

# National Ski Patrol Ohio Region

## Ohio Region Board of Governors 2002 Spring Meeting May 4, 2002

The 2002 Spring Meeting of the Ohio Region Board of Governors was hosted by Alpine Valley Ski Patrol on May 4, 2002. Kurt Tenerove reported on lunch plans and the evening banquet, and expressed a wish for a good evening and day. Bob Ayers and Mel Weisblatt welcomed board members, staff, and guests to Alpine Valley.

Members of the Board of Governors and staff present at role call were Jim Woodrum, Max Davis, Mel Weisblatt, Jane A. Price, Cheryl Raudabaugh, Rae Gommel, Rick King, Layton Ives, Tod Chapin (new Big Creek/Cleveland Ski Club PR), Chris Raudabaugh, Jim Vickroy, Ed Humphrey, Frank Cleary, Charles Raming (new Spicy Run PR), Daryl Knauss, Kurt Tenerove, Scott Kinnamon (new Snow Trails PR), Mark Reisdorf, Dale Grugle, Ed Raudabaugh, Bob Ayers, Dick James, Larry Vassel, David Cobb, and Patty Lanum (new Region Recording Secretary). Guests (and members turning over duties) present were Ed Allshouse (Past PR/Spicy Run), Deb Rhind (APD & Awards/Snow Trails), Doris Noe (Past PR/Snow Trails), and Janet Glaeser (Central Division OEC Supervisor reporting in place of BM/BW PR Freddie Shima). Board members Jay H. Zendak, John J. McGoff (new Ski School NSP-C Co-Director), Richard Nau, and Steve Barbour, guest Dale R. Mihuta (former Ski School NSP-C Co-Director/PNS), and 2002 Central Division Meeting Co-chairs Don and Cathleen Phipps arrived later. Assistant Division Director and National Board Representative Tom Worley could not attend the meeting as planned.

Jim Woodrum called the meeting to order. Chuck Raming accepted the role of Parliamentarian, Rick King the role of Sargent of Arms, and Patty Lanum the role of Note Taker. Max Davis passed around a calendar for attendees to enter important dates June 2002 through May 2003. Jim Vickroy requested a 30-minute allowance in the agenda for introduction of the region web site. Mel Weisblatt motioned to approve the agenda. Layton Ives seconded the motion. None opposed.

### Announcements

Jim Woodrum announced that Tom Worley is the new ADD and Division National Board Representative. Tom ran on a platform of eliminating the position. The National Board is going through tremendous changes. It is not necessarily the best use of the National Board to make local decisions such as parka color. Also, a large division of 6000 patrollers such as ours is not necessarily best represented by a single National Board Representative. The G1 Committee was appointed to channel the numerous proposals and develop a plan to reorganize the National Board. The new organization will not necessarily be made of a group of National Board Representatives. The outcome of the G1 Committee will be available after the national meeting in Germany.

Jim Woodrum announced that one proxy was accepted already. Janet Glaeser is here to represent Freddie Shima.

Bob Ayers motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Dave Cobb seconded the motion. None opposed.

### Region Election Officer's Report

\* Ed Raudabaugh submitted Nancy Kohlrieser's written Election Report. Ed picked up the report at Kohlrieser's where Nancy is taking care of Dale following hip replacement. It has been three weeks since surgery and Dale is doing great, driving and working a few hours.

**Election for Region Director** will be held this year. A single candidate, Jim Woodrum, is balloted. The election is handled by Division and is done through PRs, Section Chiefs, line officers, and additional voters

based on patrol populations. One additional vote is assigned per 50 patrol members. Jim suggested that, to avoid the costs of bylaw changes, we continue as we are rather than move to a one vote per patroller system. Layton Ives brought up the good point that since the Section Chief has a vote, he ought to appoint another to ensure good representation. Layton also commented that his patrol, with 280 members, may need more than its currently assigned 4 voting representatives. Jim Woodrum will seek a determination from Nancy. A single voting rep may represent the first 100 patrollers.

Jim Woodrum noted that there is also an election for Chief of Section 0-4 due this year.

## Section Reports

Mel Weisblatt called for reports sections.

