

Ohio Region Spring Meeting

April 28th 2007

9:00 am

Into/Call to Order-9:20 AM

Chris Raudabaugh started with a “thanks” to Tom and Janet for setting up this meeting facility.

Sergeant at Arms Dan Moss

Parliamentarian – Cindy Soter

Announcements- Fall Division Meeting details were given, flyers were available up front.

Additions to Agenda: None

Proxy Announcements- Just the announcement about the division fall event

Approval of fall minutes- Chris Motioned- Dave Cobb 1st- Janet Gloser 2nd-I's have it

Division meeting Report-

Chris Raudabaugh reported: Woodrum said division is trying to get their act together; right now they seem to be chasing a lot of changes that everybody wants, instead of focusing on one thing at a time. The subject of a due increase on the division level is a go...\$3.00 to start this year. National will not be increasing dues. **Dorcy will be going to NSIA full time so National will be looking for a new person to fill that position. **Couple of Ski area owners were surveyed for the “PERFECT PATROLLER” they were very happy for asking them for their thoughts. Very positive! ** Certified Congrats to Dan and Greg for achieving Certified status** Woman seminar being held Jan 12-13 @ Chestnut Women's seminar fees will be 60 dollars as well. ** Will probably be 2 years before the new OEC edition comes out, printing problems* *Sept 7 8 9 Kalamazoo MI Division Meeting- Chris was put on a committee to plan a topic talk/get together for the PR's that attend** There was a letter that was put together- Memo on use of Patrol funds- to help patrols think about how to appropriately use funds. This note was passed out. ** One last thing from Chris...given out as a memo: about the classification between skill Classification between PSIA and Ski Patrol

Treasurers report- Bev Benzing-

In the handout is a copy of the report- YTD summery as well as a cost of the budget... this is a good news/bad news report... right now we have a PROFIT of \$5700. We had a Healthy loss projected of 7, 000. This is only for about half of a ski year. CASH FLOW ISSUES: We are up about 2000 from where we were last year. We are hopefully going to break even for the year. **IT IS BUDGETING TIME... please get BEV your budget... by May 25**Bev did tackle the Mileage issue... government has not increased ** Tax forms- sometime in the near future division is going to start auditing our books, to make sure we are spending our money on what is appropriate. Cannot say when this will happen, but due to us all sharing the same Tax ID Number they need to show they have a little control over everyone's books.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS-DICK NAU-

We had our meeting, nothing else to report

Registration- Ed Raudabaugh - Report Submitted

Riddick just had heart surgery- he is the one who is the one who does our registration... this is why he is not here today. So it was asked that all Patrol Directors get their registrations in on time.

ADR LINE:ED RAUDABAUGH

Nothing new to report.

SECTION 01 BOB SMITH- Report Submitted:

Bruce (Paoli Peaks) out today- death in the family

Looking forward to next year- - Opened Dec 9- Skied 62 Days REPORT SUBMITTED-

PNS- 95 DAYS- 17, 626 hours, Management was very supportive, 8 new alpine patrollers, Andrew French got his senior.I have to say as my first year as PR the retreat that was put on by the region, was very helpful. It gave a lot of support.

BUCKEYE NORDICS-

Not much activity due to the unusual weather

Mad River...JOHN NORRIS (Report Submitted)- 73 DAYS- Hosted Senior aid Room Test, SEM, 2 TES, 1 SES w/ Telemark, OEC Enhancement Seminars.

SECTION 02- Janet-Welcome everybody- the banquet, 60 people, Cocktails @ 6 Dinner @ 7. MTR Course, a section MTR Level 2 at mohchan

Cuyahoga- DARYL- REPORT Submitted, the national park the chief ranger asked us not to watch the sledding hill anymore. It will be done by a paid person. We should focus on skiing and walking trail.

This is after 15 years of patrolling this hill. We are looking how to remedy some of the new problems that the parks district/parks ranger are proposing. When we first got into the national park- never had a hut, until the budget was cut, then we were asked to monitor the hut, as of now, we are just being asked to monitor the hills, and with cell phones the parks dept. has asked local ems to come to any calls. They have 4 trainings a year and the trail blazers are not going to these.

BM/BW:TOM- The Grahams (management team ore leaving- 65 Days... we hosted special Olympics, Rail Jam at the end of season- we took all the rails and moved all the snow to the center. The resort is doing some enhancements- expanding tubing hill...

