



**Spring Ohio Region Meeting
April 30th, 2005
9:00 AM
Mad River Mountain**

Call to Order Chris Raudabaugh,
9:44 am

Chris said we lost some patrollers recently Bill Currier, Carl Kocisis passed away. Tony Snodgrass the MTR Advisor passed away from a heart attack. His wife Sarah was on the MRM patrol.

Appointments - none

Parliamentarian – Jim Vickroy

Sergeant at Arms - -Ron G

Roll Call Kim Hiser

Board of Governors members in attendance for Roll Call were: Chris Raudabaugh, ARD's: Ed Raudabaugh, Doris Noe, Dave Cobb, John McGoff. Section Chiefs: Bob Smith 0-1, Janet Glaeser 0-2, Dick James 0-3. Voting PR's: Jim Vickroy 0-1, Bill Currier 0-2, Ken Radke 0-3. Others in attendance (from the sign-in sheet) were: Freddie Shima, Dave Zeager, Scott Kinnamon, Bev Benzing, Kim Garrett, Carole Cobb, Nancy Kohrieser, Dennis Maslar, Guy Day, Ron Gerdes, Yvette Gerdes, Don Schumacher, Max Davis, Todd Vermilya, Don Noble, Delma Robinson, Dick Nau, Bill Currier, Bill Harkins, Greg Schoenman, Rae Gommel, Cheryl Raudabaugh, Rose DeJarnette, Darcy Hanley, Jay Zedak, Kim Garrett, C. Richard Ike, Kim Hiser.

Announcements

Chris asked Bob Smith since the last meeting to fill out the Sect 01 chief. Bob Ayers resigned Sect 04, Kurt Tenerove to finish out the term.

Dick Ike has agreed to take over the Alumni position – did a great job with the MRM Alumni event.

Agenda Additions - none

Proxy Announcements - none

No other Proxies

Approval of Fall Meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Ed Raudabaugh, Bill Currier seconded. Approved

Division Meeting Report Chris

Mark Dorsey Assoc Direct of NSP – spoke at the Central Division Meeting about NSP identity, software updates. Online registration and payment, sign up for courses online. Should find out more in the fall. The goal is to have better services. Many commented that they hope NSP does not mandate online payment. Dick reiterated that some are not into the computer age. NSP identity, in general there was a patroller involved in a lawsuit not because he did anything wrong, but pictures were taken of the patroller in uniform and in the patrol room. So NSP's knee jerk reaction was to pull the name off the crosses. Don S. said NSP has to get a grip and realize that they cannot possibly insulate themselves from every possible problem. We live in a world where things happen. Bad people do things to good people. Don said it is a cost of doing business. There were many folks that agreed with Don. Chris said he and Jim Woodrum agree that we need better representation. There is a disconnect between the board and the people they represent. Chris has a May 20th deadline for submission of ideas on how to improve the communications between National.

New website OEC-online.com – probably has to do with the online OEC class – Janet said everything except the practical is currently online.

Be sure to submit items to the Rusty Parka, deadline is 1st of July.

Avalanche II class Feb 4-11.

Boyne STW – date not set yet.

Sexual harassment issue was brought up at the Women's clinic – make sure folks on your patrol are aware of issues. The women apparently also felt there was no recourse.

Eastern Region did a presentation – walked around Downtown winter event in their patrol uniforms and worked the event. Rose D. asked about how they dealt with liability issues. Chris suggested they may have had a service agreement. Don S. said generally we should be covered under the good Samaritan laws, he also said there are some funky items however.

Risk Management – ghost tail situation was discussed. A solution, person riding could hang onto the rope – roll out and hang onto the rope.

Chris mentioned to John McGoff – need some Senior evaluators to QA other region events. Chuck Martschenke is trying to get a handle on what the insurance coverage at local ski areas and how it is going. You should have a candid discussion with your local area manager. Have them make you feel comfortable that you are covered.

Fall meeting in Detroit – looking for volunteers to help – let Chris know. Sept 9-11. Doing a collage of area patches – if your area has one they would like one.

Big meeting for all patrol reps and deal with insurance issues and issues that we have with National (this in addition to the Sunday morning breakfast).

Div – Elections and Nordic supervisor positions are open – if you have someone let. \$10 support for active members of NSP-C.

Approved another rendition of the Senior manual, particularly the SEM part. The OEC people should be able to download from the website. It is up to each region on how they run it – to help with resource management you can cap the number of candidates.

Alaskan Powder Blast Jay Zedak – will be presented later

Circulate Calendar Max Davis/Kim Hiser

Chris & Cheryl - Try not to pile up all the refreshers on the first weekend of October.