### 0-1 Section Chief Dave Cobb

Dave acknowledged that three of four PRs in Section 0-1 are present. He asked Max Davis to report for Barb Hartman.

Max Davis, for Barb Hartman of **Buckeye Nordics**, reported that the past season consisted of no snow and one big event. The event, a Nordic ski seminar attended mostly by local people on the same day as the Senior Clinic, was very successful. They want to do it again but this time encourage more outsiders to attend.

\* Chris Raudabaugh of **Mad River Mountain** reported that this year saw a 75-day season with 700 incidents. The month longer season last year resulted in 800 incidents. This year there were 3 life-flights out of Mad River's backyard but none as serious as the 1 life-flight of the previous season. We had a high skier per day ratio. The ski swap was successful, resulting in a 14% increase. This year's candidate class was small. Soliciting EMT candidates on the web site and holding a challenge course for EMTs helped Mad River raise the numbers to where they needed to be. Ed Raudabaugh and Cheryl Raudabaugh did a good job coordinating the Senior Clinics. Mad River significantly upped its numbers of PSIA instructors. The Junior Patrol is going strong. This year's events included seminars every weekend, lots of junior hours logged, and good feedback from patrollers. The kids shuttled ice and did whatever else they could manage at their level. The juniors also received good support from area management. The Division Meeting will include participation by and education about our junior program. The Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol Board of Governors meeting is now firmly established on a monthly basis after its first real year in action. Active patrol veterans Ed Raudabaugh, Bob Basinger, and Jim Menzies were among the first inductees into Mad River Mountain's (the ski area's) new hall of fame.

\* Frank Cleary of **Perfect North Slopes**, provided a summary. The season began early. A new fund raiser, an Archery Fest, co-hosted by ski instructors, received \$8000 from local groups in start-up grants for buying targets, allowing the event to break even and perhaps make a little money. Next year's fest will be handled by the patrol alone. A third day was added to the ski swap. PNS had 160 patrollers on the roster and graduated 17 new candidates. The Junior Program continues to be a good outreach program and involved 35 children last year. 8 classes were held with good attendance. The juniors don't do first aid but do help by carrying ice and picking up poles on the hill. PNS's new web master, Rose, worked really hard this past season, implementing a pop-up box of the latest event. Eventually the website will include all of the patrol's informational history, newsletters, and photos of patrollers. Perfect North was opened this year for the first time to snowboards. Doing so turned out to be a non-issue. The area wants to continue and to purchase rental boards. The patrol banquet was held 2 weeks earlier. Chip Perfect congratulated patrollers for responding quickly to changes made on the fly. Frank also stated that he believes his patrol continues to grow because of programs. The programs keep patrollers engaged.

Ed Allshouse of **Spicy Run** reported 0 skier days. He thanked all persons in attendance for making Spicy patrollers welcome. Spicy patrollers skied at every area in Ohio this past season. Negotiations with the bank for continuing the operation of the ski area are dragging on but nothing is on paper yet. Ed will maintain the patrol for 2 years. Chuck Raming is going to be PR from this day forward.

**0-2 Section Chief Larry Vasel**

Larry indicated that Bob Brode of **Northern Ohio** is not present and has nothing to report.

\* Janet Glaeser, for Freddie Shima of **Boston Mills/Brandywine**, submitted Freddie's written report and noted patrol accomplishments and status. The patrol formed a committee to determine a policy for handling mass casualties. Close to 20,000 duty hours were recorded this past season. Recruitment for Saturday night shifts is in effect. If patrollers do not meet 80% of their 1 hour per ski day commitment, then Freddie sends them a letter saying they will lose their skiing privileges. Six patrollers logged over 200 hours each. The patrol provided special coverage for the Thomas the Tank event Memorial Day Weekend. Helmets are now required at both areas for some functions including competitions. Trauma bags have been established at both areas including AEDs. 37 people are involved in the OEC class including 3 employees of area management and several spouses of patrollers. Individual patrol members who were involved in the Olympics were recognized. A 2 to 1 vote of the general patrol population maintained rust and blue parkas for the foreseeable future. BM/BW will keep jackets in stock to avoid lag time. Signed in visiting patrollers on site for specific events will be the only ones sanctioned to wear red jackets. Freddie asked for a new roof but instead was granted a new building. The old first aid building will be bulldozed and the new one will be pushed back. The new 110' X 120' building will include a 1<sup>st</sup> floor aide room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor family room, and conference/training areas. Area management will put up the walls and provide materials for the interior. The new building should be ready next season.

