

**Fall Patroller Representative Meeting  
September 26th, 2004  
9:00 AM Liberty Twp. Powell Ohio**

Intro

Call to Order Chris Raudabaugh at 9:18 a.m.

Appointments

Parliamentarian – Jim Vickroy

Sergeant at Arms – Jim Burns

Roll Call Kim Hiser -

Announcements – section chief 01 is open, Dave Cobb to help. Chris will make an appointment. Other changes to come.

Agenda Additions - none

Proxy Announcements - none

Approval of Spring Meeting minutes – moved to later, New Business

**Division Meeting Report Chris & Others**

Bill Sachs was at the Division meeting. Talked about membership survey, satisfaction level was pretty high. Outside company had it's own set of questions, not necessarily tailored to NSP. Online payment for NSP dues was discussed. MSAA and NSAA concerned with the way patrollers refer to certain aspects i.e. the terrain park is not the trauma park, tubing hill is not the channels of death. Parkas and photos of such may pull us into lawsuits – are talking about smaller NSP crosses. An IRS issue has come up regarding mileage that folks are claiming in audits, the issue is the mileage is not NSP, but for the ski area a for profit entity. Lift passes were also considered as compensation. OEC considering delivering 6 scenarios that the IOR must use to standardize the program. Come up with a list of required chapters for course challengers. New magazine to focus on the OEC program, take the OEC content out of the Ski Patroller magazine. Bridge between OEC and EMT and discussion with the national registry. Ed Humphrey added that there will be OEC Enrichment seminars Distance Learning alternative, not a replacement for the traditional course, but available for certain circumstances for folks that are really spread out geographically. Mentoring program, pilot program for 2 years, now a national program still receiving scrutiny. OEC students may be able to take the National Registry, but in Ohio you can't become an EMT unless you complete the coursework. A Senior S&T manual was approved by National and a SEM Senior component will be added. From the Board meeting, regarding registration, make sure the confirmation forms get sent in. Due Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. This year there is just one

form not a 3 part form – so be sure to make copies. OEC delinquencies were also mentioned. Agreement packets. NSP-C and PSIA fees – unscheduled event fees were waived. Jay Z added that they are allowing NSP to participate without the outside fee charge. Jay also added that the unscheduled event fee waiver was just for our events this December – that was just a one-time deal. Toboggan – Dan Somalski needs copies of your logs if you are a toboggan IT. The T&T clinics are at Boyne Highlands Dec. 3-5<sup>th</sup> and Devil’s Head on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. As a region we get 6 spots plus our program administrators. There will be a PSIA event to get Ed credits – there are unlimited spots available. This year’s meeting will be a bit different in year’s past – more of a focus on the Senior manual. There are many good things in the Senior manual, Ohio region is so far ahead that it will not be a big deal – there are some good ideas. Jay asked if we are allowed to own equipment – we can own equipment for training. Try not to have assets. Low angle rescue kits just for training, LCD projectors, subsidize region and division events for your patrollers. Renaissance Center in Detroit next Division meeting.

**Treasurers Report** Bev Benzing – written report submitted – New position for Bev. Accounts have been transferred, information being wrapped up for the Division deadline in October. We had a positive cash flow of \$1245. Looks like we will run a deficit. We currently have \$39,6122, so deficit budget is supported. Everything will be carefully reviewed so that it makes sense. We want to promote programs. Dale mentioned that advisors listed have changed. Bev said they will be updated by the deadline. We need realistic data. All bills have been paid. Please submit any expenses to Bev.

**Confirm Ski Calendar** Max Davis/Kim Hiser  
Dale and Chris mentioned to Guy that we have a conflict with the Senior T&T at PNS and the Certified Clinic.

**Registration** Ed Raudabaugh – Ed distributed registration packets.

**ARD Line: Ed Raudabaugh**

Chris mentioned no fee changes for this year.

