

Intro

Call to Order

Bill Currier

The Ohio Region Spring Meeting at Alpine Valley was called to order at 1020.

Roll Call

Pat McCabe

Present: Amy Arnold, Steve Barbour, Tom Ciranna, Frank Cleary, Carole Cobb, Dave Cobb, Bill Currier, Max Davis, Guy Day, Chad Dworkin, Mark Fogt, Kim Garrett, Janet Glaeser, Sandi Hammons, Bruce Heichelbech, Carl Hilker, Scott Kinnamon, Daryl Knauss, Dennis Maslar, Pat McCabe, John McGoff, Orest Melnyk, Alida Moonen, Dan Moss, John Norris, Chris Raudabaugh, Lori Ringley, Greg Schmidt, Bob Smith, Troy Southwick, Kurt Tenerove, Todd Vermilya, David Walker, Dave Zeager, Jay Zedak. GUESTS: Jim Woodrum, Rick Jackson ABSENT: Patrick Aquila, C. Richard Ike, Ellen Mulqueeny, Greg Schoenman, Jim Vickroy, Phyllis Mauntel.

Announcements

Dennis Maslar is the new Senior Program Administrator.

Jay Zedak to be giving chair evac demo. Raise patroller up to chair—pass whistle test. If hands come off the line, the person will not come crashing down. There are often “anxiety attacks” in the chair. Every patroller needs to participate in chair evacs to be familiar with special situations. Examples: When there’s a handicapped person in the chair, it is difficult to negotiate safety in rescue seat; kids are afraid to participate. Jay will introduce block & tackle system to PDs and attendees. Dave Zeager, Dennis Maslar, Dave Lowenfeld of BMW will assemble the units to give hands-on demo.

Carole Cobb/Elections: Section 04 Bob Smith & Kurt Kenerove are to be reelected for second terms. Bob Smith okayed for another year.

Bill thanked Kurt for setting up meeting arrangements at Alpine Valley.

Appointments

Parliamentarian – Chad Dworkin

Sergeant at Arms – Carl Hilker

Proxy Announcements

None

Voting PR's

Section Chiefs

Section chiefs' nominations for voting PDs today: Sandi Hammons (PNS), Dave Baumlein (ST), Tom Ciranna (BMW), Dave Grouskie (by Kurt Kenerove)

Agenda Additions

There were no additions to the agenda. (1st) Janet Glaeser - (2nd) Kurt Tenerove Agenda was voted and approved.

Approval of Fall Meeting minutes

There were no changes to the Fall Meeting minutes. (1st) Janet Glaeser – (2nd) Kurt Kenerove Minutes were voted and approved.

Spring Division BOD Meeting Report

Bill Currier

Central Division meeting accomplishments were highlighted by Bill. There are a couple new region directors—In the Southern Region, Bill Dick replaces Ken Meldahl; Bob Lechtanski continues as Northern Michigan RD; David Dahl North-Central RD by appointment by Jim Woodrum. The 2009/2010 budget was approved. Division almost solvent, per Bev Benzing. Presentation by Ken Meldahl regarding allocation to region. A change was proposed in the way Regions are funded by Division. Regions receive funding from Central Division based upon size of region in terms of number of patrollers and number of section chiefs and ARDs. Conversation is to change method to include demographics of region, number of patrollers in region, and number of completed courses (proposed). Formal proposal will come before the Board at meeting in September to approve change. Based on meeting, if we continue to perform as we have been, we would see an increase in funding level. Ohio receives \$1,700 per year for funding, which could increase if proposal is approved. Janet Glaeser asked if consolidation not necessary. Max Davis questioned if there was any idea of the amount.

All registrations were completed electronically, which saved Division some money, as well as patrols, because registrations didn't have to be mailed in. National is to have electronic process by the coming season. Division and Region will continue with same procedure if that fails. In Division, 5,908 patrollers were registered. Ohio had 850 of them (2008: 865). In Division, 516 new patrollers registered. 64 new ones in Ohio—up almost double...35 new patrollers in 2008; 399 in 2008. Another note about registration: patroller denied registration due to medical condition. Result: Division will be drafting definitive guidelines to cover how folks may or may not continue to patrol when they have issues that prevent them from doing that—no guidelines now. Janet Glaeser asked if there were ADA issues with refusal. Jim Woodrum indicated the person has Alzheimer's.

