

Call to Order Chris

Roll Call Cindy – all voting members accounted for.

Attendance- Chris Raudabaugh, Bill Currier, Dave Cobb, Carole Cobb , Cindy Soter, Chad Dworkin, Dave Baumlein, Kal Dworkin, Josh Harding, Tom Ciranna, Freddie Shima, Janet Glaeser, Daryl Knauss, Jim Burns, Lori Ringley, Max Davis, Rose DaJarnette, Doris Noe, John McGoff, Ed Raudabaugh, Dave Walker, Kurt Tenerove, Jim Woodrum, Jay Zedak

Announcements- Bill Currier welcome... NEW REGION DIRECTOR for the 2008- 2009 Season. Bev will be a little late. Welcome CHAD to the legal advisor. Chris asked that all PD's stop and talk with Chad today; he can be a great asset to our region. Jim Vickroy has stepped into the REGION OEC advisor. But is looking for an assistant to take over this position

RD-

Legal- Welcome Chad! Chris asked that all PD's stop and talk with Chad today, he can be a great asset to our region

Awards - LORI Ringley is ready to go with the awards for the banquet tonight!!

OEC- Last year JIM Vickroy stepped into this position and is now looking for an assistant to shadow him to eventually take over

Banquet – Cocktail hour is at 6 dinner begins at 7 with awards to follow

Appointments-

Parliamentarian - Chad

Sergeant at Arms – John Norris

Proxy Announcements – Josh Harding is sitting in for Bruce from Paoli Peeks

Approval of Fall Meeting minutes- motion to approve the minutes Janet ...Bob Smith seconded the .. Minutes were accepted.

Division Meeting Report Chris, Bill –Chris stated he's seen a change in the region with the relationship between the Patrols & The area management... this leads to having trust with each other. We need to be sure that we are making sure that we are making sure the refreshers are being handled in the proper / ethical way. Another change in region/NSP is they are trying to go to an online registration. The is a focus group. Division T&T... helps folks to get ready for the ASSI, PSIA exams. Fall Meeting will be in Milwaukee - very motorcycle oriented. Patroller 101 needs to be registered... this helps with liability. Alpine training Video Guide that came out last year, they are now coming out with a part 2 that should be out next year.

A course was developed for ED credits that PSIA instructors may take

August 11 is the MSAA conference, and is very educational, you might be able to check with you area to see if they could help fund your trip to the conference

Division will be starting AUDITS... this is not a witchhunt... its just to see how we are doing, and to make sure there is control.. just seeing how the patrols are doing their books... if there is an issue they can then say this is how records need to be kept. This could be beneficial for us as a checks and balances. Bev will add more when she gives her report.

Some Wording of the senior PNP, was changed at the division meeting.

Critical care recognition Award... given out when someone falls short of a blue or purple merit star.

Division STW Boyne .

Chris had a note that pictures were needed for the fall meeting.

9 regions down to 8...this was approved by the board. This occurred over the spring.

Bill added there will be a new division website, and a new Division Webmaster...> CHRIS RAUDABAUGH.

He has also offered to help out the region webmaster.

PD retreat possible August 8-9 still in the works... date is not set in stone.

Circulate Calendar Max Davis/Cindy -

National Appointments: Dick Nau

Held a meeting DEC 15 At MRM: Doris and Janet came down for the meeting.

Registration Ed Raudabaugh – gave each section chief records to make corrections and get back to ED so he can forward to the division. Historically Patrol directors have done a great job. BM/BW \$1.00 short... Sherwin said they could just add it to next years... (Jokingly) Ed will not be in this position in the future.

Treasurers Report Bev Benzing – Handed out packets to... Shows full financial with all the expenditures in each program. Section Chiefs... she will be sending your packets to help close the year... Advisors...Budgeting forms need to be returned. \$40,021.69 in savings. This was as of April 25, 2008. We are no longer in Fifth Third bank... we had to get tax ID number PROOF...this was a drawn out process... Mary Green was a big help at division. We are now at National City. We have not gotten the withholdings, and this is going to be left up to Mary. The audits have started; they are going a little slower than expected with the merger of the regions. The IRS is checking every crack and crevices, Bev feels we are ready for our audit and would like for us to be audited next year. Bev included in her packet what can and cannot be spent with our monies... In the fall all Treasures should attend a meeting to get all on the same page. Max asked how to check on banks for the individual patrols... because he says that banks can tend screw you.