**Section 01** - vacant

**PNS:** Darcy Hanley – written report submitted. They have 13 new candidates and going to the red jackets and vests Everyone to change over by the 05/06 season. Mailer went out to all patrollers with their paperwork to reduce time spent at the refresher. JP program to be more ‘Kid friendly’

**Buckeye Nordics:** Carl Hilker – struggling to keep the patrol active, easier to destroy a patrol rather than create one. Only about 3 members, hoping Nordic fever to come back.

**Mad River Mtn:** Jim Vickroy – written report submitted – at MRM there are a few changes, our snowboard park is our cash cow. Last year the snowboard park was extended from the top to the bottom. The glade has been cleared so the park is much larger. A new terrain area just for the little ones, also a new area for the very young to keep them from getting run over by bigger skiers/riders. Registered 122, will have 135 a new high for MRM. Due to Observer program to get folks engaged during the winter, gets them involved in ski training. New recruiting effort wrapped around a print campaign, newspaper ads and flyers to be posted in firehouses and hospitals. Starting a leadership program to tap newer members, hope to evolve to a full leadership program. Bill Sachs said there is no National program but one is listed on the web. New identity program to encourage esprit de corp, new area patch and group identity. There are two logos, the area patch and the cross with the M. Working on connecting with our patrollers, throwing a couple of parties. Last year we had fall party and campout and it was a huge success. This year to open parties up to ski school who we have a close relationship. Having an alumni day to bring back as many former patrol members as we can. Hosting several region events this year, SEM, Instructor Update, ID, SES, Avalanche.

**Section 02** Janet Glaeser – New position – Northern Ohio will be dissolved and absorbed by BM/BW. Not being registered this season.

**BM/BW:** Bill Currier – Written report submitted. New position. Two refreshers, new format this year. Introduced a low angle aspect to the on the hill refresher. In process of OEC class. CPR at the end of this month. JP has a new person in charge, to be very active again this year. Fall ski swap and open house – long weekend of Oct 10-11, biggest fundraiser of the year. Not too much new at the ski area.

**Cuyahoga:** Daryl Knauss – not here. Janet said nothing to report. Refresher is November 6<sup>th</sup>, the last one in the region and is on a weeknight.

Northern: Bob Brode

**Section 03** Dick  
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**Clear Fork:** Ken Radke - 13 new candidates .First ski swap Steve's ski systems new in the area.

**Snow Trails:** Scott Kinnamon 6 new candidates. Mass casualty night event upcoming. New website to have their own identity. First time for a ski swap November 12. Have a festival type atmosphere. Improving JP program. 3 nights of night skiing. Two in January one in February. Will have 6 acres, have corporate sponsors for rails etc., kids can get on the website to submit their design the area.

**Section 04** Bob – OEC instructor refresher last Saturday, OEC refresher Oct. 3  
Tod Chapin couldn't make it – his mother passed away recently. SES  
scheduled.

**Alpine Valley:** Don Stamford – patrol growing again added 30+ patrollers,  
currently 74 patrollers Have 6 candidates this season and one transferring in  
from the Eastern division. OEC refresher Oct 3. Oct 15-17 Ski Swap. Area has  
made some changes, well groomed mogul field and an additional terrain park. 5  
new snow guns and a portable snow stick. JP program has 24 members this  
year. Website back up and running. AV is looking for a used chair lift – Freddie  
suggested to call BW.

**Big Creek/Cleveland:** Tod Chapin -

**Ohio Nordics** Steve Barbour – Patrol is still very strong. Trail duty at two parks  
and are working on service agreements, they have one. Need one with Lake  
Metro parks.