Proposal at National level regarding eliminating Leadership Commendation Award. Central Division Board voted to oppose that proposal. It was asked what National's thought was on eliminating it. Jim Woodrum indicated they would jam all National appointments together. It was rejected at Governors Committee. Avenues to be recognized. Opposed to jamming that. It was recommended that it not be brought back to National Board for five years. Continue differential numbering. National appointment people can go anywhere to set up a patrol. Shouldn't differentiate between LCA and National appointments. If Senior, they can qualify. Take barrier away that if LCA, you can't get National appointment; keep separate and eliminate barrier between the two. The guideline from National through Division—Division adheres—nominees must have had involvement in NSP beyond local patrol level. Janet Glaeser asked about change regarding 3rd qualification needed. No attempt to change, per Jim Woodrum—neither form nor PNP says involvement must be beyond patrol level. Nothing seen by Greg that shows anything different.

First time achievement in Division and Ohio Region: Jay Zedak achieved Certified status on alpine, tele, snowboard! Congratulations were given.

An S&T Women's Clinic was held at PNS this past season. OEC: NSP-C in NSP Ohio Ski School & Division—in Division, there are 57 PSIA Level I, 38 Level II, 19 Level III. There is a significant number of Ohio members. Being a member of NSP-C means you bought insurance policy as PSIA level instructor.

When you join NSP-C ski school, you are automatically buying an insurance policy. Dan Moss indicated the uniqueness in that the insurance travels with the instructor as well. Jay Zedak said the signed releases waive \$1,000 deductible if there is a claim. Insurance would only cover members if teaching skiing/boarding in capacity of patrol. \$2,000,000 is intended for patrollers teaching other patrollers. It is important to have release signed. OEC SEM evaluators seen not to sign liability waiver. All evaluators MUST sign waiver. This didn't happen in Ohio, but we are reiterating the importance.

Those who fail to pass SEM cannot retest in same season. Sandi Hammons asked about credentials for NSP alumni as evaluators. Some alumni have been Senior S&T evaluators in the past; haven't used them as evaluators since retired. It was indicated they can do S&Ts if they keep up credentials but not as evaluators. There has been no reason to deny them is what has been accepted. Tom Ciranna asked if the alumni would be taking the spots of current people. John McGoff said the staff is used first and then alumni—but no need thus far. Dan asked if there are the same expectations. Yes--applies to ski and toboggan both. Jay Zedak asked if patroller goes from alpine to lifetime member (alumni)—does National drop all of instructor credentials. Questioned if National does that. Dennis Maslar is to work with teams after checking credentials—material gotten from Amy Arnold, etc. Dennis said administrators sit down and look at who has been active and then take those most active rather than less. So alumni who are active and participate can staff the event.

Frank said minutes are posted from Central Division meeting.

Considered 14 proposals--11 passed, 1 failed, and 2 tabled till fall meeting. Add toboggan refresher to annual certification requirements similar to OEC (failed)—proposal would add annual toboggan refresher. Jim said If the patroller didn't do a refresher the previous year, he can't get card next year till refresher is done. On the National site, there is a drop-down menu now, where you can go in and register class, do the refresher, and then send it to Carol Hudson and it will automatically refresh. If you don't get card till you do refresher this year, there would be a horrible paper trail to keep together. Scott Kinnamon asked if the refresher can count for current season and credited to individuals for next year. Jim replied that it is okay if person has refreshed to capability of IOR and decision okayed. Jim doesn't see a problem. Frank stated it says "early in season" Jim: that's okay it's even earlier—March. Troy said you can't keep track that person really didn't perform well, but it's up to the patrol to determine if patroller adequately performs. TES is there to help the person but not to determine true capability of the patroller. Guy Day added that just because someone attended TES doesn't mean he's capable of pulling a sled.

Meeting Break @ 1115—back at 1130.....

Mark Fogt gave an update on new Ohio Region website. There is a better calendaring system--since Chris had one for the Division site, it was adopted for the Region. He would like to have patrollers manage their own calendars. If a patrol has an event, post its own event. The more information is put in, the better the calendar entry. As the event occurs, the calendar entry will drop off; so you will always be looking at fresh information. Anyone can do it if they have the link. The site is just for administration. Security has been addressed. Jay asked if it is Interfaced with the Division site and is it automatically on the Division calendar. Mark said they may have to do something to do that. John had an enhancement request: would like to see ways membership can point, highlight and register if interested. That could streamline process of registering. It also could help with staffing events. Frank added that it would help with travel arrangements with others. Janet said it could add a field for course registration number, but could also add another field, like to National website. Dave said Central

Division STW used it, but John McGoff thought it was too much work. Amy Arnold dittoed that comment. The morning of events wastes too much time inside rather than outside. Bill asked, "When do we make this happen?" Dave Baumlein brought it up on computer—already there. Bill said to start now. Mark said that if you have anything to add to the site, they'll look at it and get the site updated. His number is in the roster, so call anytime or e-mail him.

