

# National Ski Patrol Ohio Region

## Ohio Region Board of Governors 2003 Spring Meeting May 3, 2003

The 2003 Spring Meeting of the Ohio Region Board of Governors was hosted by Snow Trails on May 3, 2003.

Members of the Board of Governors and staff present at a role call were Jim Woodrum – Region Director, Cheryl Raudabaugh – Treasurer, David Cobb – Section Chief 0 – 1, Chris Raudabaugh – Mad River Mt C-137, Frank Cleary – Perfect North Slopes C-106, Larry Vassel – Section Chief 0-2, Janet Glaeser (representing Freddie Shima) – Boston Mills / Brandywine C-114, Daryl Knauss – Cuyahoga Nordics C-068, Mel Weisblatt – Asst Region Director Registration Coord., Dick James – Section Chief 0-3, Scott Kinnamon Snow Trails C-119, Bob Ayers – Section Chief 0-4, Don Stamford Alpine Valley C-005, Jane Price – Asst Region Director Programs, Rae Gommel – Awards Advisor, Don Schumacher – Legal Advisor, Max Davis – Downhill Advisor, Jim Vickroy – Senior Program Advisor and Web Site Manager, Ed Raudabaugh – Assistant Region Director Proficiency, Rob Hovanec – OEC and Instructor Development Advisor, Jay Zedak – Region Ski School Advisor, Layton Ives – Alpine Toboggan Standards, Richard Nau – NSP Appointments Review Board Chair, Ed Humphrey – Division OEC Supervisor, Bill Harkins – APR Snow Trails, Scott Kinnamon – PR Snow Trails, Jim Crowl – Snow Trails, Doris Noe – Snow Trails, Jane Price – ARD Programs CF, Frank Cleary – PR PNS, Daryl Knauss PR Cuyahoga Nordics – CNSP, Anthony Snodgrass – Snow Trails, Kim Hiser – Region Secretary (ELEC), Don Phipps – MRM, John McGoff – NSP C Ski School, Mark Fogt – Ohio Reg Web Manager (ELEC), Jerry Schetter – MRM, Chuck Raming – PR SRM, Nancy Kohrieser – Elections Officer, Rae Gommel – Awards Advisor, Dick James – Section Chief 03, Anthony Snodgrass of Snow Trails,

Jim Woodrum called the meeting to order at 9:02am thanking the Region Committee and introduced our hosts – Scott Kinnamon, PR Snow Trails, Deb Rhind and other members commended for their job in preparing the banquet and hosting the meeting. Enjoy the day!

## Announcements

Max Davis, acting as Region Director, completed roll call. Note Taking: will be shared by Max Davis and Cheryl Raudabaugh; Patty Lanum has resigned as Region Secretary. Kim Hiser was nominated by Don Phipps, seconded by Layton Ives, and approved by the board (actually no election needed, position appointed by RD). Mark Fogt replaces Jim Vickroy as web manager. Chris Raudabaugh is interim RD, replacing Jim Woodrum who is now Central Division ADD. Don Phipps replaces Dave Cobb as Section 01 Chief as Dave Cobb takes the position of ARD of Administration. Agenda items to come before the board were reviewed – there were no changes to the published agenda. Expected dinner guests are Mel Berei BMBW benefactor – web services and Beverly Hayworth – Park Service liaison with CNSP.

Minutes from the fall meeting (not previously distributed) were summarized and made available for anyone to review; approval of minutes was then deferred to later in the day.

New Patroller Reps and changes for 2003-2004 are: Sec O-1 MRM J Vickroy, Spicy SP patrol is now defunct, Sec O-2 no changes – Fall election due for BM/BW, Sec O-3 Clear Fork - Ken Radke, Sec O-4 no changes. Jim Handed out forms to change for National registration. Chris Raudabaugh circulated a sign in sheet and Jim Woodrum passed around a calendar.

## Assistant Region Director Line Registration Coordinator

Mel Weisblatt called for reports sections.