Scott asked about patrollers recommending skis to customers during a swap –  
many responded to not do it. Don Stamford suggested not taking any skis that a  
ski shop will not work on. Don Schumacher added, first don't recommend even  
on new equipment. May want to post a sign that the equipment was on  
consignment and is sold as is. May offer general information on shape vs  
straight, but don't recommend specific equipment. Caution your people on that.  
Ed R. added to make sure you have good security to make sure stuff doesn't  
walk out the door. The current rate at MRM is 15%, BM is 20%. Janet added  
that the receipt has a disclaimer on it and to have equipment checked. Dale  
added to make sure that you put signs up that all sales are final. Went to video  
security last year and actually caught someone.

Break at 10:45 for 9.5 minutes.

Resume at 11:07am

We are going to break for lunch at Noon – make sure you get a copy of the Op  
Manual proposed changes.

Voting members are Mad River and BM in addition to ARD's

**ARD Administration: Dave Cobb**

Dick Nau – 4 National appointments and 2 DSA's

9998 Rick King, 10000 Doris Noe, 10002, Chuck Raming

DSA Arvo Erickson, John Buckenroth (non member)

A sponsor for a DSA or National must hold an appointment. Section 03 attaches  
a sign up sheet of section panel members that concur with the recommendation.

Must be approved by this panel – other sections not going through a section  
review process. Show the C- number needs to be on the form. Section 04 was

urged to take a look at their roster. Long time since received any nominations from them. A meeting date will be set for the review board. Region review board for the 3 appointments. Region director, ARD, section chiefs, awards chair so long as they hold an appointment. Open session open to anyone who holds an appointment. 2/3 vote is required, board has veto power.

Region award discussed for medium sized patrol – was given as first runner up this year to Snow Trails.

Nominations need to be postmarked on or before December 1 and sent to Dick. Don't use your own homemade form – available on the National website. Make sure the formatting doesn't get messed up otherwise it will get rejected.

**Awards:** Rae Gommel/Greg Schoenman – Rae said we did a great job again next year. There were two outstanding awards in the nation. Gave out about 70 awards in about an hour at the Region banquet. Still some awards easy to have that were left on the table. Greg produced a workshop document. Greg has two packets for the workshop, an instruction manual on how to fill out awards, complete with examples and P&P sections. Can read through and benchmark from comments. Section Chiefs and PR's to pick up copies. There is a website link to make sure the forms are up to date. The big problem is that the form is not filled out properly or it is the wrong form. Rae to go over the score card. Write to the strength of the form – if the score card rates a section highly, give that section extra attention – work it up. This is why a workshop is important. Call Rae or Greg with any questions. Rae distributed a list of patrollers for each section complete with any National numbers and a place to make notes on who to groom. Let's do more. Get to awards to Rae before February 14 so Rae can return it with comments – if you wait until the last day Rae can't review it and return it to you for corrections or comments. They are sent out to different sections to try not to judge their own peers. Jan. 1 deadline for patrol write ups. Chris said If you can get the ball rolling now, rather than when the snow is flying you will save time and money not Fed Exing. Try to have an APR that handles awards rather than the PR. Give time to get the submission dressed up. Rae added that electronic copies are requested – much easier to deal with than white-out. Need to set up another awards workshop – Rae worries about attendance – folks are not showing up. Perhaps require judges to show up. Chris said PR's need to contact their awards folks to find out why they are not showing up for these workshops. Last one was late morning, break for lunch, break up after lunch. People put a lot of effort writing someone up and then losing out because of a simple mistake or omission. Each section chief to contact Rae with time and date and place to hold workshop. Very important to have the judges there – the section chiefs are selecting the judges.

**Alumni:** - open. Delma Robinson is the Division Advisor. Please let Delma know if you have any one in mind. Delma wants to commend MRM for having an Alumni Day. She urged other PRs to get in touch with their Alumni – get them involved. Give her any feedback with regard to the National Alumni program.

