

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL  
CENTRAL DIVISION SPRING MEETING Minutes  
April 3 – April 5, 2009  
Doubletree Hotel - Chicago, IL**

**Friday Executive Committee meeting 6PM**

invited C. Martschinke- Past DD, Bev Benzing-Treasurer, Brain Cobble-ADD, Linda Jacobs-ADD, Dan Somalski-ADD, Frank Cleary-Administrative Assistant, RD's: Thom Rabaglia, South Central; Robert Lechtanski Northern Michigan; Derek Werner Eastern Michigan

**Actual Attendance: Jim Woodrum, Brian Cobble, Linda Murphy Jacobs, Dan Somalski, Frank Cleary, Bev Benzing, Chuck Martschinke, Thom Rabaglia (late), Robert Lechtanski, Derek Werner, Kevin McQuillan, Bob Lechtanski**

**Accomplishments:** Develop Budget for 09-10, reviewed spring meeting agenda and proposals.

**Financials:** Bev reviewed the financial statements and the funding of both the Central Division Corporations. Federal Taxation returns were completed for both corporations. The corporations are Central Division Ski Patrol Inc. and National Ski Patrol, Central Division. Bev will review how each account is used for registrations and expenses for the upcoming year with Kevin to insure the accounts are properly structured. Bev led a discussion of registrations, income and expenses for the year. The income was reviewed line by line. The budgets requested from Advisors and Supervisors were discussed line by line and adjusted by the executive board.

**Proposal S09 P001 – Senior Alpine Examine Teams – Chris Moe-Herlick**

**Proposal S09 P002 – Toboggan Refresher – JT**

**Proposal S09 P003 – Senior Aux Grandfather – Rose DeJarnette**

**Proposal S09 P004 – Election Qualifications – Ken Meldahl**

**Proposal S09 P005 – Certified Manual – J Mogan**

**Proposal S09 P006 – DD RD Qualifications – Ken Meldahl**

**Proposal S09 P007 – Asset Management – Bev**

**Proposal S09 P008 – Staff Insurance – Bev**

**Proposal S09 P009 – Bylaw Voting – Kevin**

**Proposal S09 P010 – Organizational Updates – Frank**

Executive committee agrees all proposals should be taken to the board tomorrow.

(As a note: four additional proposals were introduced at the Executive meeting)

(Franks additional note: three more proposals were introduced at the Board meeting on Sunday and I listed them here for reference)

**Proposal S09 P011 – Senior Manual Change for QA - Darcy**

**Proposal S09 P012 – Electronic Recording of Evaluations - Kevin**

**Proposal S09 P013 – Suspension of NSP Membership - Kevin**

**New Business**

Next year a separate executive budget meeting will be required for each corporation. Each Meeting will require separate meeting minutes.

Bev suggested that an investment strategy of 60% bonds may be the safer method for investment and had ordered our investment manager to do so. The Executive board agreed and supported her move.

**Meeting closed by Jim Woodrum at 10:15 PM Chicago Time**

## **Central Division Board Meeting Saturday April 4, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jim Woodrum called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM (Chicago time) on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Meeting materials (18 paper copies of the meeting agenda, Fall Minutes, Fall Action Item List, EOY reports, financial investment review, 07-08 budget variance report, 09-10 projected Budget, Proposals, Central Division P&P, and current Central Division Directory) were distributed for review.

**Jim introduced Bill Dick (New Southern Region Director) and Bob Lechtanski; that continues as RD into his 2nd term.**

**Board Roll Call** – Roll was called:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Woodrum	Division Director
Derek Werner	Eastern Michigan
David Dahl	North Central
Bob Lechtanski	Northern Michigan
Bill Currier	Ohio
Thom Rabaglia	South Central
Ken Meldahl	Southern
Tony Wolfer	Western Michigan
JT John Thomas	Western

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Brian Cobble	Assistant DD Programs
Linda Murphy Jacobs	Assistant DD, Proficiency
Dan Somalski	Assistant DD Programs
Chuck Martschinke	MSAA Liaison
Frank Cleary	Administrative Assistant
Bev Benzing	Treasurer
Kevin McQuillan	Legal and Risk Advisor

Also Attending: Bill Dick - New RD Southern,

**DD Board Member Absent:** none

**PROXY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

*Per Article 1.4 of the CD Bylaws, Directors can provide written notice to the board, appointing a proxy. (or via e-mail)*

**Meeting GUESTS:** none

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Lunch orders were submitted. Dinner list was passed.  
**Jim explained Dinner tonight will be on our own due to the final four games.**

**MEETING APPOINTMENTS:**

Parliamentarian: Kevin McQuillan  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Dan Somalski

**Guest Speaker:** none

**AGENDA:** Jim Woodrum asked the Board if there were any additions to the agenda previously distributed. 08-09 RD and ADD reports to be reviewed. Discussion took place regarding the Central Division Budget Variance Report, An updated version was distributed to all. The Fall 08 minutes were reviewed.