## Section Reports

### 0-1 Section Chief Dave Cobb

\* **Mad River Mountain**-Chris Raudabaugh (see printed report) reported a big season with 7 new basics, 8 more next year, 15 candidates currently in the OEC class which includes 4 student patrollers who had been junior patrollers. New Programs

\* indicates written report submitted.

include Ski Ambassadors - involving retired patrollers, Observer program a new tool for recruiting new patrollers, 20-30 helmets for patrollers, new PR Jim Vickroy, MR probably doubled past skier visit record this season. Dan Moss and Cherie Kirby are new seniors. MRM held an NSP-C ski enhancement seminar during the year.

**\*Perfect North Slopes** – Frank Cleary (see printed report) 30% increase skier days, 17 new basics and 22 transfers, three new seniors, five new IT's, current membership is 193. Plan to change patrol organization to improve internal communications in larger patrol. Area successfully integrated snowboarding for the first full year. JP program had 45 participants. Many updates to the area web site. Tubing hill opened this year.

**Buckeye Nordics** – Max Davis represented Barb Hartman. City closed local XC program in Park. BNSP supported MVCCSC trips. We enjoyed more local XC skiing days this season than we have had for many years. Members organized the Nordic SES held at PNS and attended patrollers and non-NSP XC skiers January 11 and 12.

**Spicy Run** - Chuck Raming – liquidation sale announcement. Funds will go to an escrow for the Region to hold. Operations officially shut down and patrollers will be joining other patrols. Patrol held equipment liquidation sale today here. Patrol funds are to go in escrow for 2-3yrs in case somehow a local area opens. To continue patrolling, Spicy Patrollers must transfer to other patrols.

## 0-2 Section Chief Larry Vasel

**\*Cuyahoga Nordics** – Daryl Knauss - (see printed report) 26 patrol days (weekends only) for sledding and tubing. They experienced 13 incidents including a fatal cardiac arrest where they were dispatched to the scene. Assisting in River day and March for Parks. The National Park Service training in snowmobiles was required by area management.

**\*BM/BW** – Freddie Shima was represented by Janet Glaeser who submitted a verbal report (supplemented by emailed report later that week.). The patrol has registered 260 patrollers, 22 candidates passed this year, patrolled 104 days an aggregate of 26,000 duty hours. Three refreshers were held. The D Team program with Ski School was big training success. BM/BW has new PSIA instructors. Hosted SEM evaluation. Patrollers were involved in Ohio special Olympics held at BW. A Junior Patrol program was started this year. The area sold to Peak Resorts. OEC has 32 candidates this year. BM/BW offers to host the 2004 Senior S&T clinic. Service projects after season include First Aid support for many events. Very few changes have been seen to date. Profits from BMBW spent on other Peak Resort areas. A PR election will be held this fall. OEC course has 32 in class.

## 0-3 Section Chief Dick James

**\*Clearfork** - Mark Reisdorf was represented by Dick James – a written report was submitted. Patrolled 106 days this year - 63 patrollers were registered. Experienced difficulty in recruiting which led to only one new basic. A Ski Enhancement seminar was held. Winterfest was a big success. Ken Radke was voted in as new PR. There are 11 new candidates.

**Snow Trails** - Scott Kinnamon reported they were open 106 days. They have one new alpine senior and one new senior auxiliary. They established a new senior advisor program to pursue increased involvement in attaining senior status. The Ski Clinic was very successful. OEC classes have begun with 9 new candidates.

## 0-4 Section Chief Bob Ayers

**\*Alpine Valley** – Don Stamford (see printed financial report and next season calendar) reported 97 ski days this year with snow still on hill at season closing. Also had NSP-C ski clinic. The accident rate was cut by 50% from the prior year - down to 146 incidents due to good snow. One fatality – a trespasser on snowmobile ran into snow groomer at 4am. Started a Junior Patrol program with 14 kids using PNS model. Expecting up to 40 next year. Thanks to Ski demo team for coming after big snowstorm. Last season started with 14 new NSP candidates. This year we have 11 in OEC class. New patrol web site [www.alpinevalleynsp.org](http://www.alpinevalleynsp.org). An Alpine Valley Ski Patrol Board is planned.

**Big Creek/Cleveland Ski Club** – Tod Chapin not present – Bob Ayers, Section Chief reported. reported - 18 members, 60-day season. Some mechanical problems caused loss of about a week. Area is celebrating it's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary this season, the oldest ski area in Ohio. Bill Green, Nat # 405, the first Ohio Region RD, passed away this year at the age of 87. He was a research welder. A memorial service, attended by many, was held at the Ohio Ski Hall of fame.