BM/BW will be hosting the SEM but need to look at moving the date due to the Kalamazoo Michigan meeting... may be making it the next meeting.

Section 03- Don- Don't have too much to report-

Clear Fork- Oct 30 owners decided not to open- the area is still for sale, some interest is buzzing. Chris heard the Chair Lift got sold.. Rumors not confirmed... owners want into the contract that the resort still maintains a winter sport

SNOW TRAILS- 82 days- Started out- bad middle- good end, 10,300 hours logged by patrollers, accident reports were only about 1/3 of last year. Area Management purchased a new AED following the new guidelines, all nit rile gloves, 21 secondary patrollers from Clear fork. Moderate success with the Frosty changes, Great success with the Chair evac, moving it from being with the OTH, to the first week we are open, being run by the hill captains on each shift. Went through the classifications of the patrollers. Bill Harkins is running the OEC Program this year. Locally, completed the PNP. Requiring Candidates to fill out a MENTORING Check off form, which will have sections to be checked by a mentor so they will continue to train. OEC Classes started April10 – May August- November- ELECTIONS- Sue Kline, and Keith Neil for APD's 8 helpers for the SEM, hosted a TES 22 participants, hosted a SES 21 involved, Thanks to the region advisors!!

SECTION 04- KURT- Report Submitted) Alpine valleys new facilities working out well. Alpine opened in mid Jan followed by Big Creek- Alpine valley had a couple of on duty accidents.

Short Season

ALPINE VALLEY- Short season due to the weather- opened Jan 18th. We were opened for 51 days. The new rental facility was a big hit with customers; once the snow flew I think we skied on all real snow most of the year. Two serious injuries happened to patrollers, both had to have surgery. Three Candidates become alpine patrollers. 3 SEM candidates all passed. OEC Classes have started 4 candidates.

BIG CREEK- 47 days- 1 accident- hosted SES 2/4. 15 patrollers, 1 new basic 1 person going through the OEC program

OHIO NORDICS- report submitted- park hooked them up with a snowmobile, going to try to get together with the park employees for some scenario training.

-Chris would like to extend any help to come to talk to the parks to help drive home the importance of training, and of mission statement.

10:40 break

11:04 back from Break:

Chris to Tom ---- Go Bucks-

ARD- admin- DAVE COBB-

AWARDS- GREG- Lori Ringly- assisted this year with this avenue. Region did a good job in submission- Only one call from Division for a date. 181 AWARDS tonight. Got some help from National. We put our awards bid out and we went with STAR TROPHIES. The old company did not contact us to do the awards again. In the past, we were not handing out plaques if you were 25 years and up if you weren't here at the banquet. Region will not continue to buy plaques for those not in attendances. Pins for 5 year pins will be given by PR not Region level any more. We are not trying to diminish the service recognition, but due to budget constraints:

Brought to table...should the region get plaques for those serving over 25 years- look into getting folders?

ALUMNI- DICK IKE- REPORT submitted- Dave asked that the PR's use Dick Ike to contact alumni- MRM has a function the first week in March – the alumni get free passes, good food. MRM is going to get together with ski school next year to make the event more fun.

Chris said to add the alumni day to an event you already have going on. They might like to come back and to have other activities going on

LEGAL; DON SCHUMACHER- Not in attendance- Don has submitted his resignation-No problems known of right now. We are looking to fill the position by fall. Chris says it is not normally a time consuming position, but when we need help its good to have an advisor;

DOWN HILL: Max Davis- Not in attendance- Report Submitted

HISTORIAN: Carol Cobb- Not in Attendance- She would erg patrol reps to appoint a local historian to compile information and then pass onto Chris or Dave:

WEBMASTER: Jim was helping out trying to get the website. RYAN HAYES will be taking over this section. Transition- Chris and Dave will have a breakfast with him to let him know what they are expecting of him. DAN Moss asked if there is a long term plan to move to all internets (Sending Dick Nau one Paper Copy) Chris said max tried to do this but the housekeeping on keeping up with the email addresses!! This issue will be brought up with Ryan.