**Legal:** Don Schumacher – Since spring no developments. One personnel issue came up with one of the areas. Familiarize yourself with your P&P with regard to personnel, you should have a process set up that is comprehensive and written down. In the past have had some situations that became problematic due to lack of documentation. Resulted in litigation. Should lay out duties, what can be grounds for dismissal and appeals process. Do it in writing, inform them of their options. Your area has the final say in dismissal. Dismissal from your area does not mean dismissal from NSP. National policies have appeal process – may be problems if you tie your policies to Nationals. Let your section and region folks and Don know if you have an problems. You need to fully document accidents to protect your patrollers and patrol. Stuff needs to be readable etc. Policy we are not professional witnesses, skiing safety. Don't let your patrollers speak to the public or media regarding accidents. Should be discussed internally for quality control but do not disseminate. If a legal problem rears it's head, please contact Don by telephone, he can meet you in person if necessary. Let your area know if a patroller gets a sub peona, have your people call Don and he will try to reduce the stress involved with a deposition. Patrol reps have the right to accept or reject a new sign on based on patrol requirements and letter of recommendation from previous patrol. Be sure you document any rejection – make it relative to qualifications for patrolling at your area and related to patroller performance.

**Downhill:** Max Davis – Box of current issue of Downhill, problem with electronic distribution this time. Available on the web-site, but is a very big download due to the number of photos. Has a text only version available so you can make a choice. Give Max feedback. Prepared a special awards edition. Max apologizes for the delay in publication. Scott Kinnamon was mis-labeled in the Downhill. Using the NSP roster for the distribution, information gets updated immediately. Email addresses are a different thing, for some reason. There are anti-spam restrictions with some ISP's which restricts the number of email addresses that can be sent at once. Jay Zedak said you can send a broadcast email to entire patrol through NSP website. Max is not aware of any region Chris and Ed H. have access. Ed H. got 300 emails back that did not work from a Division e-mailing. Some were rejected by ISP's that did not recognize his address. Next edition is set to be sent out immediately following this meeting. If you have events or programs get them to Max or he can use general program information. There should be a web link. Special interest items are always welcome. A region roster was circulated for corrections.

**Historian:** Carole Cobb – recently received files from Anita, diligently going through archives – 5 drawers. Trying to get into electronic format so it doesn't take up so much room. As you go through archives of your patrol please send to Carole.

**Webmaster** Mark Fogt had to step down due to new job. Eric Johann. Darcy said instrumental in PNS's website. He will do a great job, very techy.

Adjourn for lunch for a half hour at 12:15pm  
Resume at 1:10pm

**ARD Proficiency:** Dale Grugle – In Spring Cheryl and Carol were co-advisors, Carol has stepped down. Cheryl has the job by herself. Still looking for an assistant for Cheryl. Dan Moss was appointed to Greg Schmitts assistant has moved to John McGoff's assistant. Greg will work with Jim Burns as his assistant. Jim V expressed concerned with the Senior Program Adv. Bill Harkins has echoed it. Bill has moved to Alpine Senior Clinic admin. Will move to approve the Senior manual later in the day. The Division used much of the Ohio program for the new Senior manual.

**OEC:** Cheryl Raudabaugh – A couple of key items, 5 main locations for refreshers, one or more Its assigned to each. There were 13 participants from the Ohio region at the Division meeting. Working with PRs on OEC delinquent records. Make sure you follow up. Kudos to MRM and PNS for no delinquencies. Ask the ITs to submit activity records for this year. Division wants to increase the role of IT s. MRM is hosting an instructor update in the afternoon. Open to instructors, IT s and those in the mentoring program. Cheryl needs to know how many will be attending. Also, if you want to take a more active role in the region please let her know. There is a SEM calibration in the morning, open to all, even candidates, may be used as a patient. Looking at changing the format of the clinic this year a bit and will be covered in detail at the SEM. Will need much help with the clinic this year. Deadline for the SEM is Nov 1<sup>st</sup> for sign up. Jim asked who fees and applications go to. To Cheryl for SEM and Bill for S&T. Fees were \$15 last year and will remain the same this year. To be an evaluator, you must attend once in 3 years. Need to get folks in for that in the next year. Cheryl will send out a list of IT s and Instructors to PRs for updates, but she does not want to collect the instructor teaching records.

