

## Ohio Region Fall PR Meeting

Liberty Township Center

Powell, OH

September 22, 2002

Sign-In Sheet			
	Name	Region Duty	Patrol
1	Patty Lanum	Recording Sec.	MRM
2	Ed Raudabaugh	ARD – PROF.	MRM
3	Al Frank	ARD - Admin	BM/BW
4	Don Stamford	Patrol Rep	Alpine Valley
5	David Cobb	SC 01	MRM
6	Chuck Raming	PR	SRM
7	Rae Gommel	Awards	BM/BW
8	Jim Crowl	APR/APD	Snow Trails
9	Don A. Phipps		MRM
10	Cathleen Phipps		MRM
11	Ed Humphrey	OE & ID Admin.	PNS
12	Greg Schmidt	Alpine SR Clinic Adv	PNS
13	Dick Nau	NSP Appts Bd Chair	MRM
14	Nancy Kohlrieser	Elections Adv	MRM
15	Jim Vickroy	Sr Program Adv	MRM
16	Chris Raudabaugh	PR	MRM
17	Cheryl Raudabaugh	Ohio Reg Treas.	MRM
18	Max Davis	Downhill	PNS
19	Jane A Price	ARD Programs	CFV
20	Dick James	Section 03	CF
21	Jay Zedak	Ski & Board School	BM/BW

## Meeting Notes

Ed Raudabaugh calls meeting to order in place of Jim Woodrum.

Patty Lanum calls roll.

Max Davis makes request for updates to calendar being routed. Also, org chart being routed for updates

Ed R announced div meeting report - applause

Cate Phipps - had a great time at division meeting. Began Thurs afternoon, worked til midnight. Nice golf outing. 2 very large teams of broom hockey with no rules - 51 participants  
122 paid conf registration. 183 for Sat night banquet. Meeting rooms emptied about 1 o'clock  
Cate wants to thank all who helped. Every time Cate turned around someone was asking if they could help  
Cheryl will have financial report. We spent every cent

Ed's impression from patrollers outside the region - heard nothing but good things and those people are willing to complain. Wonderful event

\* Treasurer's report - Cheryl

1st page lists end of year balances. 2nd page shows how we did. Max and Cheryl worked out a format for the Downhill. Ended with 11000 in revenue and 8000 in expenses. Send email if you want detail from Cheryl

Balances are as of June 30. Now been depleted. Cheryl is finishing year-end report. If anyone is entering financials at a patrol level. Can't put negatives in receipt category. Conform to div set categories. Worst culprits are not present at this meeting. 3rd sheet is financial breakdown for div mtg. \$20000 event. Not all invoices are in yet so some numbers are estimates. Overall the numbers should be close. Region budget - there are no budgets available for alpine ski school or other org. Pls correct if estimates are incorrect. Region budget would result in \$843 for the year. This is much closer than last year's budget where budgeted loss was several thousand dollars. Any questions? This is the busy time of year for Cheryl's region duty.

Ed asked about status of Max's calendar. Max - pls keep it routing.

Ed R explained the status of the new medical advisor. It appears that the position will be offered and accepted.

Ed is going to jump around the agenda a little to accommodate some people's other commitments. Asks Jay to proceed so that he can get to his 3-hour drive to next activity

Jay wants to let everybody know about the website. Got division to pay for another year of the Ohio Region Ski School. [www.nsp-cskischool.com](http://www.nsp-cskischool.com) anybody in the Ohio o Region who is a patroller can go to this site to arrange for a free lesson. Jay doesn't know if any other group is taking advantage of the div piggyback web site policy. Jay brought hats for sale. Jay is not going to generate materials anymore (handbooks) he suggests people go directly to PSIA for handouts. In addition to help cut region costs, ski enhancement seminars can be offered in-house. So instead of us at region level or patrol level having to pay PSIA \$220 for an instructor, we can offer the seminars and reinvest monies for instructor to our own levels rather than pay PSIA division. We are not in competition with PSIA instructors for hire by the public. We are not bootlegging the PSIA information. John Scoff and Jay have put together a schedule for putting on ski enhancement seminars. Local areas can still pay for PSIA Ed. Instructors to come to an area., but know that John and Jay will be coming to areas.