Chris is moving up Administration after Proficiency on the Agenda. Dale Grugle has retired from ski patrolling. John McGoff has accepted the position of Proficiency.

ARD Proficiency: - John McGoff.

OEC: Cheryl

Written report submitted. First year as advisor. Rose DeJarnette has accepted the position as OEC assistant. Biggest thing is quality assurance, both from National and Division. Our IT program hasn't been very active moving outside of our local area. Currently recruiting IT's to help out. 5 OEC courses currently – need minimum of 5 IT's to attend classes – at least the final and one other session. Held the first OEC instructor recertification at MRM. Instructors are required to attend one in 3 years – Ohio has been lax in the past in requiring those. SEM clinic was pretty successful – 24 participants, 18 passed. Changed the format to a one person test, also the same format approved in the new Senior manual. Will probably mandated in the future. Bob Smith said some candidates had to sit around for a really long time. Cheryl said evaluations will still be done at the end of the day, so some folks will have to wait a long time so they may want to bring a book. It takes over 100 people to put a program together for just 24 candidates. She will cap the exam at 24 and will have a waiting list if there are more. This year's event is at Dec. 10th at Brandywine. The fee this year will be \$20. Cheryl said that maybe only 50% of the candidates were known by the deadline. This might be the incentive to get their applications in on time. Cheryl is open to input – if you think we should open it to 30 – the patrols will have to guarantee that they will provide enough support to get 150 people there to help with the clinic. Ron asked if there was anyway to use the candidates that are sitting around all day. Cheryl said this year some of the folks will be scheduled – so they may not have to show up until later when they are scheduled. Fee for Senior S&T is currently \$15 per event. Bev encouraged advisors to look at their budgets. Ron G. asked if candidates for SEM could sign up for a certain time. Cheryl has a copy of the Senior manual if you can't get it online. ID classes are region events – if you have one – you need to let Cheryl know and she also needs the course completion forms. Get the dates and times published. Happy to work with any of the areas with any questions you have.

Break for 10min at 10:49, resume at 11:11

Alpine Senior: Bill - Written report submitted. Senior S&T held at PNS – warm conditions, rain, 30 candidates. Dan Somalski provided QA from Division. There were 3 snowboarders this year. Thanks to Darcy and staff for great event. This year started transitional process with the event. We are one of the only in the division doing a two day event. Saturday morning was a training event. 67% pass rate overall. Calibration clinics were held, one in north, one in the south. John, Greg and Jay put on some really good events. 30 Evaluators helped out on the event and Bill thanks those folks for taking a weekend off to help out. There were 3 mentors who will be participating in the evaluation process next year. Next year the S&T event will be Feb. 11 2006 a one-day event at PNS. John McGoff said a one-day event might not be possible with the high number of candidates that we have here in the Ohio region. There was a lot of good feedback from this past years format. Chris asked to make sure that the candidates know that they should be ready to go – the clinic time would be minimal. Dan Moss said they may do the exam then clinic. Bill said there were plenty of SES's prior to the S&T for candidates to get outside evaluation and clinic time. Need to make a decision at the fall meeting. John said lets put it on the calendar as a 2-day event – nice social event as well. Guy said we also need to consider the impact we have on the local ski area with a 2-day event. Darcy said there is a huge demand on the number of sleds used. She also said they would continue to feed everyone. Bill suggested that perhaps getting the tobogganing in the morning when it is not so crowded.

Certified: Guy

Written report submitted. Guy said a great year – prequalification clinic at PNS. Dan Moss and Tom Tavenner from MRM joined the program this year. Ohio has a strong impact on the Division program. Tom Worley was recertified, Jay Zedak qualified in both snowboard and ski. Put together low angle rescue kit.

Next year's event is in Marquette. Another pre-qualification clinic will be offered in Jan at PNS and a boot camp clinic in December. Manual is available online.

Alpine Tob Stnds: Greg

Greg Schmidt –submitted a written report. Greg was unable to attend. Goals to calibrate the evaluators, Improve everyone's toboggan handling abilities. Division Clinic at Boyne was well represented by the Ohio region. There were two T&T clinics. Dan Somalski came to provide QA, he wanted our toboggan evaluators to provide demos. He also, didn't care for the varying conditions on the two-day event. The ski area could be very busy and it could take all day to get everyone through the test. There were 3 TES events.

