

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL
CENTRAL DIVISION TELECONFERENCE MEETING Minutes
June 30, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Woodrum called the meeting to order at 7 PM (Eastern time) on Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

Board of Director Meeting

Board Roll Call – Roll was called:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Woodrum	Division Director
Derek Werner (came in a little late)	Eastern Michigan
(David Dahl) proxy Tim Zimmerman	North Central
Bob Lechtanski	Northern Michigan
Bill Currier	Ohio
Thom Rabaglia	South Central
Bill Dick and Ken Meldahl	Southern
Tony Wolfer	Western Michigan
JT John Thomas (proxy) Dave Schaller	Western

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Murphy Jacobs	Assistant DD, Proficiency
Dan Somalski	Assistant DD Programs
Frank Cleary	Administrative Assistant
Kevin McQuillan	Legal and Risk Advisor

DD Board Member Absent: none

PROXY ANNOUNCEMENTS: as listed above

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

AGENDA: Jim Woodrum asked the Board if there were any additions to the agenda previously distributed.

1. Update from the National Meetings. 20-30 minutes. Jim Woodrum
2. Update on new corporation. 5 minutes. Kevin McQuillan
3. Lifetime Achievement Award. 10 minutes. Jim Woodrum (It would be helpful if all RD's and ADD's would think about those we should consider)
4. Narrowing the National BOD Candidates to 8 for the CD to consider. 5 minutes. Jim Woodrum
5. Update on Fall Meeting. 5 Minutes. Bob Lechtanski
6. Division support monies to Regions. 5-10 Minutes. Ken Meldahl
7. 1st Reading of proposed Bylaws Change. 10-15 minutes. Ken Meldahl & Thom Rabaglia

There were no changes and Jim promptly started with item 1.

1. Update from the National Meetings. Jim Woodrum

Jim told us that the board followed parliamentary procedures and followed an agenda. The agenda was not sent out ahead but was available the day of the meeting. The DD's were included. The National Office was spruced up and looked nice. The DD's did get 30-45 minutes to talk but were cut short because the meeting went long. The board did vote in several

additional patroller fees for this year. Their purpose was to raise money, but the vote was made without details on how it was to collect the fees or exactly what patrollers' classes were included. Also, how the fees would be accounted for was unclear, i.e. they might go into the general fund rather than replenishing the reserve that was depleted to fund the lawsuit. The new OEC class will be raised from \$30 to \$60 and each patroller training class would be charged \$10 by National. The BOD strategic plan was discussed. It does appear that many of the board members have never had a Region or Division leadership role and Jim feels some decisions will be contested by the general membership. The Safety Team (Chairman: McMann) gave a report and Subaru is offering cash support to get the program started this year. After lunch the new software management package was discussed. Registration will be done on the web this year. The new website will also be released. July 15, 2010, the new OEC 5th edition will be ready but may be too late for 2010 refreshers. The last chapter is still being discussed and may/may not include the OEC extras, as it is still being challenged. The budget was discussed. Over \$100,000 was expended each year over three years to pay for the lawsuits. Woody Noris is successfully working on fundraising. NSP gets \$50 for each Visa card issued and some % of usage, the first month gave NSP \$2000. A new online auction will also be held. Lift tickets, condo fees, skis and apparel will be collected and bid on. The company doing this will be charging 15%. Grants have been written but none have been accepted as yet. The program administrators have no travel budget this year, but can be requested and will be reviewed on a one on one basis. After money starts coming in from the fundraisers the board indicated they would start budgeting program moneys.

Kevin commented that if we each attended four SES's it would cost an extra \$40.

The Bylaws rewrite has been on the website for 6 months and passed when voted upon. Ed Gass requested a Certified Program administrator (to aid Division communication) and that passed. There are 15 applications for the board this year. There was a vote to narrow the applications to 8 but it failed and the reduction will be done like last year by the Nominating committee. The Brady contract was signed and Brady will print the OEC 5th edition. Legislators are listening to the NSP and helmet laws are being written in two states including New York. Central Divisions' Linda Barthel was selected as Women's program director. The Finance committee reported they are getting 1% from their CD's. The meeting went from 8 AM till 5 or 6 PM each day.

2. Update on new corporation. Kevin McQuillian.

A small glitch occurred with the old corporation (a name change) and the team is still working to maintain the non-profit status. Money is not being rerouted as yet.

3. Lifetime Achievement Award. Jim Woodrum (It would be helpful if all RD's and ADD's would think about those we should consider)

Three patrollers were suggested and will be considered. RD's should consider this highest award for recognition.

4. Narrowing the National BOD Candidates to 8 for the CD to consider. Jim Woodrum
Jim asked how the RD's feel. Jim will send out a plan and gather information. Perhaps Ty Damon will help again, but this year we will provide suggested 6 or 8 for support by the CD Board.

5. Update on Fall Meeting. Bob Lechtanski

Mission Point has an amended contracted. 21 rooms Thursday, 46 Friday, 46 Saturday have booked already at \$99 per night. We have 75 rooms available. Sunday's rate is still to be negotiated. Friday night will have a barbeque scheduled. The Banquet will, of course, be Saturday night.

6. **Division support monies to Regions.** Ken Meldahl

Support Funds: Courses not being closed by the National office and the extra fees may cause a reduction or inaccurate course records. Jim suggested that we may not want to change our program this season. Ken agreed with Jim's suggestion. Jim tabled the discussion until next year.

7. **MSAA meeting** is being planned and Ken Meldahl needs to know all RD's attending. Linda and Jim are staying 4 days, Kevin will be staying Sunday-Tuesday.

8. **Proposals** 1st Reading of proposed Bylaws Change. 10-15 minutes. Ken Meldahl & Thom Rabaglia

Proposal TC090630 P001 – Term Limit Changes – Ken Meldahl & Thom Rabaglia

MOTION #1: Accept Proposal TC090630 P001 Submitted by Ken Meldahl & Thom Rabaglia
Discussion was lead by Ken. An elected DD, RD or SC would be able to petition their board to run for a third term. Often there are people that have agendas they are working on and feel they would like an additional term to complete work they started.

MOVED: **Bill C**

SECOND: (David D) **Tim Z**

BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed (6 for, 2 against) Derek and Tony opposed

The first reading for bylaw change

Jim discussed a letter from 2 CD PD's that felt they were not getting enough communication from NSP. The NSP Board voted the proposal down but Jim is asking what we can do to get all PD's the right amount of communication. Jim is asking for comments from RD's prior to our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

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.