? (green/blue/red shirt) PNS is currently providing prep clinics.

Jay good for PNS. PNS has approximately 22 PSIA instructors in the patrol.

In response to Jim V's question about matriculate or capitulate into more people being able to offer PSIA services.

Ed asked Jay to expand on the name change from cafeteria-style clinic to ski enhancement seminar and the benefits to the patroller.

Jay looked around the room and estimated that 80% of the meeting attendees have taken advantage of cafeteria-style clinics. In the past, the clinics were self-directing to apply to the custom needs of attendees. In the future, the clinics will satisfy prescribed requirements. Note also that Ski enhancement seminars can be used as senior requirements. Jay has been investigating whether attendance at a ski enhancement seminar is a requirement for maintaining senior status. Jay has not been able to find thorough evidence of such a requirement. Jay did talk to Bob Good about this requirement. Goode told him that he thought that frostying at the senior level was sufficient. Also we are moving toward scheduling seminars in advance so patrollers can look forward to the event.

Ed R

Al Frank says he has never seen in print anything that separates seniors and basics for frostying.

Max suggests that the place to look it up is in the current policies and procedures.

Jim V found a reference in the Ski Patrollers Manual - senior frosty on senior rated hill required every 3 years.

Jay noted that person doing frostying for a senior should be a senior.

Max asked if seminar could count for frosty. Jay indicated that he is totally separate from anything to do with a toboggan. Layton's jurisdiction includes toboggan.

Jay - current fee for all day level 3 seminar is an incredible \$15. Charging this amount is the way for the ski school to make money/break even for the region

Jay - Boyne event. Jay in recent years has been posturing to allow additional people to be invited to this event. Division want the regional staff to be invited so that info can spread back to local patrols. Since not all regions end up sending staff so eventually more spots for the Ohio region open up. However, at this time we can only send 2. He'll keep us posted as to open spots. If you want to go to Boyne and get on the snow in early December, then be aware that there is a PSIA level exam to be offered at the same time. Although the Ohio region has 66 ski school instructors but the majority of those don't have any level of cert. Joel Epstein is accepting registrations until Nov. 15. Joel is advisor for the northern Michigan region. Another attendee noted that written exams must be out of the way, too. Jay did not recommend jumping into a level 2 exam without gaining ski legs.

Chuck - asking whether ski enhancement seminars have been reimbursed for travel. Jay responded that in the past they have always had good support. Jay is considering more strictly enforcing pre-reg and possibly charging more for late registration. In the past \$75 was committed to an instructor. Jay did not support this reimbursement. Jay would like to offer 14 cents per mile for travel reimbursement Jay has not charged the region \$75 in the past. Only one person has ever been reimbursed the \$75 - John Cole.

Ed R excused Jay from meeting.

Ed R wants to go to section patrol updates.

Dave 01

Dave thought Frank was going to be here. Greg Schmidt is aware that Frank is tied up with a family matter and will not be present. Ed H did not have too much to offer in way of PNS status.

Chris - wants to springboard the candidate class by encouraging those who cant' be candidates to be ski hosts at the area. Chris is planning to offer an instructor development course for PNS and MRM at this facility. Chris is proud of the work the Phipps' did for the div. Mtg. Our oec class is maintaing numbers but the names have changed. MRM is improving the area but maybe not as much as in the past. A new rental building is going in. The old rental building is going to sit empty since plans are to move chairlifts closer to lodge. Cheryl is running SEM prep course beginning in Oct. If other patrols want to send SEM candidates, email Cheryl first but pls feel free to send them. BOG is up and running successfully. Takes care of

Dave asks for Chuck's update on Spicy status. Chuck did not anticipate the ski portion of the area being purchased by Clyde Perfect as occurred this weekend. Clyde has not committed to using the land as a ski area. As a result, Spicy patrollers are still in limbo. At this point, chuck is assuming the spicy patrollers will operate at other areas as last year. Chuck is working to firm up Nov 8 date for refresher. Since it is a late date in the region, patrollers who miss their own OEC refreshers can attend. Location is not yet set. Spicy currently has about 22 active patrollers. Spicy has discussed their inventory and what their board wants to do with the equipment. They have beds and sleds. Chuck and Jim W talked about auctioning the materials within the region and putting the money in savings for the patrol in case the patrol becomes active at Spicy in the next couple years. Another option is to put equipment in storage for a couple years but finding storage is an issue. Chuck is open to input and discussion on this subject.