Darryl Knauss of **Cuyahoga Nordics** reported a less than 6-day season. Patrollers provided first aid coverage for the March for the Parks and River Cleanup events. Ranger E. Haywood replaces Ranger Lois Neff who works with Buckeye Nordics. One new candidate earned Basic status plus Mountaineering and Senior Mountaineering. The patrol now consists of about 12 patrollers. Darryl passed out promotional leaflets but the season did not help encourage recruits. One patroller earned Senior status but she is leaving to earn her Masters in Environmental Education and to go to Nepal for a cleanup project.

**0-3 Section Chief Dick James**

\* Mark Reisdorf of **Clearfork** reported that patrollers provided [an average of] 88 duty hours this season and serviced several hundred incidents of which most were boarders. The OEC class has not yet begun but there are people registered. The patrol sold brats on the deck to make money. One of the younger patrollers went to the Olympics to help with the Men's Downhill.

\* Doris Noe of **Snow Trails** reported 75 days of pretty good skiing. The off-season will keep the patrol busy handling parking for a rehab chili cookoff. The patrol produced a record number of Phase 1 class attendees. This year's OEC class was also probably the biggest ever with 14 candidates. The patrol ended the season with a pontoon boat party. Scott Kinnamon will take over as new PR. Doris is proud of the patrol. It is more enthusiastic now with more people involved. Scott agreed that enthusiasm has definitely increased. A group of patrollers who came on board a few years ago are stepping up to the plate, becoming seniors and leaders within the patrol. Patroller lifetime achievements are being recognized with hall of fame and other awards. Scott hopes to maintain open communications with management to keep pace with changes. He noted that Doris and another patroller put together a database to identify prime accident locations. He plans to maintain a "United Way" type count to show where patrollers are.

**0-4 Section Chief Bob Ayers**

Bob noted that all PRs from Section 0-4 are here. He asked that reporting begin with the oldest patrol, Cleveland Ski Club.

\* Tod Chapin, new PR of **Big Creek/Cleveland Ski Club**, reported 46 skier days and a doubling of accidents to 8. The Section Chief had a bad year with an ankle and had trouble operating the groomer. The year was successful, however, because other members of the club pitched in assessments to buy a new used groomer. The club had good activity with races and juniors. The patrol is working toward more than one day of refreshing to get patrollers up to speed. With more serious accidents, patrollers did everything right at the end but had trouble with the beginning of care. Recruiting is currently in progress.

\* Kurt Tenerove of **Alpine Valley** reported a longer than usual 61 to 68-day season due to increased water

supply and snowmaking. The patrol has 4 new candidates this year and had 15 last year. This year AV is putting in a new beginner hill to be serviced by a mini chair lift intended to make first skiing experiences more enjoyable, encouraging novices to come back. It is noticeable that the patrol is becoming younger. Membership has increased from 38 when Kurt joined to 70 now. He'd like to see it reach 80. Kurt is stepping down to APD. Don Stamford is taking over as PR. Don is arranging lunch today. His wife received an angel pin this year. The OEC class will wrap up in June. The OEC Refresher is returning to a Sunday since some people forget to go on Saturday. Enthusiasm is growing, helping the patrol numbers increase. Word of mouth and increased enthusiasm of new members is to blame. OEC instructor mentoring program is showing good progress. An open house is tentatively scheduled for October 19 and 20, 2002. Pre-season work and patrol parties are generally seeing attendance by 1/3 of the patrollers. The area manager cooks and opens the bar. The first ski swap was pretty much a success, allowing the patrol to make some money and donate to Division. Mel Weisblatt noted that the patrol will no longer be covering summer bike races due to loss in revenue. Last year was a good season and Kurt is looking forward to the next.