Budget time- please get Bev your budgets by May 25, 2008. If it is not to Bev by then...she will create a budget for your program.

Year End finances July 31, 2008...books close June 30th so this gives PD's a month to get this finish.

Gas prices going up- IRS has gone up to 50.5 cents...but Charitable Gas is at 14. We as a region reimburse now at .25 could we increase the reimbursement to 30 cents per mile... this would be a 20% increase for the region. Not for this Fiscal year, but starting in July 1, 2008.

BREAK 10:15 – 10:30

Chris made a motion to make the milage reimbursement rate from 25 cents to 30 cents.. First – Dave B. Second Ed Raudabuagh. Not opposed. Motion Accepted. Mileage now will be reimbursed at 30 cents a mile.

Chris also mentioned Don Schumacher has stepped down as the region legal advisor due to health issues. There is a Fund set up for him by his peers and we are going to raise money to help him. Chris offered to personally donate \$50.00 to get the fund raising going. Dick Nau stated the need for Don to get phone calls. The fund is called Lawyers in Need.

ARD Line: Ed Raudabaugh

Section 01 Bob – Large surplus active in the awards at the region and division level. Bob was able to get to each resort in his section (report given). Looking forward to getting to each area next season

PNS: Sandi- 91 days -very successful year. Provided a service to the resort called Shout Fest. This will become an annual event. 2 certified patrollers, 3 senior patrollers. Started putting out video clips, chair evac, oec skills and law angle rescue.

Buckeye Nordics: Carl –10 days of natural days skiing. Parks system was alive and well. While traveling to another resort A snowboarder that went out of bounds...so I used another person and did assessment by remote. Had an outstanding race this year, the patrol funds a breakfast for the foreign skiers, and it was voted the BEST BREAKFAST, beating Switzerland 4 years in a row

Mad River Mtn: John- Report Given- 95 Opened Days. Management had a new system for filling out incidents. OES for next season, looking into a program for our aging patrollers who want to still be a part of our family but maybe not pulling a sled, or oec.

Paoli Peaks: Bruce Report given by Josh Harding. 70 open days.

Section 02 Janet-Like to offer apologies to Lori for the mishap on awards this year. BMBW has some sad news, a son of our patrollers who was in the OEC class has passed away.

BM/BW: Tom 92 days, We will be in red jackets next year. Remodeled the BW family area and First aid room. Next step we will be doing a few touch ups to the BM Aid room. Working on the website. Opening week we go over policies and procedures during the first week. 20 new OEC candidates in this year's class. Rail Jam, Hope on the Slopes were events the patrol were involved in.

Cuyahoga: Daryl- 7 patrollers, 1 Candidate. OEC refresher & On the trail Refresher this year. Working with the National Park... in winter they would like the "Trail Blazer's" to walk the trails, the parks would like the Ski Patrollers to be with someone else. They cannot ski by themselves. All the park services personal are required to take a National Board certified First responder Test. They park is looking into funding the test. Jim Woodrum mentioned that other areas charge for attendance by other patrollers (not from his area) for attending since he

Section 03 Don

Clear Fork: Todd – there are approx. 30 patrollers who still register under clearfork, 30 that are secondary patrols, and about 30 who "retired". Resort is still for sale, but there are no plans to reopen currently.

Snow Trails: Dave – Open 92 Days. Report given. A new AED training tool was purchased. We had 10 secondary patrollers from Clearfork. This year we had the need to implement a critical incident program in place due to a death on the tubing hill. There is not a OEC candidate class this year. 5 patrollers completed the Patroller 101. Saturday

October 18th Snow Trails will hold an OEC ID refresher. Looking forward to 08/09 Season

Section 04 Kurt - Got off to a slow start. Once things got rolling we were able to stay open the rest of the season. We have 9 new candidates for the upcoming season. Quick note on Safety...there seem to be a great reduction in accidents.

Alpine Valley: Pat- 69 days open... we had about 100 incidents, down about 20 from last year with being open longer. Management asked Pat to be involved in their Insurance Audit. Lost 15 patrollers over the last couple years, so more are having to step up and do more. So we started a recruitment campaign, to get the buzz out about patrolling to guests of the area. Question for the group...During the Insurance Audit they suggested that they post a sign that INVERTS are not RECOMMENDED. What issues/hassles have other patrols/areas dealt with?

