



Ohio Region Spring Meeting
April 22nd 2006
9:00 AM
Perfect North Slopes

Intro

Call to Order Chris Raudabaugh

9:30

Intro of new PR's Scott introduced Dave Baumlein for ST, Jim V introduced John Norris, Darrel, Bill C introduced Tom, Darcy introduced Sandy Hammons, Dale L.

Appointments

Parliamentarian – Jim

Sergeant at Arms – Ron

Roll Call

Kim Hiser – voting members present at roll call were:

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, Don Noble 0-3. Voting PR's: Jim Vickroy 0-1, Bill Currier 0-2. **Others in attendance (from the sign-in sheet) were:**

Announcements

Housekeeping from Darcy – copying available.

Agenda Additions

Add Alida for ID, Move Phyllis M. report to later.

Proxy Announcements

None

Approval of Spring Meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Jim V, Second by Bill Currier. **Motion approved.**

Division Meeting Report

Chris attended Division meeting. New nomination committee at National, end of this year the National board will be completely new people. All 10 nominees are excellent candidates. Our Div. Director is involved in one of the standing committees. There is a \$20 dues increase for next year. Janet suggested that we should stand behind candidates from Central Division. Encourage folks that don't know who to vote for to look at the folks from our division. Max said a significant amount of time had to be devoted to looking at the bios of candidates, is there a way we can condense the info. John said only about 16-17% of the membership voted. Chris said we need to get more of the membership involved in the process. There were new by-laws drafted to deal with things like the petition. There is still some unfinished business regarding "the petition". Division Treasurer needs to make sure the patrols are using the correct exempt ID and will need the names of your treasurers. Jay is working on a special team for next winter's SES. Should discuss code of conduct issues at the PR retreat. Proposals involved registration of events (Senior, Certified) and not having insurance to covered. Auxillary status and electives involved. Certified manual was discussed. The Fall Meeting is on the other side of the lake at Wausau. Chris encourages folks to attend. Friday, the meetings kick off, Executive Session, IT Conference. Board meeting in the afternoon on Saturday. Cheryl asked if the IT conference was for OEC or S&T – Chris thought it was general. There is Two OEC IT's will be funded to attend. New Legal Kevin McQuillan. MSAA meeting happens August 14-17 – contact Chuck M – can look online for details and location. Looking at Region realignment – will talk about in new business. Ed added that considerable amount of time was spent discussing the survey that went out. Trying to put answers to some of the questions. There is an Instructor Development CD available. Alida should budget for those. Mini TES run for Ed Staff of PSIA – helped them to understand what we do and why. Hoping to get credit for NSP events. Offer First Care, fundamentals for MTR to PSIA. Analysis of the Survey was briefly discussed - out of 6000 members in Central Div. there were only 478 responses.

Treasurers Report

Bev Benzing – written report submitted. Loss to date of \$748.07 - projected loss of \$5,547.00, which we are on target for. There are some expenses yet to come in from Ski School. Estimating loss of around \$4,000. Still have \$25,000 in savings. Please think about program costs. Bev recommends maintaining the \$.25 per mile allowance. Region dues are \$8, Division dues were \$10. Region dues have been \$8 for a very long time. Chris asked the PR's to go back to their patrols and find out if we should increase the fees for our programs or increase the dues. A couple of dollars increase might help us out, could be a combination of the both. Daryl asked why we have such a high balance in our savings. Bev said we are currently eating into that balance and we need to decide where the safety net is as we are eating into the balance exponentially. We had some revenues from MTR, TES and other programs. Chris said we should be working to tweak our programs to get our negative number up to zero. We will talk more about this in the fall. Bev is getting a new email address. Get your expenses in – June 30 is the deadline. Budgets are required by May 25th, July 31st year end reports from Section Chiefs.

Confirm Ski Calendar & Roster

Max Davis/Kim Hiser

Try to spread things out. Jim asked if we can spread out the OEC refresher dates. Action item after lunch to negotiate dates for refreshers. Scott said the winter carnival is always the last weekend in Feb and their patrol was really hurt by the conflict last season. PNS has problems President's Day weekend. Doris noted that historically the Senior Event was held earlier in February.

Break at 10:36

Resume at 10:56

National Appts

Dick Nau. There was a meeting December 11th at MRM. Dates are on calendar – one is inflexible, December 1st DSA, National, LCA – must come through the National Review Board. Must be on the standardized form – no homemade forms.

Elections

Nancy Kohlrieser –

Elections

Section 01 & 04 elections were held. Bob and Kurt were elected to continue their terms as Section Chief. In 2007 an election will be held for Section 02.