\***Ohio Nordics** – Steve Barbour, (see submitted report) represented by Bob Ayers reports a great year in local parks. Currently has 5 patrollers and they now have two OEC instructors. Attended Nordic SES at PNS. New XC Area with groomed trails adjacent to Big Creek patrolled as joint cooperative effort. Trying to recruit new members

A break was taken.

## Assistant Region Director Reports

### Program Reports

\*Jane Price, ARD, (see printed report) – reported that she drove 618 miles overseeing various NSP education programs in region. Next season will need new advisors for MTR (Rick King taking Assistant Division Supervisor MTR job), Avalanche and the ARD.

\***Mountain Travel and Rescue Advisor** - Rick King, (see printed report) is resigning to take Division position. This season there are 10 new MTR instructors, making a total of 23. Anthony Snodgrass, Snow Trails, experienced in outdoor training proposed as new MTR Region advisor. ((note: this proposed appointment put on hold by RD until advisor NSP qualifications can be ascertained)). There were four class sessions held this year. The plan is to do a summer Basic MTR class June 14th at Snow Trails area. The next week end, June 21, practical at Mohican State Park. Will continue local extication classes next season. Snodgrass requested to teach at Certified clinic at PNS Jan 18.

**Avalanche Advisor** - vacant – no report, looking for new avalanche advisor.

**Auxilliary Advisor** - Phyllis Mauntel not present, returning – no report.

**Medical Advisor** - Dr. Gary Anderson is returning.

## Assistant Region Director Administration

### Administration Reports

Al Frank – not here – Next season Dave Cobb will assume this position

\***Awards Advisor** - Rae Gommel reports (see printed report) good news - the largest submittal year in a long time. Rules are posted on the web site. Seminars have not been well attended, but program going well overall with increased participation. Earlier submission process is beneficial and will be continued. Some issues are: Service Awards: Why can't I get my 25-year service award plaque even if I don't attend the awards banquet? See letter about this subject and the reply in the awards report. Cost is the major factor. Consider table in written report showing projected annual costs through 2008. Ray explained the nomination review process: this past season's deadlines will be continued. They work well. Next year the evaluation team will consist of the same region officers and the process will be the same. Section Chiefs are requested to nominate seasoned evaluators. Ray reviewed the evaluation packages: This year the nominations were better. Instructions were clear, forms easy to follow. Early submittals will be encouraged again. Patrol contacts with email encouraged. An Awards Clinic is recommended for next Fall Meeting. Each patrol should send delegate or committee.

**Alumni Advisor** - vacant

**Legal Advisor** - Don Schumacher – reports a thankfully quiet year no litigation. There were some consultations on personnel issues. Please CONTACT the Legal Advisor immediately by phone if there is a litigation problem or if you get wind of any issues or requirements for depositions, etc. Be sure to contact Chris as well. Don asks that you identify yourself to his secretary as a NSP member to assure a prompt telephone reply. Don suggests each patrol set up a formal written complaint process (policy) that does not incorporate the NSP P&P section (written or by reference). You do not want to couple local disciplinary procedures with NSP procedures. An additional issue is about the recognition of NSP OEC training by state of Ohio. OEC certification is not recognized by the state, even as Firs Responders since we are not part of the Ohio licensing structure. The Ohio EM certification structure is designed for local EMT squads etc. operations. Clearly none of our OEC trainers are recognized by (or required to be certified by) the state and we contend that state certification is unnecessary. If our OEC certifications were under the state jurisdiction, OEC courses would have to be modified to include state-peculiar requirements and there would be large state registration fee costs, applicable to all members. We would probably lose many patrollers. Currently issue is in limbo in

Ohio. There are 2 conflicting attorney General opinions. Don advises keeping the issue under the radar screen. We have taken the position that we are not required to fall under their direction or advisement due to the nature and restriction within which we operate. When the issue was considered in other states, they got statutory resistance. (This problem does not apply to PNS in Indiana.). We should be covered under Good Samaritan laws and should make sure that each group is covered under their area's insurance. What about EC support off area – like summer runs? Area insurance does not cover off area events and you will be more likely to need Ohio state license/certification.