Ski School: John

John McGoff – worked this year with all the patrols. The level of skiing has gone up over the last 5 years. Dan Moss will take over the ski school. There are 71 instructors, 3 Level II AASI, 6 AASI level I, 4 PSIA Level III, 23 Level 2, 35 level I instructors. There were 180 patrollers that attended the formal events. PSIA preps at PNS. New Senior program this year – not a clinic but a test. The ski school has had an impact on the success rate. Video analysis was utilized and hope to add a helmet-cam this year. Took in \$2240, expenses of \$1450, money to go back into fund the video equipment. Focus for 2005-2006 will be towards Instructor Development, add new certifications and grow at the local level. Prepare the Senior Candidates for success, hope to have better success rate with skiing. Chris said the Patrol reps should revisit their candidates with the skiing – better be careful who you sign off on. This past year there was a sign off sheet – added another layer to the administration. Bill still got last minute applications. There should be a two week minimum. He had 4 applications out of 30 on the date of the deadline. Trainers and testers had to be readjusted. This year the cut off date is going to be a hard fast rule. The last SES is the weekend before the S&T which is too late. The candidate may have to take an earlier SES. Bill said if they are not ready – they can always cancel. The sign off sheet needs to be in prior to the SES. Chris said they should make it clear to the candidates that if they decide in December, they may not necessarily pass this year. Dan Moss said some of the issues lie with the areas that don't have the Senior rated ski area and the sign off sheets.

Senior evaluator mentors – PR's nominate those folks, please don't wait until the last minute to try to squeeze folks in and put the S&T advisors on the spot. Have them come to the STW's and be observed. John showed the score sheet of the evaluators and the high levels of qualifications that we have. One ski evaluation team had 4 candidates that should not have even been there – make sure there is a PSIA

hopefully level II person sign off on these folks. For toboggan, have a toboggan IT who is also a Senior evaluator.

Bob Smith asked others if there has been a backlash on the emphasis on the skiing and focus away from the other aspects of patrolling. Bob clarified that there seems to be a core of folks that are put off by all this attention to the skiing. Rose said some folks feel left out. Doris asked if we wanted good first responders or do we want to have beautiful skiers. Jim said our local area management - the public sees us as the professionals - if you have patrollers skiing down the hill in a wedge, the public doesn't view it favorably. Jim said we can improve the overall patrol by attrition. Ken asked what Dan Somalski thought - the folks that were performing to the standard were fine. Darcy also mentioned there are new techniques with the newer equipment and we are talking about patient safety and getting folks down the hill safely. Don Schumacher said there is a perception with the program - be sure not to alienate those folks that are not Seniors. Dick Nau gave a historical perspective on a Senior test held at MRM with 29 candidates in 1979 that started in the evening.

Legal: Don

Don S. said legally not much going on - one personnel issue that they are working on at the Division level. Make sure you have comprehensive policies on what is expected and what your disciplinary actions are. Have a disciplinary process, should be in line with area policy. You are going to have problems making any actions stick if you do not have one. Appeals process may be in conflict with national policies. People with deficient hours or do things that reflect poorly on the patrol. For dismissal issues make sure you document that the Patrol performance in direct conflict with national policies and procedures.

Break for lunch for 45 min. at 12:26pm

ARD Administration: Dave Cobb

Awards:

Rae/Greg -Written report submitted - there are 147 awards to be given tonight. There are about 50 people registered. What can we do to improve the awards program? What do we like about it? Service awards. Do you like to have your people recognized? What would you like to have that we don't have? We are not driving our folks to the award banquet. Darcy says there are collisions with dates and times, proms, kid stuff other commitments. Perhaps attending to family things that were put off during the season - not that people don't want to be there. Rae says it is a top down relationship. Nancy K. said the collection of historical data can be difficult. National has a patrollers profile form that should be updated every year. Rae emailed it recently to everyone. Jim Vickroy says the national database is a collection of a hodge-podge of information. Rae said there is an entirely different database that houses the Senior information. Janet said the most difficult information to collect is the non-patrol type stuff. Rae says the profile form has a place for the individual to list that sort of stuff. Rae has offered to come to the patrol or the section and never had any takers. The process involves gathering, collating, sending out to 3 diff. Judges, getting them back and then having a meeting with the board. Deadline to division is usually the first week in March, but it changes from year to year. Guy said with electronic submission it should be much easier. Rae said there may be issues with scanning. There are processing times on the forms of about 45 days. Rae said to get good people on the list now for awards for next year or the year after. Start doing the research on these people now, not the night before they are due. Get the mechanism for awards rolling now.

ACTION ITEM for PR's - Chris wants all PR's to have a sheet of paper with the contact person for awards and a list of the awards that they plan to nominate their people for submitted by the fall meeting. Section Chief and two other people plus an alternate are the judges. The section Chief appoints. Chris recognized Rae for all his great work.