PR Retreat

Jim Vickroy – last year we held a PR retreat to share ideas. We had really good attendance. Chris R. Jim W. and Don S. joined the meetings. Two sessions, Protecting your patrol from Legal Problems, Recruiting, Keeping and Motivating the Right People. Some social time was available for golf and shopping and just getting to talk to one another. All attendees thought the event was worthwhile. PD's from other regions expressed interest in attending our PR retreat and organizing their own events. Can get a lot more ideas and experiences with other folks attending. May have to work on a conference fee for PR's outside of our region. The event is to share ideas, not to tell you how to run your patrol. The next retreat is August 11-13th at Mohican State Park, which is centrally located. Open to current and past PD's along with current APD's. One session lined up to discuss the relationships between Ski School and local patrol. Other possible topics, Awards, recruiting, engaging area management, discipline, PR's dual role, Code of Conduct, Fostering cooperation between ski school and ski patrol. Need to know at least 30 days in advance if you are attending or you need to make your own accommodations or we could be responsible for paying for any unused rooms.

Dick Nau – National – RD, ARD's, Section Chiefs if they hold an appointment. Designate a Section review panel chair with an appointment. Anyone who holds an appointment is welcome and encouraged to attend the open session where the nominees are presented. There is a closed session of the board where the vote is taken.

Legal

Don Schumacher

Registration

Ed Raudabaugh - Pretty well taken care of. Forms are used by Division & National – be sure they have the correct information on the forms.

ARD Line

Ed Raudabaugh

Section 01

Bob – written report submitted. Financials all patrols had surplus. Increase in nomination to 1 for National. Very active award committees from PNS and MRM, both did a great job. Got to MRM 2 times TES and came back 2 weeks later to a glorious day. Spent 47 days at PNS. Have new PR's at both MRM and PNS and want to spend more time this year. Plan to also visit Buckeye Nordics as well.

PNS:

Darcy – written report submitted. Highlights – 101 skiing days which is a record. Very active season. John McGoff – new Certified Patroller. Many events, SES, TES, MTR.

Two day refresher every three years. New equipment including ascender, gates for toboggan training, new laptop purchased by area.

Buckeye Nordics

Carl – Smallest patrol in the Region. Nice relationship with home area. Gave them an area – good parks. A Nordic patrol in Ohio needs to be mobile. Largest and most active Ski Clubs in the area. – they offer great trips. Represented in the Largest Ski race – the Birkenbinder – requires commitment of about 4 days. No accidents.

Mad River Mountain

Jim –written report submitted. Highlights were – 90 day season, winter, spring, winter. We never closed this season. Normal year with injuries. One Life Flight incident. Brought in 10 patrollers, lost 11. MRM's very first Certified Patroller – Tom Tavenner. Marty Collins PSIA Level III. Alumni Day and Retro Rusty Day is now an annual event. Had about 15 alumni attend. Memorial Event – we memorialized Arvo Erikson. Next year to begin to recognize people that are still living. Last report as PR.

Section 02

Janet – turned over to PR's for area reports.

BM/BW

Bill – written report submitted – Highlights: MRM beat us by 1 day – 89 days. Still snow there today. Two new Seniors, all 8 SEM candidates passed. Had the D-team in for an SES for a 2 day event with a follow up trip to Holiday Valley. Hope to offer the event again next year. Had an unfortunate event this year with a patron suffering a heart attack. Had a chair evac at BW and used LAR at Boson Mills. Have a fun obstacle course event at the end of the year. Have 24 in OEC class. Summer events listed in report. Last report at PR.

Cuyahoga

Daryl – Everyday is a frustration fest. Sledders on barely snow covered grass. 14 patrol days. 116 hours of patrolling, 2 accidents. Most people come out totally unprepared to be outdoors. Volunteer with the Park. Work with BM/BW. Only Nordic patrol in Ohio that has snowmobile certification in a National Park. National Park hesitant to allow volunteers to operate snowmobiles. Have lot of recruitment material but don't get much interest. Chris mentioned at the Division snowmobile operation is still a huge issue – NSAA offers a video and manual. Daryl said they have the ranger ride with them to certify them. Daryl said National Park System wants documentation of NSP programs.

Section 03

Don

Clear Fork:

Todd – ski area is for sale. 56 working hours is a requirement. 60 patrollers. 10 new basics. 3-4 in OEC currently. Signed up for Green memorial. New equipment purchased this year. Very successful ski swap.

Snow Trails:

Scott - written report 96 consecutive days. 86 patrollers, 7 candidates. 8 in OEC class, started in April with a split session. Dave Baumlein is an APD and PR elect. John Vining to take over for Dave. One new Senior. Two level II PSIA, AASI level 1, new equipment – radios, backboards, portable O2.