\* Steve Barbour of **Ohio Nordics** reported a sad season with only 2 duty days at Holden and 3 at the lake metro parks. Next year a new coverage area is being added. The patrol will try to provide more coverage by overlapping schedules. Steve will miss the bike races.

A final note by Bob Ayers, he would like to work on award increases for his section.

## Assistant Region Director Reports

### Program Reports

Jane Price, ARD, acknowledged increases in all program areas and requested advisors to advise.

\* Rick King, **Region Mountain Travel and Rescue Advisor**, worked toward his objective of getting more patrollers involved by recruiting an assistant advisor plus 2 local advisors, and by offering more classes. 18 or 75 MTR instructors across the region were re-certified. Some of the extrication clinics experienced low turnouts due to overlap with Frosty Refreshers.

Jane Price noted that Barb Hartman, **Region Nordic Advisor**, is not present because she is retiring from this function and she is out teaching a course this weekend. How she will be replaced will be discussed later.

\* Dale Grugle, **Region Avalanche Advisor**, noted that the Avalanche courses offered in Central Division are not true level 1 since snow pits cannot be dug. Currently the course is offered as a one-day or a two-day course. Dale proposed that in the future, the 2-day course only be offered once or twice a year. Jim Woodrum countered Dale's proposal with a proposal to hold 1-day classroom sessions at various patrols and then offer the second day or field session one time for the region. Dale accepted this proposal to be enacted next year. Additional discussion concerning whether or not to require registration for Avalanche course 30 days in advance (to allow for ordering of course materials) and/or to possibly charge a late registration fee, resulted in Jim Woodrum offering to investigate actual region registration fee requirements. Dale reported making a profit of \$387 this year. In response to a question from Max Davis, Dale answered that scheduled retraining of avalanche instructors occurs by going to a national meeting classroom session every 3 years or possibly going to a 2-day level 2 training class every year. It may be possible to attend 2 weekends of Eastern Division training, or 2 days of training in NY, and then 2 days in the field at Tuckerman's Ravine in New Hampshire. Utah provides a 10-day course. We can't run a re-certification program in the region until we have an IT. Dale is currently completing requirements to become an IT.

Jane Price announced that Phyllis Montel, former Region PES Advisor, has agreed to become the **Region Auxilliary Advisor** since PES no longer exists.

Dr. Struble, current **Region Medical Advisor**, has not yet re-upped for next year. He is pretty busy with

Snow Trails. Jim Woodrum notified Jane that he has another medical person prepared to step in if Dr. Struble wants to ease out. The other person is an ER/trauma doctor who wants to get involved. Jane asked Doris Noe to help her contact Dr. Struble.

### **Administration Reports**

Al Frank, ARD, is in Germany therefore is not present at this meeting. Mel Weisblatt needs registration forms back for PRs and SCs today.

\* Rae Gommel, **Region Awards Advisor**, announced that an awards workshop will be offered this year with an emphasis on partying to increase turnout. We are doing good with awards but we could do better. Award forms are available on the website. Rae worked to provide templates. We need to apply for more awards or just add a letter to ensure that we get the awards we go after. In response to a question from Mel Weisblatt about using Social Security Numbers on the forms, Rae instructed use of patroller numbers instead. Rae reminded that awards must be typed or they will be bounced at Division. Alphabetic Roster received at this meeting shows the year each patroller joined. Rae would be glad to help writing up awards but don't call the night before. The PR seems to often have to do all the work. Remedy is to try delegating. Jim Woodrum stated that every patrol should be submitting an outstanding patrol application. 80% of the work can be done before the season begins. Rae warned patrols to avoid getting a zero for a line item. Discussion by many attendees responding to Rae's question about why can't we get patrollers to attend banquets to receive awards revealed a mixed opinion as to whether or not receiving an award should be a surprise. Also, Rae encouraged patrols to do something to make it worth the while of patrollers to attend region meetings to accept awards. He suggested telling the recipient when the time comes. Possibly also remind recipients that much work goes into the award application. Rae also volunteered to go to patrols to put on awards workshops. Rae is open to suggestions regarding the awards process.

\* **Region Alumni Advisor** Brad Glass appreciated the opportunity to serve but is stepping down. Gunther Sprockoff's name was mentioned as a possible replacement.