Greg Schmidt is giving PNS status from memory. New tubing park is being added. A new gladed area between center stage and tough enough. New groomer and more snowmaking being added.

Ed R asks about Section 02

Freddie is not here.

Rae says that as far as he knows BMBW is the only swap in town this year. Jane did say that Brandywine's swap will be at Boston Mills this year. Max also noted that AV east of Cleveland has a swap on the calendar.

03 Dick

Mark Reisdorf of Clearfork asked Jim Crowl to relay date info to be added to the region calendar. In other Clearfork news, age 13 to 17 patrollers' kids are going to be invited to join a junior "snow patrol".

04 - Bob Ayers is not here. Don Stamford of AV has nothing to add but the events already on the calendar. Will have a pro night.

10 minute break

Note that previous meeting minutes need to be amended to name John McGoff as Ski School NSP-C Assistant Director and Jay Zedak as Director.

Ed R moved to next item on the agenda. Ed R passed out registration packets for those who want to forward them to their respective patrols. Takers for all packets.

Ed R moved to Greg Schmidt for Sr Clinics

Greg - at end of clinics last year, clinic organizers got together and talked about consistency in training and evaluation for and at clinics. Concluded that evaluators need to become more standardized. Emails floating around talking about possible ways to get there. Continue to push PSIA cert as framework for standardizing skiing. Currently about 60% of ski evaluators have some level of cert. This year, the clinic will be held Feb 8/9 at PNS. Put on calendars.

Jim V asked if evaluators will be ski or toboggan or one or the other (or both.) Greg answered that PSIA has no influence in toboggan. In the past, it seems to be do it to your own satisfaction. So we will continue to allow patrollers without PSIA to evaluate toboggan clinics.

Jay has a question. Would it be fair for the different trainers around the region to require their candidates to achieve a student level 7 before going to the Sr ski clinic? Student level 7 description read by Jay.

Greg indicated that the description sounds good but wondered if Jay had a plan for screening candidates.

Jay thought that just stating this level would allow students and evaluators to read the description in existing literature and thus help achieve consistency. Jay provided Greg with a copy of the student level 7 description. Jay does not want to promote this concept unless Greg agrees with using the description. Greg is in agreement so Jay will go forward with spreading the word about the region.

Ed R described that sometimes Sr candidates arrive at the clinic totally unprepared. This reflects back to the patrol level. It certainly helps that the information is being taken to the patrols.

Greg reminds us that someone is supposed to sign off preparedness for the Sr Clinic.

Jay asked a PR from another region how they decide whether a candidate is ready for the Sr clinic. The response Jay got was "I've been teaching skiing for xx years..." Ultimately the PR told Jay that he taught "stuff". Jay expressed his wonder where the "stuff" was written down. The PR also told Jay that the PR waits to get the candidate in the clinic and then teaches the candidate the way they want them to perform.

Firecall over intercom

Rae wonders how grandfathering of evaluators is handled. New faces invited to invade the good ol' boys at division level - does this really get enacted? Jay indicates that that is Jim W's argument to bear. Keating told Woodrum that he can implement new blood and new attitude at the region level but doesn't need to enact at the division level. Woodrum told Keating that he doesn't need division then.

ED R called for Ed H's OEC Report

\* Ed H announced schedule updates and noted conflicts. Dec 21 is the Sr OEC Clinic date to avoid conflicts. Dec 7 was considered a bad date but since only 2 people are involved, maybe Dec 7 is ok.