**Discussion:** Several typing errors were corrected on the Fall 2008 minutes. Kevin explained how the CD investments were transferred into the new account due to a banking routing error. Two sets of books are being kept, as should be. Everything is in order, except for the routing error. Bev and Kevin are reviewing the process so the money is deposited correctly next year. They will issue a letter to the PR's next year so full disclosure of the money transfer is maintained and will align with the desired outcomes. At least one other division of the NSP is already doing this so we are not the first division to accomplish an accounting system like this.

**MOTION #1:** Approval of the consensus Agenda; consisting of the Spring 2009 Meeting Agenda as reviewed and the updated Fall 2008 Meeting Minutes, and the 2008-2009 Budget Variance Financial report.

MOVED: **Tony W**  
SECOND: **Thom R**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)**

**2009 RD Election Update: Bill Dick (New Southern Region Director) and Bob Lechtanski; that continues as RD into his 2nd term. North Central did not submit a Region Director candidate and Jim will have to appoint a Region Director.**

### **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS**

Ten submitted proposals were reviewed at the Executive committee Meeting, with no new proposal submitted at the meeting. The proposals will be presented later under "New Business".

**2008-2009 End of Year REPORTS** (All reports are available electronically from Frank Cleary and will be mailed to the staff after the meeting)

### **Jim Woodrum - EOY Division Director Report**

**Jim** discussed the fall meeting accomplishments. The first electronic registration process worked well. Mistakes were avoided; we saved time and \$1500 dollars of patroller's dues. Jim also met with the software developer of the NSP System to make next year even better. 180 people attended the 3 STW's at the beginning of the season. The SEMs and S&T's were very successful, we passed many new Seniors. Jim visited many ski area's and often attended with the area's RD. Young adult recruiting is being evaluated at all levels and will help us to grow our organization as is recruiting of snowboarders. What does the perfect patrol look like? This is in relation to the goal of building on our partnership with MSAA. Chuck plans to write an article for the June issue of the MSAA quarterly newsletter, and he would welcome our input. Jim visited the

National office in January and shared a thank you card for the fleeces that he gave to the staff members in the name of the CD.

**Jim** thanked the staff for completing their EOY Reports and documenting their years' activities and accomplishments.

#### **CD Staff EOY Reports:**

**Linda** reviewed EOY Reports from Senior, Instructor Development, Skills Development, Certified, Woman's Clinic, Auxiliary, and P101 Intro to Patrolling. The Senior program is improving the Senior Skiing evaluation cards and will submit a proposal at the fall meeting.

*Tape 1b inserted at 10:20 AM*

They will also supply a QA person at each Senior S&T event next year – no more 'byes'. Tom Worley wants to have a two day IT event next year for all region IT's. Sandi Hammons will conduct the 10th Woman's clinic next year at PNS the last weekend in January. There will be a Senior evaluator track for non-PSIA members

**Brian** PSIA Liaison held the first event for patroller's education credits. We have a high number of credentialed instructors and the Ski School members are growing. Brian explained that the NSP-C Ski School has loosened the requirement of strictly teaching to your level of certification, for questions on this see Jay. The payment for the 'dues' goes only to pay insurance and there is no part of the payment that goes to the NSP or NSP-C Ski School. 795 patrollers attended 43 TES this year in our division. Tom Worley is working to improve the quality of the TES so the programs continue to grow. Ty asked if the NSP Board bio was valued by the RD's and should it continue. The RD's agreed and asked he continue. The RD's asked that they receive an Email with Ty's recruiting program. Jim asked if RD's would want to publish a list of suggested candidates to vote for at the next NSP election. Most the RD's thought that would be appropriate and Kevin will review the legality of publicizing a list.

**Dan** reviewed EOY Reports from Awards, Nordic, OEC, Avalanche, and MTR. The programs were well attended this year. Only problem, several SEM evaluators did request that they not sign a waiver for the event, so perhaps the RD's should talk up the waiver requirement next year as it is necessary. Dan sponsored his first National this year and had the help of Gregg this year. Gregg was glad to help and we can all ask Gregg for help when we want to recognize a patroller

*Tape 2a inserted at 10:08 AM*

#### **Break**

The RD's offered comments in addition to their written reports:

**Derek Werner** had every patrol except one register a P101 and big improvement over last year. Attendance at the Division events is also improving.

**David Dahl** had problem with the event move to Cascade but is working on it. At Granite there was a fatality of a snowboard instructor who was free skiing at the time. There is one Section that did not receive their dues payment and is contacting Sherwin to correct this. David did have some electronic registration 'hold outs' and are now past this change.

**Robert Lechtanski** discussed a great season (Nubs is still open and it snowed 4" today). Many Northern patrols are older and have no candidates, this makes it difficult for them to

understand the need for registering a P101, but they are coming around. Registration for the Fall Meeting, at Mac Island, will be on-line about mid-May.