**Alpine Senior:** Jim Burns – This year the date is February 12-13<sup>th</sup> at PNS. Greg said mostly a logistical challenge and getting an accurate count. Get the applications in a month in advance. The number of testers etc all required Can always withdraw after the region T&Ts. Dale prefers to have the names up front. Jay worries about people circumventing the pre-clinics. Much emphasis has been put on the pre-clinics in the new Senior S&T manual. Cut off date this year will be January 20<sup>th</sup> to Bill Harkins, this will give a few days after the last pre-clinic for folks to get their applications in. Chris asked about the focus of the calibration clinics. Greg said he would cover that.

**Alpine Toboggan Standards:** Greg Schmidt – Div. Clinic December 3-5 at Boyne Highlands mostly just region staff, may be some extra spaces available. Toboggan Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at PNS TES at PNS and will make one available up north. Calibration clinics are intended to pass down information, training standards from Division and calibrate the evaluators, teaching scoring and demos. You need to

come and be calibrated as an evaluator. Thirdly, it is a mini-clinic and use Senior candidates as guinea pigs in a mock clinic. Great opportunity for feedback for candidates. This year we have the new Senior manual and there are a few differences, as an evaluator you need to be aware of those by attending the calibration clinics.

**Certified:** Guy Day – Guy gave a 3-1 mechanical advantage anchor demonstration. The goal is to show folks how a low angle rescue is done. All four BM, MRM, PNS, areas have certified candidates. Serves the Certified program and the educational needs.

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> pre-qualification clinic at PNS, 14<sup>th</sup> at BM will be a mini session – everything except OEC and ski and toboggan. Evaluations at Nubs Nob March 3-6 for Certified. Guy asked the PRs to send anyone that may be interested in the Certified program. Applications to Guy by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Jay showed the Grigri, much safer than the behind the back belay device for chair evacuations. The Grigri however can be strung the wrong way which becomes an extreme hazard. There is another device, that can only be threaded one way making it more bulletproof, deflects friction and doesn't heat up as much. Petzel ID20 one is an S one is an L depends on rope size. 11 mil for the L, up to 13 mil you want to use the S. Retail for about \$160. BM area management recognized the safety aspects and had no problem with it. Guy would like to put together a low angle rescue kit.

**Senior Program Admin** Bill Harkins -

**Ski School** John McGoff – John reiterated what was said earlier about S&T, can they do it, can they see it and can they teach it. Encourage PRs to promote the ski school. Some new things this year with SES, integrate more fun. Gives a chance to do some teaching to Senior candidates. Would love to see a bunch of folks (trainers) up at the Division T&T. Happy to have Dan Moss on as assistant. Toboggan on Saturday Skiing on Sunday.

**ARD Programs:** Doris Noe –

**Avalanche:** Kim Garrett John McGoff distributed a written report. There are two courses registered. Dates are correct on report 29<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> dates in the Downhill are not correct. Level I is listed now is the Avalanche fundamentals.

**MTR:** Tony Snodgrass – Dec. mountaineering session. September had only 1 person. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> classroom at Snow Trails. December 11-13<sup>th</sup> MTR field session at Mohican. Cost is \$35 includes manual and a carabiner. Tony and Ron will come out to your area to teach Low angle rescue techniques. Deadline for classroom sign up is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Do not have to have the field session. Do mock S&R. Advanced session is scheduled for February. Will help put on programs for JPs. Deadline for the Advanced session is January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Auxiliary:** Phyllis Mauntel – hoping to include the aid room scenario at this year's SEM. Let Phyllis know if you have any Senior Auxiliary candidates.

**Medical** Dr. Gary Anderson – General and Trauma Surgeon, and with Dayton Fire. Wants to contact individual medical advisors from each of the patrols. PRs will send Dr. Anderson those contacts.