ARD- PROFICECY- JOHN MCGOFF

OEC- ROSE- John Vinning will be taking over- Rose will be moving to Division as an Auxiliary Advisor. (Report Submitted)- PNS- MRM- PAOLI- SNOWTRAILS- had Recert clinics. Rose will let all PRS know who is up for RECERT by the end of 2007. If the PR will vouch for an INST. Rose went ahead and recertified them. She does not recommend this, but she has done this. (If they were an asset)- if someone loses cert they need to attend a recert clinic and then once again go through the mentoring process or they could go through the ID class and Mentor, depending on the length of time of being uncertified. (MUST be re-certified every 3 years) There was a discussion on is there a guideline of exactly what we need to see in the recertification clinic.- Alida said that the focus needs to be what the outcome and then work your way back- putting it in writing (John Vinning will put together a "list" of subjects or points that you can choose to teach at the Recertification. OEC ENHANCEMENT SEMINARS- 2 at MRM Good Turn Out, Classroom Session, followed by a field session: Fee was \$10.00

SEM Clinic- Dec 1st – 2006 stats- national is having trouble with data base- hopefully soon national will update those numbers- PR's REGISTER your OEC Refresher w/ National. SENIOR AID ROOM Test administer- first one in the region!

Senior Auxiliary status- You can be an alpine patroller at a Local level, and on a national level they would be noticed as an auxiliary.

QA 2007- Will go around today an sign people up for OEC Refresher's or an OEC Class...

Budget issues- OEC spent a minimal amount- copies were done at Rose's place of employment. We have been keeping the budget down by sending Q&A people to near by areas... we need to start sending people to different areas but the money needs to be in the budget.

SEM- went well- was at MRM took about 80 people to put on.

SKI SCHOOL- Dan Moss- Report via power point. Almost had a profit (expect had a few t shirts left to sell!!)

ID- Alida-Talked about the introduction of the ID CD class. This was brought up for those who for time reason cannot make their areas ID class.- alida showed us the introduction to the e class. The cost of the class is \$50.00. Report Submitted-

Her concern about the class is losing the people to people contact as you get with the regular ID class. Alisa brought up that each patrol should purchase a CD this would allow the student to purchase the book for \$20.00. March 15-April 15 next year for the CD ID Course. Mentoring- until the person gets signed off in their field the mentoring should continue. Alida has put together a Mentoring Manual that she will be passing out at the refreshers. Asking the Patrols assign an ID contact- this person would be in charge of getting information out and to. At the Spring Meeting at the division, there is a STUDENT PRESENTATION in the ID Course.

SENIOR PROGRAM:-Report Submitted- End of February, small numbers- 6 people testing 4 took S&T, 2 took skiing only, Budget with the low number. This year we were more disciplined in our form signing offs. Application fees went up this year to \$25.00 as opposed to \$20.00 in past. Upcoming year S&T test may move to BM/BW this year.

We would also like a representative from each area as a contact for one person to pass on information! Hoping that we grow in this program. This year we had Linda Barthal from Division to give us some Q&A. Comments were very favorable. Date is on the calendar for Feb 23 but it is not set 100% for sure. Sandi Hammond suggested that the dates for the deadlines for the Senior S&T paperwork be put in the DOWNHILL as well. Chris asked about the Location of the SENIOR will be reviewed by the S&T Board- TOPIC DISCUSSION: Chris wanted to know what PD's thought about where the S&T would be held. Dave Baublien wanted to know about moving it the the weekend before. Janet said one issue would be the fact that they lap load their toboggan. Janet will do some checking into. Dennis wanted to know if by moving the program up and down the state. This would catch different patrollers to become more involved. Maybe moving the S&T every third year. BM/BW Issues with moving to presidents day weekend would be the lap loading.

Issue- Location

Issue- Date (FEB 23)

Doris mentioned having it on a Sunday- Would interfere with traveling, and the camaraderie.

PD's will go back to the instructors at own area and get some feedback, and get some suggestions and bring them to the PD retreat

TOBOGGAN PROGRAM- JIM BURNS- Report Submitted- The New TOBOGGAN release form Division. Alpine Valley asked how to get a TES Scheduled... Chris told him to put it on the schedule and they would settle on a date then. Take a look at the report. Division T&T will be the 8th and 9th.

CERTIFIED- GUY- Report Submitted- we put together A.C.T. Advanced Certified Training at PNS. Dan Moss 669 Rick King 671. Would like to see at least 1 certified patroller per area Patrol. 2009 should be back down to PNS.