*Tape 2a reinserted late at 11:37 AM*

## **Fall Division Meeting update – Bob Lechtanski Northern Michigan Mackinac Island, Michigan**

### Proposed Agenda:

- Hotel Mission Point Resort @ \$99 per night
- Discounted ferry tickets will be available
- Possible boat cruises, patroller party's,
- Motorcycle trip around and through Chicago
- Session registration 6:30AM
- New Region Director Orientation – Friday Morning?
- Executive committee Session 4-6PM Friday
- Dinner – Friday night, location?
- General Session – Saturday morning
- Board Meeting – Saturday afternoon
- PR Conference – Saturday?
- IT Conference – Saturday?
- Banquet – Saturday evening – planned at Mission Point
- PR Breakfast/skip level meeting – Sunday morning (Jim Woodrum)
- Board Meeting – Sunday morning 9AM until Noon



The Grand Hotel (~\$350 a night)



Streets of Mackinac (no cars)

Jim suggested that families may want to extend this trip as it is a nice vacation spot.

A 14 year old girl was lost at a local ski area and was missing all day and was found in the woods late in the day. The church group turned in her missing when the group bus was leaving the area but admitted they had not seen the girl since morning. The group had met and she was skiing alone. She had run into a tree and was found 8' off the run, but you could not see her from the run. She had laid there for ? hours. She past away on the way to the hospital. The area manager went to Indiana for the funeral. Several new safety education programs have been started at this ski area due to this death.

Jim suggested we all talk to our RD's and always pass information of on hill deaths up the chain of Central Division command. The necessity and benefits of stress debriefing was discussed.

**Bill Currier** The Ohio region patrols did a few new things this year. Electronic registration went well. A few Nordic patrols registered using the Region's Bank account since they did not have a patrol bank account. Clear Fork Area is still for sale (4 years now). The park service decided it's Nordic patrol was being disassociated from it's National park, this issue is still not resolved and Bill asked if any other Nordic patrols have had this issue. Bill will contact the Division Nordic advisor as well. Two SEM's were planned for this year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring, but the second was dropped after the snow melted at Paoli. MAD River had an OEC Enhancement Seminar and the Region hosted 4 sold out PSIA development clinics for NSP-C Ski School members, 3 for Level 2's on the journey towards Level 3 certification and 1 for non-certified or Level 1 Instructors who are looking either become certified or to advance their certification level.

**Thom Rabaglia** reviewed the electronic registration in his region. The Region realignment is progressing and the 'new' ski areas are becoming active and attending Region activities. A child fell from a chair when a local TV was filming skiing. The accident was well documented and the child recovered from his broken wrist.

*(tape 2b started 11:20)*

**Ken Meldahl** described one area that did not open this year. The transfer of ski area/Region is also progressing in Southern. They had 50 ski trainers attend STW's this year. The Region funded region funded registration fees and had good reports after the events were completed. Ken suggested recruiting was successful this year. One Missouri patrol had 24 new candidates this year. They feel the change of Region leadership has improved patrols in the area. Southern Region has made an effort to include the 'new' patrols and the patrollers have offered many positive comments. Ken thanked the Division because they also supplied leadership at many events.

**Tony Wolfer** completed registration electronically but two ski areas have not had their OEC records updated by National. Jim will check with the National Office. Crystal Mtn has a new Patrol Room and a new PR. Crystal Ski Patrol used to 'own' the ski patrol building, which Jim had to deeded back to the ski area. Crystal did build a new building and within 3 years moved the patrol into the new building.

**JT John Thomas** used more web blasting this year and are now seeing an improved attendance at NSP events. One unhappy Senior candidate did write a multipage letter to Jim and JT is going to spin several positive changes to the Region's Senior program. The letter included many disparaging comments but JT insisted good things will replace the problems. Both Jim and JT did talk with the candidate. The person did later reengage and is still working to complete the program.

**Chuck Martschinke - MSAA Liaison** Chuck commented on CD Board and Staff participation at the MSAA meetings and asked that we increase our attendance. What is a Good Patrol? Please email your comments. Here are a few already listed to get you going. What does a top performing patrol look like?

- Involved and integrated into the area's management team – loyalty to area management and its efforts
  - Accident prevention – promotion of the Skiers Responsibility Code
  - Staffing

- Risk Management
- Customer service, public relation
- Recruiting programs to meet the area's changing demographics
- Clear and continual communications
- Consistency
- Documented protocols and training records
- Continuing education programs – continual pursuit of further education as individuals and as a patrol
- Always there, always helpful and participative, but not too noticeable
- Dynamic leadership
- Participation, joint efforts, with the local EMS units
- Professional appearance in equipment and personnel
- Check past Outstanding Patrols write-ups

Chuck is preparing a article for MSA and the Rusty Parka News so please email your additional suggestions.

**Break for Lunch** 12:00 (tape 2b stopped)

**Frank Cleary – Administrative Assistant** Frank described methods to send in your report and prevent virus distribution. Some advisors had trouble getting their reports to email. Frank will always respond when he receives a question or report, if you don't hear back either you can use his cell phone or email again without an attachment. Discussion followed and it was suggested that as soon as the technology is available, we should use a website location to store data. Frank agreed and will work with Chris R to take advantage of this ability and will send out links instead of the actual documents.