Dick Nau, reporting for Don Schumacher, **Region Legal Advisor**, expressed Don's regrets at not being able to attend the meeting. Don indicated absolutely no known legal activity this year.

\* **Downhill Region Newsletter Editor** Max Davis requested the addresses of all new candidates, including their patrol affiliation, and he appreciates notification of address changes. Max is open to newsletter content comment. You are welcome to see him in private. An organizational chart is being routed at this meeting for updates. Head shots of some are getting old so Max would like to take new photos today. Jim Woodrum endorsed this request. Max's objective for next year is to continue to keep publication costs down. It costs about \$ .50 to mail a paper copy of the region newsletter. Jim Woodrum would like to see Max just send patrollers E-notification when the newsletter is posted to the web site. Patrollers who have E-mail can then go there and download. In response to Layton's question about the lead time Max needs for articles, Max replied that he likes to have 2 weeks. It takes him about a week to put the newsletter together and then another 3 or 4 days to get it back from the printer, fold, and get it in the mail.

### *Lunch Break*

**Region Webmaster** Jim Vickroy's objective is to provide a new region website, split into a public/promotional site and a private/patroller-only self-service site to be launched in July 2002. NSP-C site of Jay Zedak is the model. Jim Vickroy wishes to include areas maps and e-mail designees for each patrol to allow the public to request information directly. Logins for patrollers are going to be NSP Ids plus a password. Jim takes us on a tour of the proposed features of this site. Additionally, he requests help to build a stable of patroller profiles to supply an "I am the National Ski Patrol" feature which will change each month. A patroller profile should include name, photo, patrol affiliation, and special awards earned outside the patrol. Potential patrollers profiled include responders to the NY 9-11 event or those who participated in the Olympics. Jim is also soliciting feedback on the new web site. Please go to [www.ohionsp.org/stage](http://www.ohionsp.org/stage) to review and then send feedback to [newweb@ohionsp.org](mailto:newweb@ohionsp.org). Jim is interested in finding out whether or not the site is too graphics intensive.

**Proficiency Reports**

Ed Raudabaugh, ARD, calls for proficiency reports.

\* **Region OEC & Instructor Development Advisor** Ed Humphrey reports he needs help maintaining dates, locations, and e-mail addresses pertinent to classes. An IT conference is coming June 1<sup>st</sup> in Minneapolis. Several patrols are sending all of their ITs. Two can go on 50% scholarship from our region. Next year the IT conference may be at Brandywine. We can always use more Instructor Trainers, especially at Clearfork and Snow Trails. Much concentration of OEC effort this year has been placed on acquisition of the new OEC manual. OEC Refreshers and SEM Clinics were held this past year.

\* Ed Raudabaugh reported for Greg Schmidt, **Region Alpine Senior Proficiency Advisor**. Jim Woodrum added that although currently senior ski evaluators do not need to be PSIA level 1, 2, or 3, we are moving in the direction of PSIA. We want to have a sprinkling of PSIA level 1, 2, or 3 instructors in the Senior Ski Clinic evaluation teams to provide candidates the opportunity to interact with PSIA-skilled evaluators. Maybe 5 years down the road, PSIA will be a requirement.

\* Layton Ives, **Region Alpine Ski & Toboggan Standards Advisor**, reported that the Central Division Skiing Standardization Clinic was changed from a clinic to a working meeting, providing a good forum for getting work done and introducing the mentoring program. Good Toboggan Standardization Clinics were held in January at Boston Mills and Perfect North. 5 out of 7 candidates passed the Senior Clinic first try after first attending the standardization clinic. Don Phipps was appointed assistant region advisor. Layton reviewed the activity log and IT lists. 1 IT was removed from the list due to inactivity, 1 to moving to Michigan, and 1 to lack of skill. There is still a handful of evaluators who refuse to view the clinic as a clinic and are asking candidates to do things that are more like initiation rituals. We want to get the message out to evaluators to treat a clinic as a clinic. We do not wish anyone to be hurt and, at the same time, we do not want to lose valuable instructors. Powderfall was an excellent deal again this year. \$695 provided most meals, lodging, access to the best instructors you're ever going to find, a speaker, and lift tickets. Only 70 attended this year, yielding the lowest turnout in the 9 years the event has been held. 150 need to attend to make the event viable. Jim Woodrum challenged Layton to set a goal of 20 or 25 to go next year from the Ohio Region. Layton will set up the details and spread the word so that Ohio Region skiers/snowboarders and powder skiers/non-powder skiers can easily sign up to go for 2 or 3 days. Jim Woodrum wants 4 or 5 guys from Mad River to go to ensure that the partying will be good. He wants to make a statement from the Ohio Region.