Circulate Calendar & Org Chart**Max Davis/Pat**

Max sent the calendar and organizational charts around. He will update the organizational chart when the July 1 new year starts.

Treasurers Report**Orest Melnyk**

Orest announced a May 15 deadline for getting in expenses. If you have expense form, e-mail copy approving it, but need approvals on record. Mileage increased to 30-cents. Get latest form off Region website and use current form. Don't use the Division form. Section chiefs need to begin process of final reports to get in time at end of season. Budgeting needed and will get note to appropriate people on that. Discussion took place regarding whether there is or should be a set fee schedule for all program events. Most fees are \$25/patroller/event. Would MTR, Avalanche, etc. have same fee schedule?

In packets, balance sheet is first sheet-checking and savings balances. Profit/loss by class is list of all accounts set up and respective areas to date. Total for all receipts indicated there. Total expense line is what to look at in terms of expenses. Receipts for S&T events: \$3,955 received to date.

ARD Line**Section 01****Dave Cobb****Bob Smith**

Dave turned over discussion to Bob Smith, Section 01—asked to summarize report in minimal detail. Bob said that effective July 1, 2008, MRM transferred to Section 03.

PNS - SANDI HAMMONS: 97 days of season; nearly 20,000 hrs. Junior ski patrol had close to 2,000 hrs. The Women's Clinic was cancelled--will host event next year. Eight participated in TES and had a good day. Sixteen completed OEC--advanced 14 to alpine. Two previous season candidates completed. One Senior completed. Two current Seniors passed PSIA/AASI events. Altering stretcher set up for tubing hill has been very beneficial. Hosted many events. May recerts are coming up. Had shadowing program with new candidates added.

PAOLI PEAKS – BRUCE HEICHELBECH: Getting close to 100 patrollers—have 99! Numbers growing, hours growing and average service hours per patroller are increasing. They have younger patrollers now. Bruce is pleased with being combined with Ohio. They are getting more involved in the awards program. Rick Jackson is guest as possible incoming PD in the next couple years.

BUCKEYE NORDICS – CARL HILKER: "Go green!" BN is the smallest patrol in the system—4 members. B. Hartman takes care of northeast. Max Davis is "Mother Superior" of cross country ski clubs in US. Rick King is national mountaineering and rescue advisor. They ran three courses and seminars in technique regarding mountaineering. Carl Hilker patrolling the Berkie. 8,000 skiers, good success. They get a few injuries late in the day. One of the duties of Buckeye Nordics is hosting of breakfast for foreign skiers and competitors—record 150 people—pays bill of over \$1,000—noted the "finest hospitality in the world" regarding its breakfast. PEC (Powderfall) was highly structured ski patrol event he's been to. Could do whatever you wanted—ski, classes, seminars, presentations. Attendance: 260 people; 175 patrollers, 47 women, 30 wives, Division Director: 6, 11 board members, national coordinators, etc.; 7

speakers, 11 vendors, Cascade Toboggan (going wide-bodied). Honored as having so many hours, so everyone knew him by end of time.

Regarding telecommunications, Dick Wolfe is National telecommunications advisor. Buckeye Nordics had own FCC licensing. It became a nightmare for National & FCC. In 2007, everything has been changed and reorganized. FCC changed, too. Now it is computerized. Check radio licensing status for your patrol and check through Dick Wolfe. FCC is looking at operator and station—eliminated requirements on everything but HAM radio—no operator license but need station license to be legal. Started 1-1/2 yrs. ago. If FCC gets returned mail, it's an automatic violation.

Meeting Break at 2407. Will convene in “37 minutes” to chair evac, per Jay Zedak.....

Section 02	Janet Glaeser
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JANET GLAESER: The Basic S&T test took place the last day of the season. Held an MTR I (or 2?) course. Janet has an End of Season report submitted.