**Kevin McQuillan - Legal and Risk** Kevin attended the last National legal meeting by phone (due to his work).

*Tape 3a inserted at 1:07 PM*

The committee was working on the OEC 5<sup>th</sup> edition content and other National issues. They are also working on National immunity for patrollers and a basic agreement to present to the areas who wear NSP Back Crosses. They meet again in June. Kevin has proxy'ed Jim on the Governance committee several times. Kevin wants to involve the region legal advisors in division legal activities. He wants their input before the National Legal meeting. Jim asked Kevin to attend the upcoming National meeting before the PEC at Snowbird and report to the CD by Teleconference on April 27.

**Bev's report – Finance**

Bev has been paying bills and most are up to date. It is difficult to change bank accounts since the Patriot Bill. The investments and CD accounts were 60/40 and are now 40/60 (stock/bond ratio). This will reduce our risk and is an approved and valid option via our PnP. Checking account did not earn very much either. Redistribution support checks have not been mailed yet.

**MOTION #2: Approve the redistribution of the old Southwest Regions support checks according to the distribution percentage agreed upon at the Spring 07 meeting.**

**Ken made a friendly amendment to continue using this percentage every year until a permanent change is made.**

MOVED: **Ken M**

SECOND: **Bill C**

Call to question:

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed as amended unanimously (for 8, against 0)**

**MOTION #3: Approve \$100 per PR for the 5 PR's that attended the last Fall Meeting to Southern Region. Ken felt there was money available and that there supposed to be an event and training for PR's at the meeting.**

**MOVED: Ken M**

**SECOND: None**

The motion was not seconded so Ken withdrew the motion:

**BOARD ACTION: Motion failed**

**Reports received electronically noted with a +:**

+ Jim Woodrum	Division Director
+ Derek Werner	Eastern Michigan
+ David Dahl	North Central
+ Bob Lechtanski	Northern Michigan
+ Bill Currier	Ohio
+ Thom Rabaglia	South Central
+ Ken Meldahl	Southern
+ Tony Wolfer	Western Michigan
+ John Thomas	Western
+ Brian Cobble	Assistant Division Director, Programs
+ Linda Murphy Jacobs	Assistant Division Director, Proficiency
+ Dan Somalski	Assistant Division Director, OEC
+ MSAA LIAISON	Chuck Martschinke
+ TREASURER	Mary Green
+ Legal and Risk	Kevin McQuillan
+ REGISTRATION	Sherwin VanKlompberg
+ ELECTIONS	Terry Reed
+ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	Frank Cleary
+ SKI SCHOOL DIRECTOR	Jay Zedak
+ ALUMNI	Beach Day
+ Auxiliary Supervisor	Rose DeJarnette
+ AVALANCHE	Dale Mihuta
+ AWARDS	Gregg Reese
+ CERTIFIED	Mike Longfellow Jones
+ INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	Virginia Rodeman
+ MEDICAL	Steve Werner
+ MOUNTAIN TRAVEL & RESCUE	John Wachter
+ NORDIC ADVISOR	David Squires
+ OEC (N – E - O - WM)	Karen Hadden
+ OEC (NC, W, S, NC)	Vicki Young
+ P101 (Introduction To Patrolling)	Jeannine Mogan
+ PUBLIC RELEATIONS	Ty Damon
+ RUSTY PARKA NEWS	Tim Zimmerman
+ PSIA LIAISON	Tom Anderson
+ TOBOGGAN	Tom Worley
+ SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	Don Loerch
+ SENIOR	Darcy Hanley
+ WOMEN'S SEMINAR	Anne Blaedow

**Division Director's opening comments on the National Board meetings:**

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Jim said the National meeting was postponed until the Snowbird event. Kevin will attend this one day event as he is already there for the legal meeting. He will report via teleconference on April 27 at 7 PM Eastern time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**F08 Action Item List** was reviewed. Jim led discussion on completion of each item. Several were not completed and were moved to be completed by the Fall Meeting. These items were inserted into the S09 Action Item list.

*Tape 3b inserted at 1:55 PM*

**Region Financial Reviews**

Review the books and assets of Ohio & WM, to assure appropriate items are owned by Regions and Patrols – report to DD  
South Central, Western and Eastern Michigan next year and is determined by those Regions that were scheduled to conduct an election

**Elections 2009-2010**

South Central, Western and Eastern Michigan will conduct RD elections this coming year.