**\*Downhill Region Newsletter Editor** - Max Davis– (see printed report) Three of the four issues in volume 30 have been distributed and posted on the region web site. Email addresses for e-distribution have high error (return) rates because of frequent changes and no region email update process (there is a correction process for USPS mailing addresses). Max recommend that Ohio region use NSP member database for addresses because there is an effective member update process. (System working well at PNS now). Max also recommend that the publication date for issue #1 be changed from before the fall meeting to very soon after the fall region meeting so that the region calendar can include the many events schedule at that meeting and program announcements based on issues settled by advisors. (There were no objections) A suggestion from the floor: Include articles in *DOWNHILL* about past region events and personalities written by the Historian.

**Historian Advisor** – Anita Gerstle - not present – no report

**Webmaster** - Jim Vickroy – no written report - Web challenge has been the log-in, so he has now set up a universal access for access by patrollers not on the current region roster. The user name is: skipatrol and password: skipatrol. OEC program now has an area with content. Jim encouraged program advisors to begin providing content for their items. He is setting up a new section for Forms which will have a variety of forms in various formats (MS Word, MS Excel and PDF forms). Jim stepping down to take the MRM PR position and Mark Fogt is taking over web site – he will be preparing a survey about the web site value to region members.

## Assistant Region Director Proficiency

### Proficiency Reports

Ed Raudabaugh – next season Jay Zedak will assume this position

**\*OEC & Instructor Development Advisor** - Ed Humphrey (now Central Div supervisor) is stepping down and Rob Hovanec will be taking over – (current season report submitted earlier - no printed report about current season, report on next season goals obtained). Ed distributed objectives for the upcoming year. Plan to continue use of ITs to go to other areas to monitor/regulate refreshers. Senior Emergency Management Clinic (SEM) to be held at MRM on Dec 13. Want to continue expanding the number of instructors and ITs. We need at least 4 more ITs in the region. ITs should be an Instructor Development instructor and have experience as an OEC Instructor. OEC ITs should observe an OEC class outside their own patrol and provide feedback to IOR. Ed also requested assistance in development of new Emergency Management/Problem Management scenarios to be added to the NSP database. Another goal is to add an OEC senior clinic located in central part of Ohio

**\*Alpine Senior Proficiency Advisor** - Greg Schmidt – not present - Ed Raudabaugh summarized the printed report. The next senior clinic is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 . Twenty-three candidates participated in this year's program, 17 passed one or more parts

Ed Raudabaugh

**\*Alpine Toboggan Standards Advisor** - Layton Ives - (Standards printed report) reported 12 from Ohio Region attended Central Division Workshop Dec. 6-8. Sessions included ski school, toboggan instruction, snowboard, Senior program and Patroller 101. The details of the instructor and instructor trainer mentoring and certification were explained at Boyne in detail. Layton provided a review of the IT certification process and reminder to get paperwork in on completion or it will not be official. An IT mentor trains a candidate until the mentor feels the candidate is ready to train patroller candidates alone. At this point the region advisor will appoint an IT from another area to verify the mentor's approval. This formal NSP process is documented. No paperwork - no trainer certification. Candidate IT mentoring and certification procedures are similar. At this point, Ohio ski patrols have registered a not single trainer candidate for mentoring. Tob and ski standardization clinics went really well this year with 17 ITs and 3 candidates at BM and 19 ITs and 16 senior candidates at PNS. The Toboggan Standardization clinics at BM and PNS were well attended by S&T evaluators. Note – these clinics

are not for training, so please don't send candidates for a comprehensive lesson. Candidates may come to see what's going on, become familiar with the clinic process and maybe get some practice. Two new ITs were appointed this year. Layton reported on this year's Powderfall event. Central division had 36 participants - more than a third of the total registrants (94) which included 16 patrollers plus 5 spouses from Ohio region. It was a great event, perhaps the best value available as a member benefit.

**\*Certified Advisor** – Bob Rosselot not present. Written report read by Jay Zedak. There were 4 certified clinics held this year covering over 5 topics on the certified exam. Two candidates and a Southern Region candidate trained together and started their certified test at Marquette MI in March. All completed about half the requirements. It usually takes 2-3 years to complete Certified Patroller requirements so these three are on schedule. A pre-certification clinic is scheduled for Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. Ohio is now approved for re-certification programs.