\* Bob Rosselot, **Region Certified Advisor**, could not be present but submitted a written report.

\* Frank Ujvari, **Region Snowboard Advisor**, could not be present but offered a written report published in the Downhill.

Jim Vickroy, **Region Senior Advisor**, suggested that each patrol appoint a senior coordinator to send all information to Jim in an organized manner. The senior coordinators may want to begin work by sending senior credit information about each patroller to the national database.

**Region Ski School Co-Directors** Dale Mihuta and Jay Zedak presented Jim Woodrum NSP-C white boxer/runner shorts and Dick James an NSP-C white golf shirt in appreciation for their support. Jay reported that the NSPCskischool.com website is now available. Good participation in school events produced revenue even on short notice. Projected expenses for next year are \$1500 including office, clerical, postage, hiring an AASI level 3 or above instructor for snowboarding. The snowboarding instructor is needed because our depth is not sufficient in the school and the region currently. Next year, the school will charge \$20 for an all-day lesson and \$15 for a calibration clinic. The school is satisfied with number of participants. The next concentration will be on depth. The goal is to get 50% of instructors to advance themselves to the next level and to improve the relationships between NSP-C and area ski schools. Almost all instructors are available by e-mail. Anyone in the region can contact the instructors and arrange a lesson. John McGoff and Jay are going to try to make it to every one of the region's patrol refreshers. Dave Cobb provided testimonial about the quality of NSP-C instructors especially when you consider the value-added by not having to travel far to attend Powderfall. Max Davis made a call for a Downhill article

telling patrollers how to contact ski instructors via e-mail. Dale Mihuta noted that, since most ski schools are geared at teaching novices for the first 3 ski experiences, there is the potential for a perfect marriage between instructors wishing to learn to teach at higher levels and patrollers willing learn at higher levels under the wing of PSIA. A subtle outcome is possible: If highly credited program in Midwest can develop and the interoperate with a ski area out west, then the skier can work on skills in the Midwest and then continue learning skills while out west. He can then return to the Midwest and continue progressing his skills. Jim Woodrum announced administrative changes in the NSP-C Ski School. Dale is stepping down to concentrate on other activities, Jay is remaining as Co-Director, and John McGoff is stepping up to Co-Director. Jim is proud of what we are doing in Ohio for our skiing skills. At \$20 the cost of an all-day clinic is incredible – even unheard of. Dale Mihuta suggested offering an incentive program to encourage instructors. Jim Woodrum agreed it would be nice if the local patrols supported instructors who are learning skills so that they may teach other patrollers. Financial support is good, although it just makes Jim feel proud to wear the Ohio Region NSP-C sportswear because of what we are doing in Ohio.

## **Region Treasurer's Report**

\* Cheryl Raudabaugh, **Region Treasurer**, reported that at the moment we have income of around \$5000 although she anticipates \$4000 to \$5000 in costs, making us break even. Breaking even is good. At some point we expected to be in the hole \$8000 but budget savings helped. Cheryl noted that Jim did some things like cutting down on travel and other groups did not spend as much as they projected. Details are in the written report. Cheryl is asking Section Chiefs to submit treasury/budget reports by the first week of August. To aide in the standardization of budget forms, send an e-mail to Cheryl. She will send you back an electronic version of the report. However, writing your information on a piece of paper is ok. Make sure you write down what the income or expense is so that she can report correctly to National. Jim Woodrum added that the budget and expected expense information is helpful to advisors coming into a new position. To answer Dave Cobb's question about whether or not Cheryl would like to see actual expense figures when a patroller chooses to eat costs, Cheryl replied that she wants to see the actual costs, too. She will tally 2 sets of costs to help in budgeting.