**Jim asked that the RD's regularly update the CD Directory so he can easily get RD's Advisor contact information when needed.**

**MOTION #4: Accept Proposal F08 P001 – Eligibility in case of vacancies - Tom W**  
**Second reading of By-Laws Change from Fall 08 meeting**

**No Discussion after everyone had time to review again**

MOVED: **Derek W**  
SECOND: **Tony W**

Jim called to question

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (for 8, against 0)**  
**Frank will update the PNP**

**Other old business (Unique Issues we faced in the Division this year)**

- **No nominees from NC.** Jim reviewed that must appoint an RD since there was no nominees. If he was to appoint David, or anyone else, that person will have a board vote.
- **Website public information** Our website is public. Jim suggests that if a staff member does not want to allow public access than perhaps they should not volunteer for a staff roll. There has not been any record of abuse.
- **Death at a Hill** We have had this happen in the past and if it happens in your area than contact Jim and Kevin at that time.
- **Credit Card Fraud** We must enforce conduct reflecting good conduct of all patrollers

Kevin will review the NSP Code of Conduct and report to the board on approved methods

**Break** *Tape 4a stopped at 2:00 PM*

- **Patrollers not able to perform full duty anymore** Linda is looking into what should be done when patrollers are recovering or diagnosed with physical or mental illness. At this time, it appears that these patrollers should not help with patient care. We do want to preserve the patroller's respect and dignity. We must error on the side of our customers.

**Ken Meldahl discussed the possible redistribution of the Central Division funds back to the Regions.**

Ken offered a powerpoint and described several methods. One is by size of Region and one is the number of patrollers.

*Tape 4b started at 3:44 PM*

By size proved to support Southern but not others so more evaluation was needed. Ken redrew a demographic map and reconfigured the mileage. Then he looked at courses that were offered as educational and how many people participated per region total patroller count. Ten variations were considered. In the past each Region received \$1700 per year but the realignment of the Division Region and patrols has uncovered the need for a change.

Another suggestion developed was a combination of the size of each region, number of patrollers per region, the number of closed NSP 'educational courses', and a possible base of \$1000 per region. All RDs, got a chance to comment. The new distribution could be figured just before the Spring meeting by the executive committee and payment approved at the Spring meeting.

Jim suggested we support program delivery. But asked we think about this tonight, discuss it more tomorrow and come to the September meeting with a proposal.

- **Video taping NSP Events w/o permission** Bill discussed an incident that occurred at his ski area where unauthorized video taping of this year's Senior event occurred.

*Tape 5 inserted at 4:30 PM*

While there is no Region or Division policy governing video taping Bill did decide that it was only OK to videotape when the team approved the taping. This did affect the test and did affect the performance of one of the candidates. It later ended badly when confrontations occurred between a Lead Evaluator and one of the Patrollers who was video taping. Bill considered that the conduct was disruptive of the Senior test being conducted by the Division. Bill investigated the incident, received reports from Evaluators and candidates, and wrote a report including recommendations to discipline those involved in the confrontation and those who orchestrated the incident and to add language to the Division P&P regarding video recording of Senior Test events. Bill also considered moving Senior S&T tests from that area but did not want to penalize the entire patrol for the actions of a few. The PD has not moved on the RD's recommendation. Bill is still considering further action.

Several RD's supported Bill's action. JT suggested we could develop a form. Kevin suggested that the video tape was done on an open run so there is no legal reason we can stop them. Jim suggested Bill have a face to face with the PR and the test team leader. Jim asked

if the Board wants further PnP involvement. Tony said they ask participants prior to their events if videos and pictures can be taken. Kevin will consider simple language we may add to our CD PnP.

**MOTION #5: Motion to adjourn.**

**MOVED: Tony W**

**SECOND: David D**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed Unanimously (5 for 0 against) 3 left 30 minutes early**

Meeting adjourned 5:00 PM Saturday

## **Sunday, April 5, 2009 Meeting Reconvened at 8 AM**

**8:05AM Sunday: Open Session brought to order by Jim Woodrum**  
*(Tape 4a continued)*

Jim opened the meeting.

**The board is all in attendance. Same attendance as yesterday**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Presentation of Proposals:**

#### **Proposal S09 P001 – Senior Alpine Examine Teams – Chris Moe-Herlick**

**MOTION #6: Accept Proposal S09-P001** Submitted by Chris Moe-Herlick

#### **Discussion followed.**

Discussion was lead by Bob L. This proposal is to change the evaluator team makeup. The PSIA credentials, NSP-C and NSP Senior status was discussed. Linda suggested that a program could be developed and events would be held to assure all evaluators approved through this program would be using current technology, error analysis, current and accurate demos and terminology. Using this program a teaching patroller could evaluate even though they don't have Level 2 PSIA credentials. Linda sent out letter describing the suggested program.

*(Tape 4b started 8:22 AM)*

Several RD's did comment that they need help to provide enough credentialed evaluators at each test so that one core group is not overworked. Other RD's do already have enough credentialed evaluators. Jim commented that we do not want to step back our requirements and start evaluating Seniors at Senior test with people that are not actually Seniors themselves. Brian commented that he has attended many tests and it appears to him that most of the 'grandfathered Senior evaluators' that are not credentialed can not correctly demo current skiing techniques. Chuck suggested that had he not gone through the PSIA program that he would not personally be able to accurately demo the necessary Senior requirements. Derek did suggest that maintaining a PSIA credential is also expensive (~\$200 per year). Several Regions have past Seniors that are now registered Alumni and who have maintained PSIA/AASI certification and could possibly evaluate Senior tests.

