. Tom will e-mail contact names to Amy.

Janet Glaeser: Asked about retest policy for OEC Basic course. There is nothing in the Region P&P supporting National policy for individuals that don't pass a portion of the OEC course. IORs normally take care of it at the local level. Bill asked Alicia to get with Jim to check on that.

Bill wants group to organize fall 2011 Division meeting for Ohio, probably at PNS. Guy Day, Janet Glaeser, and Bruce volunteered. (Rae Gommel and Lori Ringley were also volunteered) Would like committee to come back to Bill in 30 days with recommendations so early in 2010 they can nail down location commitments. Saturday, Sept 9-10-11, for this fall meeting.

Bill: Proposal for waiving dues for any patroller became unemployed in 2009. Division board suggested that the same offer be made to Ohio...waive region dues for any patroller unemployed in 2009. Guy moved; John McGoff seconded. Guy asked Orest to review National dues. Janet: \$41 National, \$13 Region. Would ask for those individuals to step forward through their patrols and send Bill documentation confirming their unemployment. Information will be submitted to the registration coordinator and make adjustments to funding records. Jim asked definition of unemployed. Bill did recall that kind of clarification at the Division mtg. "One time elimination for any patroller who has lost their job in year 2009. Only to this season and not applicable to coming years. This does not apply to those retiring, taking severance, going back to school..." Bill clarified exact writing. This would be waiving \$13 dues. Tom asked if membership backlash was encountered? Jim Woodrum had made the proposal; Bill not aware of any source for request. Tom thinks it could be a paperwork nightmare and embarrassment to the person involved. Bruce asked if it has to be mandated to the patrols. Answer is no. Bob says what harm would there be to support Division and leave it up to local patrol on anything further. Tom worried about potential for further problems regarding revenue problems. Jay called question. For Region to waive Region dues: Guy Day took head count vote...5 yeses, 6 nos. Motion failed.

Guy Day: Result of meeting of Nationals and vacancies, need succession plan in order to create leadership opportunities on local level on Region level. Any and all program advisors have a minimum of one assistant, starting this coming season, so we don't get shocked by losses. Spread it apart geographically. Position description for each advisor in Division P&P. Jim: Change Region policy on that to add assistant. Guy will look at process to see. Have a mentoring role. This would cover vacancies that would come up unexpectedly. Jay says this gives PDs the opportunity to go back to local patrol and offer opportunities for Region/Division level positions and open line of communication to make their interests known. Region has soft policy and looking to build a succession plan. Alida asked what date to have this. Guy will contact program people to see what is in place and what positions need taken care of. Guy will try to get this done ASAP due to refreshers coming up. Hopefully he will have it taking place by mid-November. Scott suggested putting that on the Region website on what positions are available. Notices will be sent to program advisors to start looking for one to mentor them.

John McGoff would like to bring Aid Room Module back to local OEC regarding SEM...comments? Jim V says it makes sense since it is an OEC event. Sandi thinks Phyllis would be agreeable in keeping it with OEC. Bill asked this to be brought to Phyllis. Janet added that Rose should be considered for input. Auxiliary program structure. ARD of proficiency fits under OEC...per Jay Zedak. Auxiliary program should be in proficiency program—motion by Jay Zedak. Carl Hilker seconded. Sandi asked why auxiliary is a “program.” Senior auxiliary and senior alpine “programs.” Jay said they would have someone (advocate) to look after them. Janet says this is participated by not just patrollers but also alpine and Nordic as step to senior patroller, but this allows them to move on in awards progression towards Commendation Number. Jay: Either registered as auxiliary, alpine patroller, senior patroller, Nordic, but not as senior this or basic that. National confirmed nothing registered as “basic”. Dave said Rose said patroller can have dual registration. (i.e. senior auxiliary and alpine patroller) Motion to move auxiliary advisor position under proficiency...Jim clarified it is regarding ARM. Jay Zedak said he had misunderstood and withdrew motion. John said they’d have discussion with auxiliary supervisor and Phyllis and talk about how to coordinate. A lot of confusion took place last year, and they’d like to eliminate the confusion. Jim wasn’t aware of confusion, but Sandi clarified that there was a large amount of last minute first aid module test takers. Coordinate ARM module.

Bill: Moving next year’s budget... Orest says not in position to approve but all advisors report to ARDs. Will table approval until later.

Jay Zedak (new business) made motion for Region to make \$500 donation to Maslar Education Fund. Dave seconded. Brief discussion took place. It was voted unanimously for approval.

Alida requested donation to Girl Scouts for scanning all Region’s historical documents. Dave was asked the volume of files and he said it’s a good sized task but not too bad. Asked what amount and Alida suggested \$500. Dave indicated that probably is a pretty good value. Alida motioned that Region provide grant of \$500 to GS Troop 484 to convert paper files to scanned files. Kurt seconded. Discussion followed with pros and cons. Also included value of scanning electronically and easy retrieval after that. Alida will withdraw motion until project is completed at a later time and will prepare motion at that time. Comments will be gathered further on what and how to scan these articles and will present to the board.

Mark: John proposed making applications online. Is it worth \$200/year for online registration? If so, it will need added to the budget. John McG...Survey Monkey. Went over the process and value of having the forms online. It should promote quicker start to events. John thinks it would be very worthwhile. John thinks we can find a way to get it paid.

Meetings/Events

Dates: December Boyne Highlands Division STW...issued a challenge from southern region to meet or exceed that of last year. They will match one-on-one...they plan to get 60 people up there.

Sandi clarified where Senior test would be.....PNS!

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: (1st) Tom Ciranna; (2nd) Guy Day
Meeting adjourned at 1535.

Respectfully submitted,

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