## **Region NSP Appointments Review Board Chair's Report**

Dick Nau reminded that hand-written nomination are not accepted even to enable submitting by the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If a person is being nominated then they are doing absolutely nothing extra over the summer which might help them gain appointment, therefore he suggests that these decisions be made in the spring. Jim Woodrum added that all nominations for appointments already made will be dealt with at the division meeting in September. Deadline for next year is December 1, 2002.

## **Region Registration Advisor's Report**

Mel Weisblatt reported that Bill and Sherry Braddock are now Region Registration Advisors.

### *Afternoon Break*

Jim Woodrum turned the meeting over to Cathleen Phipps so she can talk about the division meeting coming up in September.

## **2002 Central Division Meeting Co-Chairs' Report**

\* Cathleen Phipps announced that Mad River people will get written reports later since there are not enough copies. Classes for Saturday are really interesting and most are offered at no charge. Fun activities are planned including broom hockey at Nationwide Arena. Each patrol has been asked to supply 25 items for giveaway. Cathleen is still waiting for items from most patrols. Large patrols need to give another \$250 and large patrols need to supply a 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500. 100 room nights are needed or we have to pay anyway. The logo has been finalized. Jim Woodrum encouraged all patrols to bring one or two teams for broom hockey. Cathleen will be passing around a notebook for volunteers to sign up. From past experience, it is nice to have PRs greeting at registration, etc. Jim Woodrum reminded that Mad River is the party patrol and Mad River is in charge of hospitality so we have the right people for the right job. Things like CPR are

being offered so patrollers can get requirements out of the way before the season begins. There will be lots of fun stuff to do including stuff for juniors, broom hockey, a golf outing Friday, an easy-to-get-to shopping mall is available, and a bus trip to Longaberger is available. Cheryl reminded that participating patrols should send funds to her so that we don't have to front money from the region pocket.

## Region Director's Report

Patrollers who participated in the Olympics and the 9-11 event are going to be recognized at the banquet tonight. The division meeting motto is going to be "Pride in Patrolling." Women for Women in Patrolling (not Chicks on Sticks!) has been well-received this year. Division will sponsor another such event for other parts of the division. Jim wants another in the region, too.

We are continuing to build the number of Instructor Trainers in our region. From Jim's perspective, one of the reasons we are successful in our region is because we take the events to the local patrols. We can do that because we have developed the skills within our organization to provide these events. There is an OEC clinic with a very interesting agenda coming up in June. It starts out with a break then registration then break, then breakout... (just kidding!) 8 or 10 Instructor Trainers are signed up to go. Opportunities are available for more to go on scholarship. This is important for mentoring. This conference coming up is mostly for OEC. This is a way to continue to build our leadership so that we can take this training back to our patrols. Let's do everything we can to get our Instructor Trainers to go to these events.

The division meeting included a lengthy discussion on taxes. A number of patrols have accumulated substantial assets. We can do what we want but we are much better off having the areas own the assets including half million dollar buildings and AEDs. It makes local patrols liable if they buy and own these items. Insurance cares but the IRS doesn't if we give the assets to the profit facility even though they were purchased with nonprofit funds. So it is best to depreciate items and then sell them to the area at the depreciated cost. Dave Cobb commented that this discourages us from wanting to make money on things like the ski swaps. Bob Ayers added that they've run into this with the Cleveland Ski Club Swap. According to IRS rules, some great percentage of income must come directly from membership dues, etc., or it cannot be tax deductible. Cleveland Ski Club has now been audited every other year and has lost their federal not-for-profit status while still maintaining their state status. Jim Woodrum continued that we are much better off using our funds for patroller activities such as paying for patroller books, etc., rather than buying items and then giving them to the areas.

We are trying to pull together electronic forms of all the handbooks. We are looking into making this into a PES activity.