#### **Motion to Table Proposal**

MOVED: **Thom R**

SECOND: **Bob L**

#### **BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

**Jim asked Linda to chair a committee, Chip Knappen from Tony's area, Bob L and Phil Montville from JT's area. The Committee will develop a new Senior evaluation credential proposal for the Fall Meeting.**

**Proposal S09 P002 – Toboggan Refresher - JT**

**MOTION #7: Accept Proposal S09 P002 – Develop a Toboggan Refresher similar to the OEC Refresher**

**Motion to accept the proposal**

MOVED: **David D**

SECOND: **Bob L**

Discussion: Jim read the NSP PnP 15.4.2 requirements. Tony asked if a TES will work, and Jim said a TES is an 8 hour class where the NSP only requires one lead and one tail on one of the more difficult hills at the patroller's home area. The NSP office said they could put something recorded on each Patrollers card. Currently NSP tracks the OEC refresher but does not track Toboggan Refreshers. Chuck suggested that peak performing patrols do track the ski and toboggan refreshers and either post in the patrol room and/or offers the reports to their management.

*(Tape 5 started 9:10 AM)*

Perhaps we should have our RD's make sure their IT's are checking that Ski and Toboggan refreshers are being held and documented

Call to Question by Jim

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Fails (2 for, 6 against)**

JT and Bob voted for the motion

**Jim** asked that the RD's are checking that Ski and Toboggan refreshers are being held and documented.

**Proposal S09 P003 – Senior Aux Grandfather – Rose DeJarnette**

**MOTION #8: Accept Proposal S09-P003 as written to grandfather Senior Auxiliary status**

MOVED: **Derek W**

SECOND: **Bob L**

**Discussion followed.**

Call to question:

**BOARD ACTION: Passed as submitted unanimously (8 for, 0 against) )**

**Jim will take proposal S09 P003 to the National board and ask to revise the NSP Policies & Procedures: 17.4.2 A.3**

**Proposal S09 P005 – Certified Manual – J Mogan**

**MOTION #9: Accept Proposal S09-P005 updating the Certified Manual**

MOVED: **John T**

SECOND: **Tony W**

Discussion followed. Linda suggested the proposal be accepted as written. This updates the program using the current language.

Call to Question

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for 0 against)**

**Proposal S09 P006 – DD RD Qualifications – Ken Meldahl**

**MOTION #10: Accept Proposal S09-P006** PnP changes adding some DD and RD qualifications to the PnP

Discussion: Brian suggested that Pro patrollers do not have to be NSP Senior to become a Certified patroller.

MOVED: **Bill C**

SECOND: **John T**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

**Frank will make the changes to the PnP**

**Proposal S09 P007 – Asset Management – Bev**

**MOTION #11: Accept Proposal S09-P007** PnP changes to manage our assets

Discussion: Assets are not currently tracked.

MOVED: **Derek W**

SECOND: **Bill C**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

**Bev will modify the EOY report form to include assets and make a form to track assets.**

**Frank will help get the process going.**

**Proposal S09 P008 – Staff Insurance – Bev**

**MOTION #12: Accept Proposal S09-P008** PnP changes to capture insurance expenditures for Ski school Instructor insurance

Discussion: In the past this was charged to the Ski School Account. In practice level 3's were paid for. Jim is asking for the Advisor to have the discretion to chose who gets this perk.

MOVED: **John T**

SECOND: **Thom R**

More Discussion: JT is asking how much discretion is necessary? Should the requirements be spelled out, perhaps add guidelines. What budget is being charged? Jim and Brian commented that this will come from his program budget, 710.

**Tony moved to accept Friendly amendment**

**Brian also made a friendly amendment** to add 'the ski school supervisor with the concurrence of the ADD' to the proposal.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed as amended and modified unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

**Frank will make the changes to the PnP, Bev will make the payments as requested.**

**Proposal S09 P009 – Bylaw Voting – Kevin**

**MOTION #13: Accept Proposal S09-P009** Bylaw changes to modify bylaw voting by the board of 8 members (instead of 9)

MOVED: **John T**

SECOND: **Tony W**

Discussion: In the past we passed a bylaw change by 5 affirmative votes. This changes the bylaws to still require 5 affirmative votes. The current Bylaws actually require 6 due to the elimination of Southwest Region last year. Since we now have 8 regions we can not get 2/3 vote exactly. Chuck also explored adding the DD vote in these suggestions.

Call to question by Thom R

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed (7 for, 1 against) (We needed 6 to pass)**

**Frank will make temporary changes to the Bylaws (this was the first reading)**

### **Proposal S09 P010 – Organizational Updates – Frank**

**MOTION #14: Accept Proposal S09-P009** Frank now updates the Organizational chart and staff directory on the website. The RD's update their staff routinely. The Website allows direct downloads at any time so distribution is not necessary.