Break: 2:17 pm

Back at 2:36pm

Doris Noe – PROGRAMS-

Avalanche- Kim- Report Submitted- Nothing else to report other than what's in the report. If you want to have a class- contacts Kim. Point of contact for each area. March 15 or 16th through 21st (Monday)

MTR- Ron Gerdes- Dave Zeager- Report Submitted- The MTR was held in March and had about 8 boy scouts, and some friends of patrollers. Talked about the 10th Mountain Division...donations. And the

AUXILIARY: PHYLLIS-not here- no report filed- Cindy Soter took and passed the first region Aid Room Module.

MEIDCAL- DAVE- No Report- Still waiting for people to ask Questions-Whatever reference you want- please let him know.

Dave Baumlien is very cantankerous.

Nancy- ELECTIONS- REPORT SUBMITTED nothing Else

Old Business:

Closing out old accounts- everything has been accounted for- what are we doing about the Northern Account- we are reporting it as a Write – off. (Expense) The less we have out there with the government, the better. Section Chiefs- when you do the recirculation this year, you will still get a tanle to use.

Tax Form Completed- Project is DONE!! Bev Appreciate's everyone's patience while all the the items were finished.

Investments are allowed in secure accounts. Common sense stuff- Region has CD'S. You will receive a 1099, but do not have to file it. Just be sure to file it in your records, for an audit. Government is cracking down and wants their tax dollars. Mary from Division might be starting to audit. It may go deeper... such as reaching into separate areas. They could use an outside accounting firm to assist Mary with accounting:

New People Coming On Board: Budgeting, we have bought tangible items for each advisors, which need to be accounted for. With your budget Bev will send out a Sheet for everyone to log all items are still here. This way we can log items, prove what we have and when they need replaced.

DUES INCREASE:

We are still not bringing in the money to host all the programs we would like offer. OEC advisor would like to receive reimbursement for travel expenses. Division is Definitely raising the dues \$3.00. Chris was thinking about \$2.00 or 3.00for region.

Dan threw out if we do a \$2.00 increase we may need to increase again next year. Instead raise up to 5 or 6.

National Dues: 35

Division 10

Region: 8

Would Go up to

National Dues: 35

Division: 13

Reigion dues: ???

This year we will probably show a profit but if we continue we will not have anything left in about 2.5 years.

889 people who paid dues

Greg suggested we make it \$4.00 that would make it \$65.00 base.

Daryl- concerned about raising cost because of his Nordic patrol don't get free lift ticket.

Sandi- What percentages do we see in kick backs- Mary goes over organizational chart and decides on the amount- depends on the staffing. Also hinges on the m getting the tax in.

TOM- what are other ways to get an increase in revenue without increasing dues,... where does the money go??

Doesn't have enough information in front of him to make a decision. Chris and Bev went over the budget, to show where the monies are going. Janet asked about a vote a year ago, that we would not entertain a dues increase until we got a little further depleted.. We looked at the minutes, and decided, that we should.

Rose suggested we could raise the cost of classes-

Do Area Managements help out?

Tom would like to push back the vote to the PD Retreat and in the interim get all the advisors to hand over a budget plan to see if a due increase is needed.

Bev- doesn't want everyone people to "volunteer" their expenses. Today someone today turned in 1200.00 in expenses, but decided to donate their expenses.

Dennis said we are not adequately budgeting for these programs

Dan would like to suggest a motion that we get the PR's all the information by the PR retreat and vote then.

Sandi brought to the tables that for OEC IT's need to be reimbursed for what they are spending because they are truly the heart of the Quality.

Chris said this might not even be an issue for the board.

This matter is tabled until the PD Retreat; BEV will be there to go over any questions.

The only way Bev can capture the donations is if they turn them in.

Rose stated she had not received any expense reports from anyone for the SEM.

Fall meeting will move to Sept 23rd.

Website- wants to put more information on the website- Once meets with Ryan things will begin.

Doris- wanted to thank Bev for all she does.

Meetings-

MSAA Chestnut Ski Area- AUG 4-8th.

Sept 7-9 Fall Division Meeting

Sept 23- Ohio Region Meeting

Spring 26th Ohio Region Meeting/Banquet 2008 Mad river
2009 APLINE VALLEY

Bob motioned we adjourn.....Seconed Janet Glaseor

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:15 PM