**\*Senior Program Advisor** - Jim Vickroy – printed report submitted – Senior candidate status is posted on web site. Elective information is now tracked at patrol level. Senior candidate and Senior clinic application were put on the web site for downloading and on line payment was tested. It went well using PayPal. There are some problems. (cost and privacy). For PayPal, if you have a personal account, there are no fees, but as a business there is a fee. This may be a good alternative for future, but someone has to agree to be the PayPal person and be able to recognize email accounts. Jim processed 52 applications this year, 25 SEM, 27 S&T. A table was posted to web site with successful completions of the individual steps. Jim Vickroy will be replaced next season by Bill Harkins as Senior Program Advisor. (Jim will be MRM PR).

Lunch. Reconvene at 1330.

**\*NSP-C/PSIA Ski School Advisor** - Jay Zedak – A printed report was provided. Ohio Region has dominant position in PSIA-C Ski School. Instructor roster is on Central Div NSP-C Web Site. Jay displayed our web page and some comparison to other areas. The web site also includes a full member roster, which allows you to schedule a free training class via online email links. Applications are available online for membership and PSIA-C. A calendar shows all events scheduled, combined with a listing for all certification events. See the links to NSP and ski areas web sites. Check out the posted training schedules. There are 105 instructor members in NSP-C and 80% have some PSIA certification. Education staff calibration is used to certify Senior evaluators. 107 Ohio Region patrollers participated NSP-C clinics and seminars last season at zero expense to region. John McGoff to take over as School Director next season. See our web site for next seasons Ski Enhancement Seminars. Senior Ski clinic will be held 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in February. Web site will have a shopping cart for hats and T-shirts.

## Staff Reports

**\*Region Treasurer** - Cheryl Raudabaugh - Cost center reports were distributed. We are in good shape, financially. Year to date net income is \$5,933, projected to be approx \$1,700 after remainder of year end expenses. Account balances are \$36,766 as of 4/30. Annual region fees do not need to be increased. Patrol Financial Reports: Starting balances are last year closing balances. The reports from sections are needed by 31 Jul 03. Advisor/officer budgets for next season are due by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Note new section for donated services (for things like stamps, phone calls). Finance pages on web site will have overall statements and forms.

**\*Elections Officer** – Nancy Kohlrieser – A printed report was provided. The new 01 Section chief is Don Phipps. Section 04 Chief Bob Ayers has been re-elected.

**NSP Appointments Review Board Chair** - Dick Nau (no printed report) - Reminder – all leadership commendations, nationals and distinguished service awards must go to the NSP appointment committee. Last year's board approved 2 Distinguished Service Awards. Because of recipients health these awards were presented individually to Carl Koscis and Jack Hire. Appointment nominations must be postmarked by December 1. Last season's nomination process was reviewed. The board meeting is set for early Dec – cancelled because of various reasons. Was not on region calendar. Next year it will be announce on the DOWNHILL Calendar.

**Recording Secretary** – Patty Lanum resigned and as noted earlier Kim Hiser is now going to assume the role. Email minutes were not available in time for meeting. Need fall meeting notes Larry Vasel? Ed Raudabaugh reviewed the notes and circulated to others as needed.

## Region Officer Changes

Recording Secretary – Kim Hiser to fill open position.

J Woodrum will become a Central Division ADD. Ohio Board of Governors recommended Chris Raudabaugh for appointment by DD for balance of term.

Woodrum is negotiating ADD duties. Intends to run for RD in a couple of year.

Ed Humphrey is now one of the three Central Division OEC supervisors

Rick King became assistant Division Advisor for MTR.

A **Motion** for approval of the minutes was made by Dave Cobb and seconded by Larry Vasel. **Motion passed.**

## Region Director's Report

**Jim Woodrum's Report:** At the Board of Governors meeting in Feb Jim announced that he was asked to take the Assistant Div Director role, and nominated Chris Raudabaugh as Region Director. The Board recommended formally to the Division and he was approved via Chuck Martschinke.