Big Creek/Cleveland: Dale – Not here, no report given

Ohio Nordics Steve - Not here, no report given

ARD Administration: Dave Cobb – Welcome Lori as the awards advisor.

Awards: Lori – report given. 112 awards including service. We had a new sage award winner this year with the inclusion of Paoli Peeks; they have a patroller who beats out the Long standing recipient. Janet asked that with technology these days if to reduce driving if there was a way to have meetings via phone conference, or web cast, or via email?

Alumni: Dick Ike- Currently there about 65 Past patrollers registered as alumni. (patrol 601) . Dick was not in attendance to give a report, Dave spoke on his behalf. Dick would like to step down at the end of this year, so if anyone would like to step up and take this position on, please let Dave or Dick know

Legal: Chad- Asked for patrols to utilize his expertise. If there is an issue, please contact him as soon as possible.

Downhill: Max- had a problem with the printer this last newsletter, and Max thinks it might be time to start looking for a new printing company. This last issue was delayed 2 weeks. There is a May 17th deadline for the next issue articles.

Historian: Carole- (keeper of the stuff...3000 Pounds of Stuff!!) there is a need in the future for all this “stuff” to be formatted electronically. Carole did ask if anyone knew who wanted to take “custody” of all this stuff, and get it organized.

Webmaster: Bill and Chris will be maintaining the website until another webmaster can be found. Bill wanted to recognize ROSE for her help with the website.

LUNCH BREAK @ 11:48

Back @ 12:44

A motion was made to donate \$100.00 from the region account to the Lawyers in Need fund for Don Schumacher. Janet Second... ALL IN FAVOR!!

ARD Programs: Doris Noe

Avalanche: Kim - was not in attendance. Kim sent his report and John McGoff presented it. Ran several courses this year in the region this year. At PNS they provided an avalanche course, and would be glad to do this at other resorts.

MTR: Dave – Not here, Tom Ciranna gave his report. Would like to ropose for the region to purchase more kits. Still has not received any inventory form Ron G. Chris stated that he thought we had purchased kits, but they were for Certified.

Auxiliary: Phyllis. We Conducted 2 first aid room modules. 10 participants . Like the addition of the ARM to the SEM event. Would like to look into reviving the patroller enrichment seminar.

Medical: Dave- NO Problems!!!

Elections: Nancy- Don Noble will complete his three year term as the section 3 chief. Scott will be taking over, his term will commence July 1 2008.

ARD Proficiency: John McGoff-

OEC: Jim- Report Given- SEM at BW... great program, 15 candidates tested, 11 were successful. SEM 08/09 date will be finalized soon. May be conflict with the STW. (and will be centrally located at MRM, or Snow Trails) Instructor Recerts have already started happening. PD's & IT's PLEASE have a Instructor Recertification. Jim asked the major patrols to each host an OEC enhancement Seminar.

S&T Senior Eval: Dennis- The senior program is alive and doing well. A lot of interest in the senior auxiliary program. The training we have for the senior candidates, we have noticed the patrols are very thankful for all the trainings offered by the region. The senior test was held this year at PNS, with 7 candidates. (Down from 25-30 in past years) 5 of the individuals passed. Jay and Tom passed senior on Tele Skis... this make 3 senior recognition for them. Fees generated thought the senior program was close to \$1000.00. 08-09 SEM BM for Feb 21. How can we generate more interest in the program? How can we keep track of electives for the candidates? Karl brought up the point that Senior Tele Skis need to be registered with a NORDIC Patrol that we might be operating without policies to these new classifications.

Toboggan: Greg- Report Given. Different Workshops were received well. We held 2 region STW's. Got a lot of great feedback about the TES' and STW's. We held 4 TES's last year at 4 different resorts. This is the second year we did the 1 day test for Senior Toboggan. There are 5 maneuvers that are tested and to give each candidate the proper attention we may need to look at our format. We are compiling a list of active toboggan Insturctors.

Certified: Guy-Report given by Jay Zedak- 14 candidate this year at the division...5 were from Ohio. Rick King, Eric Massanyi, Jonathan French all passed. Ohio Region now has 13 certified patrollers. the certified program was offering to attend the PD retreat to offer any seminars. Guy is going to step down at the end next year.

Ski School: Dan – Report Given – Ski Trainers Workshops (2 were given) Great mix of Trainers, Evaluators, & Candidates. 15 SES throughout the region. At Holimont we held a combined teleski event with the eastern region. Amy Arnold will be taking over the program this upcoming year. STW more than likely will go back to a 2 day event. There was a new liability form approved at the division meeting...this form is now available on the website.