The G1 Committee is still doing work to figure out what the ski patrol is going to look like. It looks like today's board of directors will appoint a board like the corporate world so that experts can give advice on we can run the ski patrol better. The Nation Board Meeting is being held now in Germany at a military base. Future national board meetings will be held in Denver at the national office unless a local patrol wishes to host one. We don't know whether a popular vote for board members will be considered in Germany. A 75% return of ballots for Tom Worley's recent election shows the PRs, etc., did a good job voting. Janet Glaeser wondered whether more control would be given to the regions. Jim suggested not spending time at the division meeting discussing what changes should be made at the region level until the national board meeting in Germany makes decisions.

Jim deferred discussion of the costs of the new OEC educational materials since we have no way of determining what they are going to be at this time.

## New Business

Jim Woodrum announced that it is now time to review how the Region Board is organized and decide if this is best for most patrollers. Right now Nordic patrol advisors have no clear avenue to find out when alpine activities are scheduled. Jim proposed moving all skiing proficiency skills (Nordic, alpine, and snowboard) to fall under the ski skills advisorships so that all the activities under this heading will be planned and known by the same portion of the organization. This is intended so that the snowboard events

are planned, they happen, and their dates don't conflict with each other. All toboggan activities should also incorporate Nordic, alpine, and snowboard. That way we can answer the questions under one group – the NSP-C Ski School under Jay and John. This would then allow Greg Schmidt to coordinate all Nordic, alpine, and snowboard proficiency within the Senior Clinic. We will then no longer have a Nordic Advisor or a Snowboard Advisor. It will be up to Jay and John and Layton to make this happen, figure it out, and involve more people. Max noted that the promotional aspect has been a part of the job of the snowboard advisor but there is currently not a promotional aspect to the skiing proficiency advisor's job. Will there be anyone or any avenue to promote snowboarding in ski patrols? Jim Woodrum responded that he thinks we are trying to make it even more marketable. There will now be an avenue to pursue Nordic and snowboarding through every aspect of ski patrolling. Frank Cleary pointed out that it will still be up to the local patrols to provide instructors for Nordic and snowboard. Steve Barbour wondered if this changes who does he go to to pursue his senior? Jim Woodrum suggested that it just streamlines the process for contacting the advisor. From there Jay and John will bring these activities under one umbrella. Layton agreed that this will allow senior events for Nordics to happen in a coordinated fashion. This will help Nordics feel part of the team. Jay offered that this will reiterate the need for pre-registering to let the organizers know what services are being requested. Layton Ives proposed the motion to adopt Jim Woodrum's suggested change. Dave Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed to organize a combined proficiency organization for alpine, snowboard and Nordic skills.

Jim Woodrum proposed to continue to publish the Downhill but that we send a notification of the link to the web site rather than send the paper copy to those who have e-mail. Layton added that Jim Woodrum will put an article together to notify all paper copy recipients of the Downhill that unless they specifically notify Region NSP that they need to receive a paper copy, then they will from there on out get the Downhill electronically.

Jim Woodrum reported that the Executive Committee will meet this summer at his home to review budget items. At that time the PRs will determine whether or not dues will need increased.

Rae Gommel offered to provide an awards workshop at the division meeting. Jim Woodrum accepted the offer.

Jim Woodrum made a request for a notice to all intending patrollers to get signed up for the division meeting. He would like the notice to be placed on the web site as soon as possible.

Janet Glaeser, Division OEC Supervisor, requested that patrols promote the quality of the new OEC text and understand the increased costs. Past editions benefited from 1000s of hours of work donated by Dr. Bowman who is now retired. Full-color pictures in real-life situations are replacing 2-color pictures. The increase in quality will increase the impression of EMS people coming in contact with our program. Extra materials, web-based materials, etc., will also be available with this published version. The publisher is the leading publisher in the EMT field. The new book is proposed to be a 5-year publication. Jim Woodrum endorsed the request to take good reviews back to the patrols rather than complaints of the higher cost.

In wrapping up, Jim Woodrum reminded attendees of the Central Division Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September. Also, he noted that a PR meeting needs to take place in September. The location will be Key Bank in Columbus. It will be up to the new PRs to get up to speed before the season begins. After some discussion, the 2003 Spring Region Meeting was set for May 3, 2003 at Snow Trails. Jim is happy with what is happening in the Ohio Region.

Mel Weisblatt made a motion to adjourn. Many seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.