

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL
CENTRAL DIVISION TELECONFERENCE MEETING Minutes
April 27, 2009**

Teleconference meeting was scheduled starting at 8 PM, April 27, 2009 at the Spring 2009 Meeting

Requested attendance: DD, RD's, ADD's, Legal, and Administrative Assistant. Jim Woodrum; Bev Benzing; Bill Currier; Bob Lechtanski; Brian Cobble; Chuck Martschinke; Dan Somalski; David Dahl; Derek Werner; Frank Cleary; Ken Meldahl; Kevin McQuillan; Linda Murphy Jacobs; Thomas Rabaglia; Tony Wolfer

Agenda: as posted in Jim's Email 4/23/09

- 1) Next Spring Meeting in Chicago, April 9-11, 2010 (5 minutes)
- 2) National BOD Report by Kevin McQuillan (30 minutes)
- 3) Toboggan Refreshers now on the drop down menu on National database (5 minutes)
- 4) S09-P002 2nd Reading on ByLaws Change on voting of BOD, S09-P009 (10 minutes)
- 5) National Appointment combined with Leadership Commendation Award Recommendation to National BOD (10 minutes)
- 6) Email size limit to Carol Hudson, two patrols just got their records through to Carol for refreshers 09 (5 minutes)
- 7) David Dahl appointment to RD for North Central (5 minutes)

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Woodrum 8 PM

Board Roll Call – Frank Called Roll:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Murphy Jacobs	Assistant Division Director, Proficiency
Kevin McQuillan	Legal
Frank Cleary	Administrative Assistant
Dan Somalski	Assistant Division Director, OEC

Not Present:

Brian Cobble	Assistant Division Director, Programs
Chuck Martschinke	MSAA Liaison

Quorum requirements met.

Spring Meeting Date Change

April 9-11, 2010 is the Spring Meeting at the Doubletree

Kevin Attended the National meeting and gave us notes:

Kevin met first with the National Legal council and discussed the new incorporation that we setup for the CD. The National Legal council did not disagree as long as we did not move money out of the Division. Rocky Mountain is going to do the same. There will be someone appointed to track the money. The National Board meeting was next. Many facility items were covered in depth but many items that concerned our patrollers were not give as much attention. The most time was spent discussing a new 10 year contract to print all the NSP publications. Kevin commented that the current publisher may sue due to the termination of their contract. A printing firm (Brady) made a presentation and many details were discussed. An Executive session was held over lunch and the affirmative vote was conducted in that closed door session without additional open discussion. Jim said he thought executive sessions were only proper when discussing personnel matters. Kevin did feel like an executive session in this case was inappropriate, but that is what happened. Jim is concerned that items like this vote was the same kind of action is similar to the actions that lead up to the development of the Patroller Committee and the legal actions we just recovered from. Another topic of discussion was how the board could become more strategic. Dave Havlett (sp ??) was appointed National Instructor Development Chair. A National Alumni was proposed. The program was created but no funding or charter was levied. Terry LaLiberte agreed that National cannot appoint Division Advisors without concurrence of the affected Division Director. A women's program was also discussed and voted in as well. No charter or funding was created for the women's program either. Jim asked Linda Jacobs to send in Linda Barthel's name to lead the program.

MOTION #1: motion to support Linda Barthel's as a National Committee Chairman

MOVED: Bob Lechtanski

SECOND: Tony Wolfer

Discussion: none

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

Kevin said the proposals had not been reviewed prior to the meeting. A new Ski Patrollers Manual was discussed. Other items were discussed, like Senior tests, but the committees had not seen the proposals so many were tabled. Dr. Johe reported on the status of OEC 5. QA will be required, but has yet to be incorporated in the manual. There are legal issues that need to get sorted. An outdoor advanced care course (EMT-like) has been deferred. \$174,000 was spent over the income for the year. Several proposals were also reviewed to balance the budget. Suggestions like charging \$60 (was \$30) for an OEC Class, a \$10 processing fee for each elective, a \$10 OEC card renewal fee, possible dues increases, look into grants, etc. No decisions to this huge financial problem. The reasons for patrollers becoming injured was discussed and the injuries are happening while skiing and the concern is that patrollers should get more proficient. Kevin talked to Alaska DD and he is using our Certified and Senior program documentation, perhaps others would also be interested, like the Canadian Ski Patrol. Brian Lowe, President attended the meeting and is interested in forming a relationship with the CD. Having been a member of the CSP, Bill Currier knows a member of the CSP BOD and he will follow-up with her.

Jim Woodrum thanked Kevin for his report

Jim now has set up a new class for toboggan refreshers and next year the PR's can go to the National Website to register their toboggan refreshers. The patroller will have their refresher date on their next membership card.

Proposal S09 P009 – Bylaw Voting – Kevin 2nd Reading

MOTION #2: Accept Proposal S09-P009 Bylaw changes to modify bylaw voting by the board of 8 members (instead of 9)

MOVED: Dave D

SECOND: Ken M

Discussion: Jim read the proposal. 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. The proposal passed at the Spring Meeting, but two readings are required since this is a bylaw change.

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

Bob Lechtanski voted against

Frank will make the changes to the Bylaws and post them to the website

Ken told us that some of the Proposals are not complete in the pdf format. Jim asked that Frank followed up with Chris R.

The LCA and National Appointment will remain separate. It is possible for a patroller to receive both. Any patroller with a National appointment can go anywhere in the USA and start a patrol, that was the intent of the award when it was originally created. The governance committee asked that the Awards committee not to bring this proposal back for 5 years as it has been voted down several times in the last few years. The National Board supported that move.

Tony was concerned that one patrol never got their cards. Jim found that the NSP can not receive Emails larger that 3 meg. That limit was the reason and the problem was Carol never received the data. Jim asked that PR's should not wait till the end of the year to let us know of registration problems. JT suggested that IT could let us know when limits have been exceeded. JT will send Jim a note on this and Jim will take the request to the National IT lead.

Jim appointed Dave Dahl for North Central for the next three years. When no patrollers step up then it is the DD's responsibility to make an appointment.

Ken will make the reservations for Jim and other RD's for the August 2-5 MSAA meetings. Monday is the day patrolling will be discussed. PR's can attend if they are invited by their Area Managers. RD's should contact Ken for reservations. Linda and possibly Chuck, Dan and Brian, will also attend. Ken will forward information on the upcoming MSAA meeting. www.snowplaces.com/meeting

Chuck has resigned as MSAA coordinator and Ken will assume this responsibility. Jim recognized Chucks' efforts and all his accomplishments for the last few years.

Jim scheduled another teleconference meeting for after the next National Board Meeting in late June. Jim suggested that the CD should be kept aware of the National Boards meeting outcomes and should meet regularly after each board meeting. He scheduled the meeting for June 30 at 8 PM EST, 7 PM

Central Time and will try to keep it limited to one hour in length.

MOTION #3 To Adjourn. 11:32 PM

MOVED: Tony Wolfer

SECOND: Everybody

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

Meeting Adjourned and Closed 9:08 PM

Thanks to Darcy Hanley for providing the Web and Teleconference Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Cleary
Administrative Assistant

NOTE: These minutes represent the notes recorded during the meeting and will be validated when approved by the Central Division Board of Directors at the Fall 09 meeting