Downhill: Max

Written report submitted - There were only 3 *Downhills* this year. Emailing is still a problem. Max suggests a contact person at each patrol distribute the announcement that a new issue has been posted.

Historian: Carol

Continue working with files and try to make them useful. Currently has too much information, files back to 1974 and packed so tightly in the file cabinet. She brought along some framed posters and will have them out this evening for people to look at. Jim V. suggested some of the info could go on the region website. There is a list of the National appointments as well. Working on an area patch collection – has 3 from MRM (some from when they were Valley Hi).

Alumni:

Dave Cobb said that Mad River had a very successful Alumni Day in March - Dick Ike has agreed to take over this position. Written report submitted.

Webmaster Eric

Not here today. Rose has been helping Eric out. Eric was having trouble getting online. Rose downloaded all the awards forms and put them on the Ohio Region site. Org. chart was updated. Many pages have no information at all. Would be nice to have each program submit information for those pages. Send the info to Rose.

ARD Line: Ed Raudabaugh

Registrations went well this year. Annual update sheet was distributed. Look over the form sign and return. Patrols need to have an affiliation. Ed called the section Chiefs.

Section 01 Bob Smith

New role – written report submitted. Worked with awards committee. Will get to MRM this next year.

PNS: Darcy

Written report submitted – Celebrated 25th year at PNS last season. New level III Tom Worley. Candidate class of 13. New Certified patroller, Ron G. Transitioned to the Red parka.

Buckeye Nordics: Carl

Unable to attend – 21st year of activity. First season with Mason Parks system. A dozen day of great snow conditions. For the 3rd year in a row - participated in a row American Bierkenbinner event. Largest ski race in this hemisphere. Rick King was certified as a Nordic Patrol.

Mad River Mtn: Jim

Had a record low number of injuries – 531. We are used to 800. Patrol is growing. Registered 124 last year, this year have 15 in candidate class. Two major successes this year. One was the Alumni Day and thanked Delma Robinson and Dick Ike. There were 20 former patrol members. It attached patrollers to their roots. The other item was a safety focus – safety committee meets weekly with all the department heads. Working on a mass casualty and lift evacuations procedures. All people trained in lift evacs, even the area employees. We had two quad evacuations this year. Published the 2nd edition of the P&P along with an acknowledgement sheet for each patroller to abide by as a condition of their being here. Chris mirrored that it has been great getting to know the local folks.

Section 02 Janet

MTR level I course collaboration.

BM/BW: Bill C.

Written report submitted. Not as many accidents this year either, but not as many skier days. Went uninterrupted until March 20th. Got 14in of snow last week. There were 12 new alpine patrollers and 1 new Nordic. Had a 75% pass rate for Senior S&T. Welcomed 30 new prospective patrollers at the Meet the Patrol day. Have 19 candidates in the OEC class. Active JP with over 25 participants. Wrapped up the season with a visit to the local ER. Have 40+ NSP-C members. Frustration on the Snow event was a good way to wrap up the season. Registered 250-255 patrollers.

Cuyahoga: Dary

Dave Zeager – Ten members including 1 new Auxiliary. Total of 3 accidents this year. Working with Trail Blazers that works the towpath. There was a MTR I class the National Park allowed them to have.

Section 03 Dick

Dick exits term as Section Chief.

Clear Fork: Ken

Written report submitted. Ken finished up 2nd term as PR. Brought on 11 new alpine and 2 transfer patrollers, increased 30%. Worked on communications and getting more people involved in training. Saw a vast improvement in skiing this year. New tubing park and ski swaps both very successful. Area management has been very supportive financially. Tod Vermilya to take over as PR.

Snow Trails: Scott

Written report submitted. First year for a ski swap – very successful. Longer season benefited the area. JP program – 8 participants logged over 600 hrs., enjoyed MTR presentation. Did a Mass Casualty event, simulated an overturned school bus. Learned many things. OEC class started in April, have a split class, will resume in August. Many participants in SES. Scott thanked the region group as a whole for being so helpful, especially last year for the ski swap help.

Section 04 Bob

No one here from 04

Alpine Valley: Don

Big Creek/Cleveland: Tod

Ohio Nordics Steve B.