Encourage patrollers to increase their skills. Last report as PR. Scott thanked everyone for all their help and support and encouraged new folks to use the resources available in this room.

Section 04

Kurt – Alpine Valley – good snow in December, rental barn collapsed. Management did a good job getting the area re-opened quickly. 6 new candidates, OEC already started. SES – 17 participants. Open 77 days – better than last year.

Alpine Valley

Don

Big Creek/Cleveland:

Dale – Open only 25 days. Patrollers went over to AV. No accidents or injuries due to more parental supervision. One candidate and one new basic. Have 14 active and one inactive – 285 years of service collectively. Need to put together good recruiting tools.

Ohio Nordics

Steve – not present, no report.

Lunch is ready – let's eat.

Adjourn for lunch at 12:06pm

Resume at 12:50pm

PR Retreat

Jim Vickroy. August 12-14th this year. There were some important discussions – 3 discussions, gave each subject enough time. Protecting your patrol from litigation, NSP Identity – patroller committee topic. Jim Woodrum and Chris R. were present as well. Session on recruiting, motivating and retaining people for your patrol. Scott said the program was well organized. Don Schumacher gave great advise. It was time well spent. Chris added that Section Chiefs are invited and it is a good leadership recruiting tool. Good time of the year to have such a retreat.

ARD Administration

Dave Cobb – Greg S. will be here later – have nice awards, important to recognize patrollers. Dave thanks all of you that participated, if you don't have an awards committee you should put one together.

Awards:

Greg – will be here later

Alumni

Dick – not here today. Dick has encouraged patrols to keep up with their alumni. Mad River has had their 2nd Alumni event. Nice way to keep in touch with people that have been an important part of our patrols and region.

Legal

Don - unable to attend. Dave C. said not receiving a report from Don is probably a good thing.

Downhill

Max – written report submitted. The two tools that we have are the *Downhill* and the website. Max proposes to continue the publication as we have. Communications are very important. Dave Cobb restated that the communications are critical – we have struggled with the website for the last several years and it has not been an effective tool. What do we expect, how to implement – need an individual that has expertise and time. John McGoff said we will cover in New Business. Max added that list from National used for mailing wasn't available for the March issue this year. If someone that is registering for the first time were not on that list. Keeping the list current is still a major undertaking. Max recommends that National needs to keep up with data entry.

Chris said he is also frustrated but National is trying to do a software upgrade. He will keep on it. Jim said updates from registrations didn't show up on National's list until sometime in February.

Historian

Carol – keeping the *Downhills* – have not received much from the patrol. Would like some direction on which way to go from here other than keeping the *Downhill*. Lot of info from Sugar Creek patrol. There is history in every patrol's office somewhere. The form that it is in is very difficult to retrieve. Dave suggested that each patrol write up something about so. Dick Nau mentioned that there are old areas

that no longer exist like Morrow, Echo Hills etc. – might be a lot of work but interesting. Chris added that history is today – if you have photos or patches. Some of the old photos from MRM are pretty fun. Should copy Carol on your year-end reports. Bill Currier added that applications for outstanding patrol are a good source.

Webmaster

Eric – no report.

ARD Proficiency

John McGoff

OEC

Cheryl – written report submitted. Highlights 244 instructors this year. Deals mostly with IT's, key components to incorporating. Instituted more of a mentoring program for IT's. Look at folks in your patrol who might make a good candidate. The mentor does not need to be from the same patrol. Last year added formal QA functions for the OEC course. Good method for sharing ideas. Instructor re-certifications re-upped every 3 years. Will not be re-upped if you don't re-certify. Three opportunities this year - August 5th at MRM, one in October at ST. Had 80% pass rate at SEM. The biggest issue was date conflict with Division's event at Boyne. Cheryl discussed budgeting for sending QA people around the region. PNS have subsidized rooms for candidates and evaluators for rooms but never mileage. Darcy said they will probably subsidize some form. Jim V. said we usually just give hourly or shift relief. The Division current plan is for Boyne is Dec. 9-11. Sandy asked about QA for toboggan programs. Chris said there currently is none. Mad River is scheduled to have the SEM this year. The SEM will be scheduled for December 16th. Last report as OEC Advisor.