Al Frank suggested setting the date and then letting Jim Woodrum be the final say. Ed R indicated that Dec. 21 is bad date but that is probably the date that will have to be. Ed R does not have a feel for conflict for examiners going to Boyne Dec. 7. Jim V noted that we have always ended up sending more than 2 to Boyne. Jay noted that maybe 2 is going to be more enforced this year to accommodate the actual limits of the instructors.

Ed R decides that Ed H, Jim W, and possibly getting info from Freddie will make the final date decision as to SEM date. If Dec 7 then Chris says it can be at MRM?

Chuck Raming's experience is that there is not that much conflict for evaluators when pitting OEC against Skiing/Toboggan. Chuck suggests that the conflict should not affect the scheduling of these two events.

Ed H continues with his OEC report. This summer, Ed H read and wrote the instructor manual for 5 chapters. Thus our region got some notoriety and input into this process.

Ed R read from Laytons toboggan clinic article to be included in the next Downhill.

Ed R has heard from Bob Rosselot regarding certified status. He did not respond to meeting email nor provide a report.

Rick King not here but Jene has dates for MTR events including events Dec 7/8.

Jane also reporting on Avalanche for Dale Grugle. He is planning to offer Avalanche Awareness 1 day classroom sessions at various locations and dates around the region. Awareness students will then gather for a single field session. Advanced avalanche candidates should express their interest to Dale.

Barb Hartmans' Nordic advisorship has been absorbed. Dr. Struble's service will be recognized. New medical advisor is being recruited.

\* Rae distributed results of last year's awards apps. We do a great job. We could do a better job. Whatever you, do not miss a deadline. Do not sign any awards forms that are not dated 8/02. All other forms are out of date. Last year a 50-year award was given to Karl xxx. This year we have a 40-year recipient. Hardest info to get is when did a patroller get his senior. Research early. Start early. The only pay you have to give your patrollers is awards. Ed R passed on that Jim W wants outstanding patrol apps in Rae's hands by Jan 1, 2003. An update can be done by deadline. Rae gave thanks to Jim V that every form is now available on the web site. Only thing not available is patroller profile. Awards are not tougher but they are different. Point spread has changed. Writing to new heavy point values will probably succeed. Rae indicated that he wants all awards except for outstanding patrol in to him Feb 15th rather than Feb 22. Rae emphasized that can't change the form and can't alter the font size to fit in space. Add sheets as indicated.

Al Frank indicated that we have no alumni advisor. He solicited candidates for this position. Anita Gerstle, historian, has nothing to report. The only time Al has seen her is when she received her National.

Max makes a proposal to begin publishing the September Downhill immediately after the Fall Region PR Meeting. He asks for a change this year and in the spring formally make change to policies and procedures. Ok with Ed R.

Jim V wants extra time in the agenda. Granted but his portion is moved to after lunch.

Dick Nau - all the nominations for 2001-2002 have been processes. Ken Rose - Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations to Dick James and Darryl Knauss for their nationals appointments. Dick N. reminds that DSA is available to patrollers, non-patrollers, and organizations for long standing service to the NSP. Critical that instructions are followed. Last go round, Dick received nominations handwritten and on computer generated but non-standard form. Problem this year as always is in DSAs submitted and approved through improper channels. Dick's signature is required but was not included. All nominations for National Appts must be postmarked by Dec. 1. Dick does scrutinize postmarks. Reminder to Section Review Panels. Section Review Panels should carefully screen for proper information. Dick likes what Section 03 does. It includes an extra sheet of paper to show date of Section Review Panel and signatures of all on panel. The only other thing is to possibly set a National Appointments Review Board meeting date. Ed R says go ahead to establish a meeting date. Dick reminds that an extra date causes extra trips away from family but combining with another meeting shortchanges review process especially for names that come later. Ed R suggests not combining with events such as Senior Clinic. Dick asks for an appropriate date to be proposed today since more than half of review board is present. Dick suggests setting meeting such as to allow more than 45 days or 60 days for processing by national. Dick also wants 15 copies plus the original with original clearly identified. Dec. 14, 2003 proposed. Dave Cobb will not be able to attend therefore Key Bank in Cols is not a possible location. 10:00 am time set. Location will be Gorman Rupp. Sunday, Dec 15, 2002 at 10:00 at Gorman Rupp/Mansfield is final selection. Dick James will make arrangements for Gorman Rupp.