BM/BW – TOM CIRANNA: Patrol had new jackets this year. One week in fall was used for National chair evac, inside training, and then chair evac--they actually had snow. They have 17 new auxiliaries. Creative MCI for candidates. Management was included this year—will do again next year. There are 10 new Basics. BM hosted the Senior test. They had annual D-team training and then went to NY for skiing. There are 25 candidates this year. Junior Patrol has been active. May 8 is the spring banquet. Two new summer events are coming up.

CUYAHOGA NORDICS – DARYL KRAUSS: There was good cross-country skiing. Last fall, they made enough to cover registration costs for patrollers from fundraising. Two new candidates are currently in training. National Park System doesn't need them any more. Due to liability, they are requiring a certification test to be like EMT. It will be a first responder park. They wanted all to become Trailblazers. They had to be interviewed to become a Trailblazer. 5 out of 9 became Trailblazers. They were allowed to use OEC training--were going to take first responder training. They are fine with prior training now. All the parks in the nation are switching from anything not nationally registered/certified. So they are in limbo. They don't know if they'll have a patrol next year. They could possibly be a secondary patrol. They are checking with National on that. They could go to BMBW maybe. Also could change to a snow tubing park. Dave asked if an OEC refresher will be held. Yes—will (Polar Blast tubing) run the refresher again. Max asked if the problem was referred to Division or National. David Squires was given a note about it. Wondering about how other National Parks do it. Local parks also have the same requirements.

Section 03	Scott Kinnamon
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SCOTT: MRM was added to Section 03.

CLEAR FORK – TODD VERMILYA: Registered 21 primary patrollers, 16 secondaries--adds up to 37. Spring Meeting to register patrol for 09/10 season.

SNOW TRAILS – DAVE BAUMLEIN: 89 days at Snowtrails; 11,000 hrs. Absorbed 10 patrollers from Clear Fork. Added 2 toboggans. They had changes in patroller testing. They added 8 additional toboggan instructors—great! Looking forward to training with them. One new toboggan IT appointment. New PSIA member. They had a successful Winter Carnival. Changed Ski Swap to Ski Fair—added additional patient safety issues. Swix people talked about tuning. They had booths regarding Ski Patrol, Ski School;

will repeat this year again. Raised about \$7,000. No OEC class was held last year but they have 9 new candidates this year. The new class started April 7. EMTs, nurses, Snowshoe candidate at Snowtrails to help him. New APDs: Brittany Compton and Sue Cline. Plugged Junior Patrol Adventure Camp—see application in packet.. Thanked region for continued support.

MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN - JOHN NORRIS: This is his last season as PD. The area had new management. New pond skimming event was held the last weekend. 12,000 hrs. put in. They have a new OEC class of 6 candidates. Kim Hiser will be the new PD. MRM will be hosting the PD retreat again this year.

Section 04

Kurt Tenerove

KURT: There are 2 new candidates this year. Buckeye will not be involved in Ski Swap this year, so opening to other ski areas to participate. Shops are interested in coming. AV is adding new terrain to area—between the trails that have shrubbery, they will clear out some brush and trees. Ski Swap probably will be in mid October again. AV does not have a formal report to submit.

OHIO NORDICS - STEVE: Ohio Nordics has two primaries and/or secondaries. They did not have a lot of snow, but skiing good.

ARD Administration

Guy Day

AWARDS – LORI RINGLEY: If anyone has a DSA or National sent back, there is an appeals process. See her or Greg Reese to see what to do. Rose, Bill & she added things to region about awards—categories including unopposed submissions. She'd like to work with everyone to increase submissions, especially Nordics, in order to get people recognized. Local areas are pretty experienced. No workshop is planned this year but she has a CD available if you want it. Need more judges! Spent more on hardware than last year. 70 service awards increased to 100. Had back inventory that was used, but this year's numbers will be pretty accurate. Seniors more than doubled from last year. NEW BUSINESS: OH Region had Region OEC trainer award and Region S&T award—now National does OEC instructor award—done deal now, so suggest Region OEC award be dropped.

Bill asked for motion. (1st) Scott Kinnamon, (2nd) Guy Day Discussion: Opinions concurred. Carl noted when out West that Ohio has a disproportionate number of awards—something to be proud of! Ayes have it—motion passed.