Chuck will be acting Division Director for the upcoming year, then there will be an election. Jim intends to run for the Director position. New Division staff members are Ed Humphrey - OEC Supervisor, Rick King – Mountain Travel and Rescue Advisor.

## Old Business:

Jim Vickroy suggested that the keeper of the calendar be the Recording Secy going forward. Kim has agreed to do this and have available for other areas as needed.

## New Business:

Chris Raudabaugh took over as Chair and thanked Jim for his leadership and continued support as we go forward. He welcomed all advisors/chiefs to contact him at any time. (Jim Woodrum) As is common of each change over in region leadership, all prior ARDs have resigned to allow Chris to set up his new staff.

**New ARD appointees:** Doris Noe – ARD Programs, Dave Cobb – ARD Administration, Jay Zedak – ARD Proficiency, and ARD Line – Ed Raudabaugh

Treasurer: Cheryl Raudabaugh will continue in the position. A motion was established to avoid conflict of interest problems with a husband as Region Director and wife as Treasurer. Dave Cobb completed the following **motion:** “As long as Cheryl is treasurer and Chris is RD, all expenses will be forwarded for approval to a non-Section 01 ARD, before it goes to Cheryl”. Layton Ives seconded the motion. The board then voted to approve the motion. **Motion Approved.**

## Central Division Meeting Update:

**HIPPA legislation:** This new privacy ruling was discussed at the Central division mtg. They noted that the incident reports that we prepare are area requirements, not part of NSP, and they recommended that all copies of incident reports should be turned over to the local area. We should not keep anything. (Don Schumaker) Don disagreed, believing that there are many reasons that patrols should keep a copy, with provisions to keep it secure. He will research further. Discussion continued on pros and cons of maintaining information within the patrol. PNS keeps copies readily accessible, BM/BW does not allow any copies to be kept, MRM does keep a copy. According to HIPPA seminars – indications are that we will have to add confidentiality clauses to the forms, and there will be an agreement as to who can see. Forms will have to be safeguarded immediately, not kept in a pile in the first aid room, etc. This will require changes in most areas that needs further review (including each PR with area management and/or insurance companies, and Rob/Ed review) which Don will lead, discuss at next Div mtg, and present back to the fall meeting Sept 21<sup>st</sup> before we go into next season. Don asked that each PR respond to him with info by August 1.

**Tax Exempt Forms:** The tax issue is required separation of the ski patrol that is part of a for profit operation vs. NSP which is a non-profit training related group. If you are doing lots of purchase of first aid supplies and anything non-training oriented, you should consider getting your own 501(c)(3) or having the area purchase. They are pushing PRs to move all non-training related items to be purchased by the ski area if possible. Don again recommends review, and use discretion as well as limiting use of the tax exempt forms. We might want to consider disclaimers at the swaps that these purchases are not allowed to be used as tax deductible donations.

**NSP-C Dues:** Cost of dues all goes to Insurance (\$50) and may have to go up again covering next year's policy.

**Division Meeting:** Program Supervisor Meeting will be included at the Fall Meeting on Friday. Jim will investigate who all should be there, to find if they are requesting region advisors to attend as well. The Div meeting is Sept 12 – 14 in Minneapolis, MN. If the region sends people, the board will need to vote on whether/how much the region is willing to spend to support.

**OEC make-up Refresher(s):** Hoping to get patrols to try not to have all the sessions on the same day. Also, if someone still can't get to those, consider charging those who have to take separately. Review further at the fall meeting; Rob H to lead review and report at Fall mtg.

**Region Newsletter** to all RDs: Request to Max to send to all RDs in the Central Division and Ohio Region Ski Area Managers. Chris will supply emails to Max. Requested by Central Division.

## Other New Business

None

## Future Meetings

**Fall Meeting** – is scheduled for September 21, 2003 at the Liberty Township Community Center, 9am.  
For patrol reps and board members.  
National appt discussion in afternoon – Nominations to then be postmarked by Dec 1  
Awards review board meeting as well or to be scheduled.

**Spring Meeting** - May 1, 2004 is the next  
To be held at Clearfork next year (if Dick can get Ken Radke to agree).

Adjournment:

A Motion for Adjournment was made by Ed Raudabaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Ayers. All voted to adjourn. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned - 3:30pm