Instructor Development

Alida – PowerPoint presentation. Electronic written report submitted (via John McGoff) ID has split off from OEC and Alida assumed the position last September. ID provides the basis for all the other disciplines. She gave a history of instructor training. The *Guide to Mentoring* is available on the NSP website. ID to provide the support. 21 ID instructors, 9 IT's - not evenly distributed. There are 3 goals: discipline excellence, communication and delivery, interdisciplinary consistency. It is about good teaching. There is a new CD for distance education. There was an ID class in March and one scheduled for July at MRM. Alida plans to communicate by collaboration through the various disciplines, assist in the mentoring how-to's. There has not been consistency in the mentoring program. The challenges – follow the TMP formula. $10+5+85=100$. Ten percent to teaching, five percent to management, eighty-five percent for practice time. Talk less do more. Also with PowerPoint presentations follow the 10-20-30 rule – 10 slides in 20 minutes at nothing less than 30 point font – otherwise it is death by PowerPoint. Goal is to keep our peer-led excellence going. Remember ID IT's - we are one O short of an ID IOT.

S&T Senior Eval

Bill – Scott gave an update. In April, Bill was mountain biking and severely broke his ankle. John added that Bill is determined to be on skis. Dennis Maslar will be taking over Senior program administration and gave Bill's report.. There were 24 candidates. For skiing there were 18 candidates – 10 passed. For toboggan out of 11 candidates, 8 passed. Both snowboarding candidates passed. 25 evaluators helped out. A big thanks to PNS for hosting the event again. There was around \$600-\$700 collected with virtually no expenses. Try to head toward a single day event next season. Tom Worley (Division Toboggan Advisors) wants to clean up the IT and toboggan trainer lists to be sure they are active in teaching and passing on the most up-to-date information from Division.

Toboggan

Greg – written report submitted. Three objectives, calibrate and train evaluators, provide teams for the senior evaluation, enhance toboggan handling throughout region. Two STW's with the SES's, one at PNS and BM/BW. Goals are to bring down information from Division. TES were used from everything from high level to bring in folks that need to brush up on their skills. If you get a group of patrollers together, Greg will get someone there to do a TES.

Ski School

Dan – power point presentation. Highlights of the season were utilizing the V1 software at the STW and SES, had PSIA Ed Staff event, 12 SES completed. Honored Ernie Stromer on the t-shirts. Evaluation forms were done on each event. Next year there will be a tele event at CF or ST. Ed Staff event at CF or ST for PR's /Ski School Reps. Triplicate feedback from STW, SES and Senior test. Computer &

printer on site for registration & certificates, PR guarantee of participants (15 - at a cost of around \$300).
Need to identify a local ski school rep – someone responsible for Dan to communicate directly.
Deadline is a deadline,

Certified

Guy – unable to attend - John McGoff gave report. Excellent year. There are 8 Certified patrollers in Ohio. Much leadership in Ohio region. Pre-certification clinic at PNS, follow-up clinic at BM/BW.
Thanks to Janet for help with OEC. Event was in Marquette. There were 15 candidates this year 10 from Ohio. Certified numbers 648 for Tom Tavenner, 647 for John McGoff.

Break - 2:29pm
Resume – 2:40pm

Calendar revisited – there are 5 good dates in October to move refreshers around. Nothing is scheduled for October 8th. and October 28th & 29th. PNS cannot move – Tall Stacks is scheduled for October 8th. Please negotiate – many scheduled for October 1st.

ARD Programs

Doris Noe – New medical advisor – Dave Walker. Please contact him if you have any questions about OEC. Give him ideas for the Downhill. If you get emails from David Noe – it is from Doris.

MTR

Ron - classroom program at PNS. Field session was Nov. 12 & 13th. MTR2 March 24th & 25th required to be on snow but were able to campout here at PNS. There are 6 new instructor trainees, 4 more in the works, one new IT – Dave Zeager. 4 IT's in region. Writing LAR guidelines, Rick started it about a year and a half ago. Training aid, many legal issues. New equipment – 2 GPS units. For Community Service, OSP, Kentucky State Police interest in using NSP MTR trained folks for SAR. Contact Ron if you are interested. For PR's if you want to run a LAR, contact Ron to get a team sent to your area.

Avalanche

Kim – written report submitted. Avalanche fundamentals and rescue a one day course. – does not require snow. Incredible research this year. Currently 4 level 2 instructors, 2 are IT's. Bev Benzing completed level 1 in Utah. Dale Mihuta is Central Division Advisor. Start a development program to have the PSIA group to get the Avalanche course as a point credit. Avalanche course scheduled for December 2nd Need new level 1 instructors. Avalanches can happen – even in the mid-west! Date for the level 2 in Utah is set by Park City. Kim's goal is to get 8-10 people there.

Auxiliary

Phyllis – written report submitted. Much discussion about senior auxiliary component in the senior manual. Will be in the new Senior manual, who administers and how it will be scored. Oral based scenario is preferred over a practical. Please PR's, identify Auxiliary patrollers in your patrol and get them involved in the program.