Ohio Region S&T award—It was suggested to raise this award to Wally James and Dick Schleicher awards level--elevate to same type status and name it for someone personally with NSP-C ski school. Suggest Dale Mihuta for the name since he was the first getting it going. Motion was made: (1st) Janet Glaeser, (2nd) Dave Baumlein. Discussion: Bill wants to know reason for it. Lori added it doesn't necessarily have to be every year. Sandi thinks "memorial" status odd for Dale Mihuta. Janet agreed. Janet asked if it singles out S&T for removal? Lori suggested to just put it out there to discuss it. Janet suggested to do friendly amendment to leave out "as a memorial award." Janet made motion to leave out "as a memorial award" to the proposal as written. (1st) Janet Glaeser, (2nd) Bob Smith. Discussion: None. Ays have it--amendment passed. Now voting on establishing the award and naming it the "Dale Mihuta Award." Ayes have it--motion passed.

Discussed what kind of award for Senior Auxiliary. Presently one-inch difference in size--\$25. Need to decide what we will do. Lori questioned who keeps records on those who passed auxiliary senior--needs standardization of who keeps the records on this. The PR presently has records, so do we want to keep it that way; however, there were some seniors who she didn't know about. Suggest Lori,

Dennis, Rose, & Guy discuss possible resolution of the problem and report at the fall meeting. Bruce suggested IORs send the information. Dave asked if National will keep better track. Jim replied that every IOR of all electives has to register class, but some are not registering SEMs or S&T exams, so nothing happens at National. Candidate is responsible to keep drop-down filled out. When done, IOR has registered classes and candidate is required to go to PD, and then Carole puts it on National database, makes "marriage," and then it's taken care of. People must REGISTER the class to get it into database. Guy suggested the idea of any advisor putting on events must send copy of class to Dennis and Lori in order to eliminate the problem—OR JUST GET REGISTERED AND CLOSED AT NATL. Dennis said their region PNP requests IORs send the stuff in. Jim is sending information to Region Director if patrols are opening and closing classes in order to get credit. If not done, the instructors don't get reimbursed. John McGoff doesn't want the staff totally in charge of that when candidates should be doing that. Janet said since National didn't always track, it's not normal to register as a class, so must remind those in charge to make sure to register as a National—some not used to doing that since it wasn't done before. Didn't use to be a course number. Lori reiterated that candidates know their responsibility on it. Janet commented that electronic filing was much easier this year.

ALUMNI – GUY DAY: Dick Ike not in attendance, so Guy went over Dick's report. What benefits are for alumni? How do we hang onto them? How do we get the alumni program going that will affect Regional and National? Need to do something; it would be a shame to lose them. Need to offer opportunity to keep them active. Dave Walker commented that they had tried in the past, but maybe they might not WANT to come back and be active. His experience is that he hasn't been successful in keeping them. Guy came back that maybe not enough is offered to keep them active. Scott suggested doing a survey of those retiring. Guy said maybe PRs can ask those questions as people start retiring—ask each one. Sandi commented that since they register separately, the PR doesn't know and isn't informed and doesn't know if they audit roster. Should look at the whole Alumni registration process. Jim felt it was not a Regional, National or Divisional issue—what to do to keep involved in local patrol activities, such as banquet. Maybe create something with area management for privileges to ski certain days and then maybe the local patrols will be able to keep them engaged. John Norris said MRM's management offered alumni possibilities for vouchers and a special parka so they can come out and ski. Jim said the Mountain Host program is available (not skiing shift—just a courtesy group to promote the snowsports industry). No hook into National, Region or Division is necessary. Local patrol is the main organization to do it. Guy said there would be no need for Regional/Divisional/National advisor. Jim agreed. Have Regional advisor work with area patrols to set up individual patrol alumni groups. Carl said you might want to do PSIA instead of patrol. Jim said people don't want to stretch their time too much; so if you work with them more to accommodate their schedules, it can happen.

LEGAL – CHAD DWORKIN: Insurance Coverage...coming from local areas. Primary coverage is area local coverage. Insurance coverage analysis done—things done at area. Individual patroller should write into PNP what scope of responsibilities are, inclusive as possible, including training and refreshing as part of duties at the area as patrollers. Regarding National insurance coverage—make sure classes registered or they do not have coverage from National. Recommended for refresher is to register all of patrol with Patroller 101 class, then all are covered at refresher. Jim said now refreshers have toboggan refresher drop-down list. If class is to register, do it then. Need NSP-C registered to have coverage. Provide copy of incident report and waivers to Chad; maintains records but keep at local area till otherwise—keep 7 years. Scan into PDF and store on CD. Do it on local level; and when issues come up, Chad will deal with them. Sandi said P101 was going to be inclusive for all events, including Seniors going for training.