MOVED: **Bill C**

SECOND: **Derek W**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed as submitted unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

**Frank will make the changes to the PnP**

### **Proposal S09 P011 – Senior Manual Change for QA - Darcy**

**MOTION #15: Accept Proposal S09-P011**

MOVED: **David D**

SECOND: **Bob L**

Discussion: Bob asked if the QA mentor needs to be a PSIA credentialed person. The first sentence says the person can be chosen by the RD. Jim feels like the wording is not explicit.

**Move to table** for further work and presentation at the fall meeting by Derek

**Jim asked for a show of hands to table the motion.**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Tabled. Vote was unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

**More discussion:** It was the intent that this was only for Ski and Toboggan. Linda will work with Darcy to get the wording to be more explicit. Ken does not think that the DD should be a part of this decision. Derek is concerned that people can not be an IT without going through the steps and program. Several RD's feel that the IT should be in a QA persons' requirements. Linda will rework this proposal, Thom, Billy Dick and Dave will help Darcy and Linda develop this proposal for the fall.

### **Proposal S09 P012 – Electronic Recording of Evaluations - Kevin**

**MOTION #16: Accept Proposal S09-P012**

MOVED: **Bill C**

SECOND: **Derek W**

Kevin discussed that videos of Senior or Certified events should be controlled.

Dave requested the wording be changed to change Senior to any NSP evaluation.

More Discussion: Bill asked who 'owns' the video? Most felt that we can not control the ownership of videos taken by non-members. The ski area does own the area. There is also area web cams

that put videos on the web. Jim suggests that the event coordinator can cancel and move the event when a disruptive problem occurs. Perhaps we should add wording documenting that the event coordinator does have right to cancel or move the events.

Bill C moved that wording be changed: Bill C. noted "If the Event Coordinator feels that video recording is disruptive, he/she has the right to cancel or reschedule the event. Video recordings can only be used for purposes that are authorized by the Event Coordinator.

More Discussion: Kevin reread the proposal

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### **Add to PnP Chapter 6 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph**

Jim Called to Question

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed as amended unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

**Frank will make the changes to the PnP**

### **Proposal S09 P013 – Suspension of NSP Membership - Kevin**

**MOTION #17: Reject Proposal S09-P013**

MOVED: **Bill C**

SECOND: **Tony W**

**Discussion:** Kevin read the proposal. Chuck suggested that he does not think it is proper to add this to our CD PnP because it appears to supersede the National PnP. Kevin compared his document to the National PnP and feels that this document supports the National document. Chuck does not feel we can add timelines because this does not exist in the National PnP. Kevin could wordsmith a few items. Chuck suggested that this could be added to Risk Management Chapter. Kevin suggested it should be in a new Appendix B.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Fails (2 for, 6 against)**

**Bill and Derek voted to reject**

**MOTION #18: Accept Proposal as amended S09-P013**

MOVED: **John T**

SECOND: **David D**

**Discussion:** Kevin wordsmithed a few items. Chuck suggested that this could be added to Risk Management Chapter. Kevin suggested it should be in a new Appendix B.

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

**Frank will make the changes to the PnP**

### **Proposal S09 P004 – Election Qualifications – Ken Meldahl**

**MOTION #19: Accept Proposal S09-P004 adding details to election procedure**

MOVED: **Derek W**

SECOND: **Bill C**

**Discussion followed.** Ken suggested that the wording is currently not explicit and details need to be added. Jim discussed the proposal to identify the changes and suggested this change will make the process more explicit.

**Jim Call to question**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for, 0 against)  
Frank will make the changes to the PnP**

**JT suggested** there is still some election details in G needed. Jim made a committee to review election details JT leading, Ken M, Bill C for the Fall Meeting

**Jim discussed National's actions in the recent past is to select Division personnel without the DD's concurrence.**

**Discussion:** Linda suggested that Jim should bring a proposal to the National Board to clarify their procedures. Jim agreed.

**New Staffing**

**DEC Elections and Meeting Coordinator Jim is asking Ken Meldahl** to assume both positions and Ken has accepted. DEC is Division Election Coordinator. Jim asked that this position should have a position description in the PnP and asked Ken M to bring a proposal to the Fall Meeting.

**Women's Event:** Linda has asked Sandi Hammons from PNS to assume this position.

**Jim asked for the Boards support for these new appointments:**

The Board showed unanimous support with a show of hands (8 for, 0 against)

**MOTION #20: Accept the 09-10 Budget as prepared by Bev and the Executive committee.**

MOVED: **Tony W**

SECOND: **Bob L**

**2008-2009 BUDGET REVIEW AND APROVAL**

Bev presented the 2009-10 Central Division Budget. This budget was reviewed and pre-approved at Friday night's Executive Committee Meeting.