Break for 5 min at 2:10pm  
Resume at 2:24pm

**Elections:** Nancy Kohlrieser

Section 03 and 01 are up for elections Feb 25<sup>th</sup> nominations are due. Ballots are due by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Position papers by March 20<sup>th</sup>? Check date.  
Section Chiefs are two year terms and Region Director

### **Old Business**

Revision of Region Reimbursement for Mileage/Travel – Division rate is \$.32. Ed H. suggested following the Federal Guidelines for mileage reimbursement.

Dave Cobb so moved

**Motion to follow the Federal Guidelines for mileage reimbursement.**

Dale Seconded

Discussion followed regarding the effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup> from the federal rates posted in the fall. Rate is on the region expense form, can be updated each year. Should be reviewed every Spring for the next fiscal year. Current Federal rate is 37.5 cents.

Ed R. called the question on the discussion.

All in favor – **motion passed.**

Patrol Rep Retreat – will happen next year. Jim V. to pick a date by Spring meeting.

### **New Business**

**Motion to approve the minutes by Ed Raudabaugh, Second by Janet Glaeser**

All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Division Senior S&T manual – Ohio Region Senior S&T Evaluation

Dale Grugle **moved to approve the Senior Manual.**

Dick James Seconded

Dale gave some highlights of the manual. New policies are to only observe one candidate at a time on the toboggan. Going away from all day clinic evaluation to more of a morning clinic and afternoon evaluation. Other areas are doing a one day for pre-cert and the other day for evaluation. Recommended that a minimum one member at Level II PSIA or AASI be on an evaluation team. Imperative for evaluators to get to the pre-clinics. Should be on the website for candidates and evaluators. Jim asked if we would deviate from the manual. Chris said there will

be a clear notification to the candidate that they are now going to be evaluated. There may be an advocate too. Will announce who passed, have the whole group stay together with a wrap up session. They will actually get their pins if they have all their requirements and they pass the S&T and do an award presentation. The candidate is the clearing house for collecting all the records. Jim V. said we put the onus on the PR to know where there candidates are in the process.

All in favor **Motion passed.**

Proposal – Revision of Responsibilities and Qualifications of Auxiliary Advisor  
**Motion to approve the Revision of the Responsibilities and Qualifications of Auxiliary Advisor** by Bob Ayers.

Second by Doris.

Chris suggested that

**Jim V. motioned to amend that section 39.4 strike everything after the local area ski patrol uniform.**

Dale seconded

**All in favor, the amendment was passed.**

Janet G asked about the Aid Room Scenario in Sect 38.6. Ed said it is a separate module from SEM but could be the same day as SEM. Ed H said there were 3 options adopted by National.

Chris called the question.

**All in favor, motion passed.**

Proposal – Revision of Sections 50 – 54 of Ohio PnP for Ski School related changes.

50.4 fees have been raised

**Grugle motion to adopt the Sections 50-54**

Second by Jim V.

Discussion to follow. Bill H. said all the fees were raised

**Motion to amend 50.4 to Strike everything from associated clinic fees.** Ed moved, Dale seconded.

**All in favor passed.**

Janet suggested 50.5.4 remove all references to Senior Program Administrator. Chris said we need to table 50.2 since there are multiple references and needs to be reviewed. **Tabled until the next meeting**

**Dale withdrew the motion to adopt the Sections 50-54.**

Date of Spring Banquet – Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> Region Spring meeting and awards banquet at MRM.

### **Meetings**

National Appt Review Meeting - December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm Snow Trails – the afternoon of the SEM

2005 meetings

Spring Division Meeting, April 1-3, Chicago

Region meeting and awards Banquet, April 30 th – MRM

Fall Division Meeting, Sept 9-11, Detroit

Motion to Adjourn Dale Grugle seconded by Ed. R.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 3:21pm

### ***Summary of Motions***

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