DOWNHILL – MAX DAVIS: Printer is working well. Electronic distribution is amiss. Max made a request that when e-mail sent that DOWNHILL is posted on region site, and send an e-mail alerting such. He would like copy of patrol newsletters (sent or e-mailed). Scott suggested sending Downhill to webmaster of patrols.

HISTORIAN - CAROLE COBB: Keeps Downhills for history. She has trouble keeping data from patrols. She suggests checking on job of historians regarding scrapbooking that used to take place. Max suggests sending copy of rosters to historian, which are available from region director. Carl suggests using patrol newsletters for the patrol histories. Questioned what happened to Green Memorial.

Break for 15 minutes—back in order at 1453.....

Bill advised that any PDs with people with 5-year service awards can do those themselves.

ARD Proficiency

John McGoff

OEC - CHRIS RAUDABAUGH: Chris gave Jim Vickroy’s report. Instructor updates: 2 held at MRM. SEM was held at Snowtrails—23 out of 26 passed. One OES was held at MRM and was well attended with 27 participants (10 non-patrollers, Med Flight , and local EMS crew). Covered Module 6—head injuries and altered mental status. Other people helped identify evacuation or transportation issues. Having the others helps with relationship with those individuals. Had 6 IT appointments. Future: Early SEM planning going on. Fall SEM at Paoli perhaps; backup at PNS early season. Late season being central or northern location—dates TBD. Paoli would like to have it at end of season, so Bruce will talk with Jim about that. Jim wants to talk with areas to hold more OESs—good training with nonthreatening environment. Jim will be in touch on that. John McGoff would like to set a goal to host one OES a year. Four OEC classes underway; IT assignments for classes to be audited coming.

ID – ALIDA MOONEN: Mix up of classes to do structure in the morning and then deliver it later. Practiced at three events with great success. Paoli and MRM ID people are doing a great job! Assigns each student a “buddy” through class who sat with instructor through class; buddy and participant did activity together. Would like to apply it to upcoming classes of Region. Hopes to continue to change class process and update ID core of people. Finding chance for more inclusion of OEC. A good refresher is in how well you prepare for the refresher. IT-ing a refresher helps at instructor refresher in order to be good at the refresher itself. Moving towards Region approach towards ID. Like interaction of multiple patrol people in each course—great energy. Requests: 1) at MRM, had long-time patroller participate and did ID course. 2) anything done ID, submit to National for course completion and then copy Alida so she knows.

SKI SCHOOL – AMY ARNOLD: Had 17 events. A Senior Alpine Ski Clinic was held the day before the Senior test. OH Region Ski School has 74 members, 59 with some type certification. Compared to numbers for Central, OH Region makes up the bulk of those numbers. Five people got levels of certification, two Level 1, Raudabaugh 2, Dan Moss, Frank Cleary, and Jay Zedak. It was a great season. Thanks to everyone. Please see report.

TOBOGGAN - GREG SCHMIDT: Held 9 events.: 2 STWs, 5 TESs, Senior toboggan clinic, and Senior test. 167 patrollers participated, plus 35 instructors—about 22% participation. He is pleased with people taking part. Had Senior track for Senior candidates to see where their skills were by early track. Had second track for trainers with objectives: calibrating Senior scoring, Senior proficiency, final IT review, with main focus of bringing structure of PSIA-type class building into toboggan program. We need that

type discipline for toboggan training. Break down to PSIA- type teaching method of establishing goals, assessing skills, prioritizing, building progression for students, risk management, review goals and plan next steps for the future. Students have more effective experience. BM had 40 participants and 17 group leaders for its event. 5 TESs. Want to attract people needing help to increase their standards. Had some who weren't signed off on their refreshers, so they came to the TES for sign-offs. The training staff was happy to work with these people to make them effective sled handlers. Senior clinic—15 testing candidates came the day before to go over terrain, maneuvers and to get relaxed. They hope to do it again. There was an 87% pass rate on the Senior test—great results! Thanks to Jim Burns as assistant division toboggan advisor. He was a real go-getter and huge help to him. Troy Southwick is taking over Greg's position. Good luck to Troy! TROY SOUTHWICK: Looking forward to working with the ITs and PDs to continue the toboggan program.

John McGoff commented on the dedication of the instructors and trainers in Ohio to make it great. They continue to bring back new ideas and bring them home to your areas.