More discussion took place regarding the 2009-2010 budgets. Jim added \$550 to the DEC's budget. As you notice we do not always spend the budget. There is a \$20K deficit but often the staff does not spend the budget

**Vote to approve as adjusted:**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed (8 for 0 against)**

**Other new business/National Requests**

1. **National Young Adult Program** Mike \_ (the Young Adult National Coordinator) is still asking for a representative from CD. Jim has unsuccessfully tried to obtain a job description and or a National funding method or budget.

2. **National Fund Raising Committee Request**

**Larry Stone is the chairman.** They have raised \$65K on their way toward \$1m. Bob L suggested Ron Chavey as a CD representative but he has not talked to him as yet. Jim says CD has no

budget to fund this job so we want to make sure Ron gets a job description from National and a funding method.

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**3. National Women's Committee** Jim does not know who the Chairman is but Linda said it is a guy. Linda says that Sandi Hammons could do this and Jim agreed and will take Sandi's availability to the National Board. Linda reports that the National Committee Chairman has already asked Jeannine Mogan to work on the Committee but Jim said he was not consulted. Central Division has no budget to fund work or travel on this committee.

## **CALENDAR REVIEW**

### **Meetings/Dates/Locations**

Region Banquets:

Southern	Chestnut	April 25, 2009
Northern Michigan	Otsego	May 2, 2009
Western	Afton Alps	Sept 27, 2009
South Central	Golden Mast Oconmoc	May 2, 2009
Western Michigan	Timber Ridge	May 2, 2009
Ohio	Alpine Valley	April 25, 2009
North Central	Minocqua, WI	April 18, 2009
Eastern Michigan	Mt. Holly	May 16, 2009

Midwinter National Meeting PEC, Snowbird, Utah – April 15-18, 2009

Teleconference CD Board Meeting, 7 PM Eastern Time April 27, 2009

Summer National Meeting, Denver, Co. – June, 2009

MSAA Meeting – 8/2-5/2009 Devil's Head Ski Area, Madison, Wisconsin [www.snowplaces.com/meeting](http://www.snowplaces.com/meeting)

MSAA Patrol Director Meeting is on 8/3 (the invite should come from the Ski Area Managers)

Fall Division Meeting – September 11-13, 2009, Northern Michigan, Mackinac Island

Spring Division Business Meeting – Apr 9-11, 2010, Chicago, IL. Doubletree Hotel

Fall Division Meeting – September 10-12, 2010, Jeannine Mogan Event coordinator, JT John Thomas RD, Western Region perhaps at Gull Lake, MN

**Bev suggested we should budget money for Spring Meeting. The executive committee missed this line item and we normally need \$3500.**

**MOTION #21:** Add \$3500 to the appropriate budget for next years Spring CD Meeting.

MOVED: **Tony W**

SECOND: **Bill C**

**Jim Call to question**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**

Bev will add \$3500, update the file and Frank will resend out the new budget spreadsheet

**Discussion on Nationals' changes to our NSP membership credentials**

Jim asked for the Boards direction about National Appointments and general credentials. The board suggested that most do not want a change. There is a proposal to eliminate LCA's at the National Level and roll all into National appointments. The board suggested Jim should fight this.

**Discussion on moving events around to different ski areas.**

Jim suggested that we should move around our events and bring events to as many local patrols as possible. Just because an area does not have a meeting conference room is not a reason adequate to reject a ski area as a recipient of a local program. Linda asked if we want three STW's this year and where. David will check where and get back to Linda. Jim asked for a show of hands and all RD's wanted three STW's. JT suggested Afton opens early and will get with Linda.

**Discussion on Division PnP and needed updates of minor items like outdated dates.**

Jim asked Derek W, Tony W, Brian and Dan will work on this and bring a Proposal to the Fall Meeting.

**Discussion on National Appointments**

Jim and Gregg have discussed National Appointments. Several requests have been submitted where people have not worked beyond the patrol level and leadership qualifications are not technically met. Gregg is asking for support or redirection of our priorities. Jim suggested that the RD's should not sign requests where qualifications are not clearly met.

**Discussion on Spring meeting.**

Chuck asked if the Doubletree was OK. Everyone liked the Doubletree and it did save the division money.

**Teleconferenced Board Meeting**

Jim reminded everyone that Kevin was going to attend the one day National Board meeting in his absence. Kevin is already attending the National Legal meeting and since Jim has plans and it is only a one day meeting this year (even though it is at Snowbird) he felt that it was cost effective for Kevin to attend both. Jim asks the executive board, RD's, ADDs, and Frank to be available for a short teleconferenced board meeting on April 27 at 7 PM Eastern time so Kevin can review the events from the meetings. Kevin will email the teleconference details.

**Everyone applauded Ken Meldahl's support over the years on the Board.**

**MOTION #22: TO ADJOURN**

MOVED: **Bob L**

SECOND: **Tony W**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed (8 for 0 against)**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:07 PM, Sunday noon

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Frank Cleary**

**Administrative Assistant**

NOTE: These minutes represent the notes recorded during the meeting and are subject to approval by the Central Division Board of Directors at their next meeting.