Ed R requested Nancy's election report. 2003 will hold elections for Section 0-1 Dave Cobb's and 0-4 Bob Ayers' positions.

Lunch break

Note to request status and routing of the updated calendar and org chart when meeting reconvenes.

Ed R asks for any more changes to org chart? Sign in sheet?

Jim V begins presentation on web site. Handouts are sample pages from new and improved web site which is up and running as we speak. Main change aside from graphics is that there is now a members section which requires a login and a public page, which does not. The plans are to eventually include a records

area with private information. User names are 6-digit NSP ID numbers. The password is your first initial as registered with National concatenated with the first up to 7 digits of your last name. Passwords cannot be changed at this time. Jim V can change your password if you call him.

www.ohionsp.org is still the address. Jim wants to keep laypeople non-patrollers from signing up for SEM. Jim asks that Prs advocate use of this site by patrollers. Encourage use.

With this new web site, Jim is now able to do things for the senior program online. Jim uses this lead in to give Sr Program status.

On the web site, Jim has a most recent event info in a popup box. Policies/Procedures for Ohio Region. Staff Roster included. Calendar reformatted to look more like a calendar at the request of several within the region who sent Jim feedback. Links to more detailed information. Program advisors should work to provide content for the Ohio Region web site. Staff page is kinder and gentler org chart. Jim is working toward getting everybody's photos. Al, Ed, Dave, Dick, and Nancy's photo shoots requested today.

12 red crosses are hot links on map of Ohio. A page is dedicated to each patrol/area. Several patrols have their own websites Spicy, AV, MRM, PNS, Snow Trails, etc., Jim requests that patrols email him their patrol page addresses. Space is allocated here so either send address or send content for Jim V to include. There is a link to a form for public visitors to request info directly to patrols. Jim asks that Prs delegate a web contact to handle these requests at each patrol.

There is an online version of the senior application. A procedural change will have to happen to allow these onlines. Jim will need to receive at least a return email with PR approval. Jim will have to forward the application or notification of app to the PR and have him or her reply. Jane wants to know why Jim thinks this format will be easier. Jim's answer is that the form cannot be submitted without all required information. Also, Jim can respond to online apps more quickly. Paper apps are still allowed.

Patty privately committed to Chris Raudabaugh that she would follow up with preparing Tom Knickerbocker's injury with a nomination for a "cross" NSP award. Email to Chris that I have not forgotten this commitment. Go about getting information by asking Chris for Tom's archived email describing his injuries. Also talk to Tom's spouse for info including doctor's note if required.

Jim will also be accepting online payments via PayPal. Paypal is used by Ebay. This results in fast turnaround for app and payment. If there is a fee by PayPal, plan to have applicant pay fee. If the candidate is not approved by the PR after he/she has already paid then Jim will be able to return money via Paypal. Greg suggested that Jim also notify the senior coordinators at patrols to keep them and Prs informed of applicants. Jane still has questions about catching the PR and keeping him in the procedural loop. Greg suggested a checkbox for each patrol rep so that apps can automatically be copied. Jim is assuming the role of the senior coordinator at the region level. Jim wants to accept up until 2 weeks before a clinic for all paperwork and appropriate fees to Jim V.

Max suggested that the web site be a good place to provide Powderfall registration from the Ohio Region. See an article in this Downhill about the event.

Ed R brings us to the end of my agenda.

Ed R expresses his desire to defer approval of the minutes of the last meeting to the next meeting since minutes were just handed out at beginning of meeting today. He likes to have more time to review them.

Dick Ike is a former MRM patroller who is returning to MRM's active roster.

Steve at MRM helped us acquire use of this facility through his direct connections. Chris made specific arrangements for this meeting.

Ed R motions to adjourn. Many in favor.