MEDICAL - DAVE WALKER: No issues.

ARD Programs

Jay Zedak

AVALANCHE - KIM GARRETT: Terrain and snow pack important in snow analysis, so added more to the report. Courses could be grandfathered, so avalanche fundamental rescue is still good and will continue on. Will set up courses so program goes the same outline as Level I with same emphasis on search and rescue; 24-hour course with 60% out on the snow. In OH Region, there are not many areas with continuous snowpack to do this. All training is done on the same dates/weekends as classroom. Mt. Bohemia will have the people go there for the session at the area—leaves it as a senior elective, and it also gives full course prerequisite to continue to Level 2 course. There are 6 instructors in the OH region. The instructors have manuals with contacts.

AUXILIARY – PHYLLIS MAUNTEL: Worked with ARM/SEM coordinators. She didn't like the add-ons in the event and would ask for some reimbursement for mileage. See Auxiliary report.

SENIOR PROGRAM – DENNIS MASLAR: It was a great success and turnout. The next Senior event to be determined for late February. Alternate between PNS and BM; going to PNS next February. Coordination of electives passed, logging them, and recognizing each candidate for achievements they've made. PNP has procedures set-up, so need to make sure it doesn't conflict with anything. Each area has Senior advocate to coordinate and distribute information. Mark Santos got people to get information in and made sure forms were filled out, etc. Each patrol should designate key person to funnel information to so questions and concerns can be taken care of. Sign-offs are two for skiing and one for toboggan. A handful said to make two for both or one for both—do you want to revisit that? Advocates available each year—had advocates for each team. Good asset with team. Would like to have enough again for next year. This was the first year of not having evaluator observers. He asks that if anyone knows of anyone wanting to be involved, let him know. S&T Clinics prior to event came over very well. There were positive comments on the evaluators. Thanks to the evaluators and everyone who has helped. Chapter 6 of the Central Division P&P was revised to show that no audiovisuals will be done during the events. They are trying to resolve the date for the next Senior test so as not to conflict with the Certified event.

Jay said the Senior manual was put together. The tasks didn't change, but movement patterns or way tasks are done are now different. This is to aid ski school and Senior advisor to have event. The

standards are displayed on Region's website for Senior candidates. Go to Chris Raudabaugh's website to see what the movements are. Software package (V1 software) is available to put image of candidate next to image of models to see what they should look like. There is an upgrade available for text referencing, draw angles, and highlight specific points (\$700 extra). Standards are open parallel and not dynamic parallel. PDs should know these videos are available. Website: www.nsp-cskischool.com

MTR - DAVE ZEAGER: Level 2 for MTR was at BW ski area. Level 1 event was held at John Bryan State Park with 5 participants. Met division advisor, who came to PNS meeting. Other programs in division have cyclic issue with attendance. Instructors alumni'd to other things. Level 2 course had 6 or 7 who want to become MTR instructors. They are hoping to get those into mentoring process. Northern and southern parts of region are coming together. PNS has a lot of MTR instructors—low angle rescue important. Chair Evac Ed is in charge of everything. The rest of state is generally elective-related. It adds skills in other aspects of keeping patients stable. Need for an Asst. Advisor for Region MTR program discussed with CD Advisor. Goal is to get new instructors certified and be PR as well as folks in region and bring people into classes.

Jay commented regarding chair evac and area protocol: the area wants the patrol to take care of chair evacs—"do it how you tell us would best be done." There is potential there for "finger pointing." Some standardized things would be best to require certain things. Jay would like to propose idea to revisit area policy to implement head protection for everyone involved in chair evac. Ropes are owned by area, but generally someone of patrol keeps track of equipment. Suggests "rope log" to track how long rope is in service, who inspected it, action it has seen, etc. It would be a way of being better prepared. Ropesthatrescue.com shows places you can find kits. \$240 for kit—Arizonahikingshack.com has them (discount available). Dave Zeager and Dave Lowenfeld will travel the region to train local trainers of the equipment. Region would buy low angle rescue kit, and it was purchased. Dave Zeager has possession of it. *Ski Patrol Magazine* has articles on low angle rescue. It is emphasized in the transportation manual and being in the National magazine, so awareness is there. BMBW ski patrol provides manuals to each hill captain (\$14 each approximately) that spells out LAR info. The ISBN # is on the back to have it sent to you, or go to arizonahikingshack.com.