Medical

Dave – no report.

Elections (given earlier)

Nancy Kohlrieser –

Break
Resume

Old Business

Certified Patroller Advisor - duties and responsibilities

Tabled until Fall – Mike Longfellow to make a presentation to the Board.

Certified PnP changes

New Business

Senior Ski/Riding skills signoff

John McGoff – We have only about a 60% pass rate on skiing. We want a level PSIA II or III sign-off on the candidate. Need to bring folks to the event that are prepared. Not fair to candidates or evaluators. Have a couple of folks sign off and get to a workshop – go to some other terrain. SES events in

Colorado. Sign off sheets should be over a season or even two seasons. Darcy reiterated that the sign-off should be over time – not just a one day sign-off. A minimum of two weeks prior to S&T event for sign-off sheets. If event is end of January this year and we don't open in December, the training season will be very short. It can take several years for someone to ski at the standard. Bill suggested that folks may not have a clear understanding of the requirements (senior testing standard). Dan said you need to read the Senior manual. Jim suggested that there should be some sort of written evaluation of the manual before they should move on. Dan said evaluators were calibrated by video and out on the hill on terrain. Senior program is longer than one season – we need to get that message out. The Senior S&T is now a test not a clinic. John said guidelines will be presented at the fall meeting.

Toboggan Advisor Qualifications –

(have Chris send files)

Proposal to add to section 51.4.3 : Ski/Board Senior Evaluators must be NSP-C Ski School members in good standing. (this is for insurance coverage at the Senior Event). Motion to approve by Bob second by Janet.

Motion Approved.

Proposal to change section 52.1.1 Appeals. The S&T Board shall hear and decide appeals from candidates, *members of the NSP-C ski School or Senior Evaluators...*

Tabled to fall to get language for S&T board so there would be no conflict of interest if one of the board members is involved in the conflict.

52.2 Region Toboggan Advisor

52.2.1 Qualifications: Shall be a registered Senior or Certified.

Max suggested if this is something that Division is going to, we should not put this in writing. Janet had concerns that we are stepping ahead of Division policy and more restrictive. Ed said we should just reference that section of Division policy – why re-write it? Tabled until Fall meeting.

52.3.4 Region Senior Program Advisor

The Assistant shall *be an active Senior Evaluator*, if possible, be from a section distant from the Region Senior Program Advisor.

Motion by Jim, second by Bill. **Motion Approved.**

Policy and Procedure changes for Fall Meeting

If you want to make policy changes please find out if there is anything in the National Website, then look at the Division. To the extent possible – use that information. If there is anything in addition to what is already written for the Region, then write that up. If the proposals are submitted ahead of time folks can have the time to review.

Region Boundary/Expansion

PR from Paoli Peaks has expressed interest in joining the Ohio Region.

They are in Evansville IN and are a Peaks Resort. There may be extra travel involved for QA.

Mammoth Mtn Tragedy

Chris reviewed the tragedy. Kim Garrett passed out information on the Memorial Funds.

John McGoff proposed that the Ohio Region make a monetary donation. Dave Seconded. Dave Cobb had a friendly amendment to send \$100 to each of the three funds, Second by Darcy. **Motion approved. Motion Approved** for the original motion and amendment.

Website upgrade and planning

John asked about the status of the web site – Eric agreed that it is what it is. Create a task force to understand what the membership would like to see. Bring it back and put together a plan. Bill having been involved with the Division website for 10 years would be happy to help understand needs and issues. He is willing to serve on the task force. Jim Vickroy agreed to be a part of the team as well as Max and Dave Cobb. First thing might be to freshen it up and update the information. Big problem is that it is a static site. Some pages have no owner. Should be an easy way to maintain. Program Advisors should direct Eric to update and change their section. Ideal choice would be for folks to update pages without going through someone. Jim asked about deadlines – Chris suggested by the end of June a list of what is there and what needs to be worked on. Perhaps launch it in September – at least the calendar. Bill will lead the task force.

Meetings

2006

Fall Division Meeting, Sept 8,9,10 Wausaw, WI

Ohio Region Fall Meeting, September 24th 9:00am, Liberty Twp Hall, Powell, OH

2007

March 31 to April 1 Central Division Spring Meeting, Chicago

April 28th, Ohio Region Spring Meeting/Banquet, ?????

Voting members see Max for a copy of the current P&P.

Motion to Adjourn by Darcy Second by Bill. All in favor, **Motion Approved.**

Summary of Motions *does not include Policy and Procedure motions listed above*

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Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly E. Hiser
Ohio Region Recording Secretary