ID: Alida-

Old Business-

The only Old Business... Chris thanked the region staff for all their help, and asked that we support Bill in the same manor.

Break @ 1:30 Return at

New Business-

RD-Elect-BILL CURRIER- One of my objectives as I move into this position is to try to make as few changes as possible. There will be a few openings that will need to be filled.

Section Realignment- Dave B. made a proposal to the officers to realign the sections. (Report given) Proposal: Move Mad River, Currently in 01, to section 03 with Clear Fork & Snow Trails. With the chance that Clear Fork may not be a patrol anymore, this would leave only Snow Trails in 03. You cannot have a section with only 1 patrol,. Tom Ciranna Motioned to accept the proposal and Sandy Hammons second the motion. No Nay's Motion Passed, effective July 1st.

Senior Program- 2006/ 2007 we had a very small candidate class, and then in 2007/2008 it was even smaller. This is something that makes us a better region and we don't want this to continue. We need to address this situation. Dennis gathered some statistics. (Report Given). This is an opportunity to ask for all to reflect and why this is becoming such a dwindling path patrollers are choosing. Janet said she has had this discussion at her patrol and said she has heard that candidates are stressing the fact the test has become either a plus or minus...no equals any more, and that they have heard other instructors talking to other instructors saying that candidate is never going to pass! The perception that a lot of candidates have is that this is simply not attainable. Dave Walker asked if the SEM participation has dwindled as well. Tom ciranna asked if the S&T is having calibration issue? This could be part of the reason. Procedurally all evaluators should all be on the same page. Jay Zedak replied that the evaluators are all on the same page, but that the candidates are not training on senior rated terrain, which causes an anxiety the candidates aren't used to. Tom asked Jay if the standards really set too high to where this is discouraging participants. Jim mentioned that the drop off coincides with the sign off, and it does. Jim mentioned that at MRM the standard is to have the sign off done at a senior rated hill...this causes patrollers to make a choice ... Jim suggested that a leadership component maybe should be added. Sandy added that with the calibration (stw) being cancelled may have caused a loss of focus on the trainers. May need to go back to the two day event. Rose gave stats of senior patrollers about 251 seniors are registered out of approx 600 patrollers. Patrollers just are not seeing the cost to benefit ratio. Candidates/instructors & evaluators need to be sure to read the division senior manual. Local trainers need to be up to speed as well. The SES always has a "senior" group, for candidates & instructors as well. Chris mentioned that a sensitivity training may need to be taught at the STW, where the evaluators & instructors are given ways to more politely discuss a skiers needs. Also every patrol should have a senior advisor that is very active. Jay Zedak spoke to the fact that the standards have not risen they actually have decreased over the years. Janet noted the need for a more positive perception of the senior program. Jim Woodrum added that he visited about 35 different resorts this past year and the most asked question of him was what we are doing to improve your patrollers ski skills. Area Managers want more patrollers with better skills. Local patrols need to look at their patrollers and see who is ready to step up and go for senior. It takes effort on our part to go out and get the people to want to achieve it.

Tom Ciranna asked Jim if what he was trying to say that a basic ski patrollers were just not good enough skiers, and if this is the case are our standards for the basic patrollers are too low. Bill added that this could be added as a topic for the PD retreat.

John McGoff- reminded everyone of an article he wrote for the *Downhill* a while ago about bringing value to your resort. Challenged BM/BW and PNS to bring at least 10 candidates

Region P&P-

A couple of years ago, some changes were made to the region PnP and the question of if it was ever approved came up. But what Bill would like to do is ask Dave Cobb to head a committee that would revise the PNP for the Fall Meeting. The deadline for the revision would be a couple of weeks before the fall meeting, so the staff could read it and bring questions and concerns to the meeting.

Meetings

2008

Aug 10-13, MSAA, Boyne Mountain

Aug 8&9 - Patrol Director Retreat – Same venue as last year, There will be a kickoff party at Norris' House on Friday Night. This year we are emphasizing the PD's bring your APD's. This is a leadership conference, and will show your staff how the patrol works on this level. A special Thanks to Dan Moss for last year's Team building Activities.

Sept 5-7, Fall Division Meeting, Milwaukee, WI

Sept 21st, Ohio Region Fall Meeting, Liberty Twp Hall, Powell, OH

Adjourn – John McGoff