CERTIFIED - DAN MOSS: The website is up and running: <http://www.ohionsp.org/certified/>. There is an informational page for potential candidates or leaders of region to familiarize them. He's trying to make sure information is out there for potential candidates. It talks of prerequisites. Modules and what makes it unique is addressed. He encourages people to download it and actually read it. OH Region Certified staff is listed so you can contact them directly. Wanted increased participation and wanted them to travel around region, but it didn't work very well. Dan wants help to direct him to people interested. List under "reaching out" is an example. Division test—Sandi and Darcy attended and each passed various parts.

Old Business

PATROL RECORDS: Discussing guidance of how to keep records. What level and if advisor needed to take care of this. What is needed to keep, who's responsible, how long, etc. This is a big task! What are the requirements for statutory or legal records? They need to determine what is important. Written historical records—what you want the records to "tell" in the future. It is important to do this and maybe do it at the Region level. Alida volunteered to head up looking into it and will bring it back up at the Fall meeting.

PD BOOT CAMP: This is to be tabled until discussed further with Jim Vickroy.

SENIOR PROGRAM REPORT - GREG SCHMIDT: Collected notes of primary issues regarding why people didn't want to enter the Senior program. He has talked with people all around the region, PRs, candidates, Senior advisors, etc., and summarized in his report. Report shows some statistics of why they are not participating, as well as solutions offered for those issues. Report lists 9 action steps to get through them. Suggested job description at local patrol level. Look over report and then see if it needs further discussion or to go with it. First table shows counts and pass rates. Darcy gave statistics for other regions. 2005 and 2006 were lower. Greg went over individual issues as listed in report. Mark Santos did a lot to get people involved and to participate. Suggested moving it back and forth and will continue to try that. Issue 2—standards too high. Issue being addressed and calibrating helping by better communication with videos, etc. PSIA participation keeps standards in being on “same page.” Issue 3—sign-offs make it a difficult hurdle. Suggests keeping it in place, though, and be diligent in standards proposed so correct candidates are sent. Issue 4—standard conditions don't exist the same. Solution is to get candidates to the test hill for training dates. Senior training at test hill—STWs at both. Could organize Senior trips to other places. Issue 5—SEM date to remain in December. Issue 6—training “burnout.” Have them take a break if necessary. Invite potential candidates to train right along with the candidates and possibly get them to join in. Issue 7—“benefits” don't justify the effort to get there. It is important to actively recruit patrollers with emphasis that it makes them a better skilled patroller and not just to become Senior status itself. Went over Summary of Senior Program. Stresses “selling” the program to others. Use resources available—newsletters, new seniors, and peer-to-peer level. Continued to go over Summary points. Threw issue to the floor to see if there are any other ideas. Bill suggests that Greg's report be gone over by area PDs, ARDs and bring ideas back to Fall meeting. Dennis noted that Mark Santos took the information from Greg and ran with it. John McGoff reiterated finding the right person to take the data and go with it.

REGION BY-LAW/P&P - GUY DAY: Bill wants to have draft of changes to PNP to have at the Fall meeting.

ACTION ITEM LOG – BILL CURRIER: Bill has gone over some of the data already. He found it helpful as a Division board member to know when and what needs done. If it is useful to everyone, he will continue to do it. The Region Bylaws and PNP need done yet. John McGoff said John and Dan Moss will get together on that. Bill will add items from today's meeting.

New Business

Need a place to have the Fall meeting. John Norris will check with Steve Lord about have the Fall meeting at the Powell Firehouse and will get advise.

Dave Baumlein commented he didn't get around as much this year—found areas charging \$5 fee for patrollers skiing there. Took a tally: BMBW charged \$5; PNS no charge; MRM no charge; Snowtrails no charge; AV no charge; none at Big Creek. Bill advised that Orest will put a recommendation together on program fees and will bring it to the Fall meeting.

Meetings / Events

Bill indicated the Division meeting is at Mackinac Island this fall (September). Jim Woodrum said that prior to the Division event, they will have a motorcycle event. It is 5 miles around the island—nice trip around the island. There is a fort on the island; it is very scenic. They have a Friday boat cruise under Mackinac bridge. The awards are Saturday night. A nice event is planned.

Bill indicated next year's spring banquet will be at Snowtrails—April 24, 2010.

Carl made a comment that when travelling to other areas, be aware of accidents. There could be a discrete telephone number on trail maps for the ski patrol.

Meeting adjourned at 1643. (1st) Bob Smith; (2nd) John McGoff