Break for 10 min at 2:56

Alaskan Powder Blast Jay Zedak

NSP-C ski school is now a National Program. Went to Alaska this year to work with the patrol there. Jay went to Alyeska and shared some photos. They were really interested in the NSP-C ski school and the women's clinic for their Powder Blast the Alaska equivalent of Powderfall. Invited Jay, Linda Barthel, Chris Moe and funded them to attend. They really enjoyed and found great value in the video analysis. Chicago Division meeting – All senior test teams are encouraged to have PSIA credentialing. The division will provide testers across region boundaries. We have no problem in Ohio but Ohio people may be called upon to cross region boundaries to help out the other programs until they get their programs up to speed. New requirements are for Level II and above needs to sign off on Senior Skiing Skills check-off sheet.

ARD Programs: Doris Noe

Doris talked about Tony Snodgrass.

Avalanche: Kim

Written report submitted. 3 new level II instructors. Don't have any Level I instructors in the Ohio region. Several Avalanche Awareness classes this year. One Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue class. Level I class needs to be on snow. The AF&R class is a two-day course. New digital beacons are much easier to use. Call Kim if you know anyone interested in being a level I instructor. Level II course in Utah is the best kept secret in the NSP.

MTR: Ron Gerdes

Taken over for Tony, was Tony's co-advisor. Dave Zeager has taken over for Ron. Written report submitted. Ron needs one person as MTR advisor from every patrol to work with the avalanche program, MTR programs. Hopefully it is someone who has completed the programs. Ron may want to make sure that everyone who took a MTR class in the past year gets credit for it, due to Tony's untimely death. There are 4 new MTR Level I instructors in training. Working on LAR manual with Rick King also working with Petzl. Creating LAR teams to run clinics this year, a simple 4-5 hr clinic. Train the crew chiefs and they could spread the word to the patrollers. Wants to purchase 3 GPS units. The next MTR manual will

have GPS technology incorporated. Jay said as patrollers, we can't buy rope and other equipment for use for a for-profit entity. We can only purchase items for training only. LAR and Chair Evac is an ski area function. Two level II events planned - Sept 17-18 at Ceasers Creek and the end of March 25-26th at PNS.

Auxiliary: Phyllis
Not here, no report.

Medical Dr. Anderson
Cheryl mentioned Dr. Anderson reviewed the SEM scenarios and gave ideas for moulage.

Registration

Treasurers Report Bev Benzing

Written report submitted. Distributed packets with full financials. Over all provides view along with balances of checking and savings. Budgets were increased due to the increase in the mileage reimbursement that was approved at the fall meeting. There were 2005-2006 budget forms distributed and emailed. Bev needs budgets by May 25th. Had an open item of \$350, but John has gone to Powderfall. New IRS Rate is for 40.5 cents per mile. Charitable is still \$.14 - this is the largest one year rise ever. Discussion followed. The new rates is effective July 1.

Elections: Nancy Kohlrieser

Two elections this year. Dick completed term . New section 03 Chief is Don Noble is newly elected to fill Dicks position. Region Director is the second election this year. There are 25 who will decide. There is one person running, Chris Raudabaugh.

Old Business

PR Retreat

Jim Vickroy's goal is to leave today with dates for the PR retreat. Two dates in August were offered. Mohican is available. Tentative agenda – start Friday night, Saturday and again on Sunday morning until about noon. Rooms are \$130 per night, meeting room around \$300. Check with your area manager to see if they will support you on this. Chris said there is \$1000 in the budget for this event. Hand vote showed August 13th as the chosen date. Don Schumacher. Chris encouraged PR's to bring someone in your staff. Jim will make reservations now and block out the weekend.

Public Relations Position

Tabled for now. Not written up yet. The position could be how to better recruit, image with customers, setting up ski alongs etc., press releases.

Service Patrol agreements

Was covered with registrations earlier.

PnP: Division Senior Manual

Will be covered in the New Business.

New Business

P&P: Task Groups

Max distributed a proposal for updating the Ohio Region P&P. Max said available on the website. Max to review unused sections. ARD's should look down their current responsibilities and make sure if there are activities not included they should be. Max has a list of the sections. Compile and email board members. Please review it before the Fall meeting so we don't have to sit around and read it. A long overdue task.

Meetings

Sept 9-11 th 2005 Fall Division Meeting

Renaissance Center, Detroit MI

Sept 25 th 2005 Fall Ohio Region Meeting, Liberty Township Community Ctr

Dec 11th National Review Board

Feb 25th 2006 Awards Review Committee at Snow Trails

April 22nd 2006 Spring Ohio Region Meeting and Banquet at PNS

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Ed. Seconded by Darcy (and everyone!).

Meeting adjourned 4pm

Summary of Passing Motions

Motion to approve the minutes by Ed Raudabaugh, Bill Currier seconded. Approved (page 1)

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Action Items

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- + P&P Task Groups – see above.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly E. Hiser
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