

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL  
CENTRAL DIVISION TELECONFERENCE MEETING Minutes  
September 21, 2009**

**Teleconference meeting was scheduled starting at 9 PM Eastern Time, September 22, 2009 at the Fall 2009 Meeting**

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

**Agenda:** as directed from the Fall Division Meeting

- **Second readings of the bylaw changes proposed at the last meeting:**
  - F09 P002 (Bylaw) Election Cycle Ken Meldahl
  - F09 P004 (Bylaw) Election Wording Change Ken Meldahl
  - F09 P009 (Bylaw) Executive Committee Ken Meldahl
- **Review of the NBOD candidate review presentation**

**CALL TO ORDER: Jim Woodrum 9 PM**

**Board Roll Call – Frank Called Roll:**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>Jim Woodrum</b>	<b>Division Director</b>
<b>Derek Werner</b>	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>
<b>David Dahl</b>	<b>North Central</b>
<b>Bob Lechtanski</b>	<b>Northern Michigan</b>
<b>Bill Currier</b>	<b>Ohio</b>
<b>Billy Dick</b>	<b>Southern</b>
<b>Tony Wolfer</b>	<b>Western Michigan</b>
<b>JT John Thomas</b>	<b>Western</b>

**ALSO PRESENT:**

<b>Linda Murphy Jacobs</b>	<b>Assistant Division Director, Proficiency</b>
<b>Kevin McQuillan</b>	<b>Legal</b>
<b>Frank Cleary</b>	<b>Administrative Assistant</b>
<b>Dan Somalski</b>	<b>Assistant Division Director, OEC</b>
<b>Ty Damon</b>	
<b>Ken Meldahl</b>	
<b>Bev Benzing</b>	

**Not Present:**

<b>Brian Cobble</b>	<b>Assistant Division Director, Programs</b>
<b>Thom Rabaglia</b>	<b>South Central</b>

Quorum requirements met.

**MOTION #1: Accept Proposal F09-P002 Election Cycle (Bylaw and PnP) Ken Meldahl**

MOVED: **Tony W**  
SECOND: **David D**

Frank read the proposal.

**Discussion followed. Jim reviewed the changes** Western is the RD that moved. Jim asked if JT was OK with this extra year for this one time change (JT is OK with the change and the extra year will not create a problem for him).

**Jim Call to question**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (7 for, 0 against)**

**This is the Second reading of bylaw changes**

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

**F09 P004 – (Bylaw) Election Wording Change Ken Meldahl**

**MOTION #2: Accept Proposal F09-P004 as written**

MOVED: **Bill C**  
SECOND: **Bob L**

Frank read the proposal. Discussion followed to make sure the wording was recorded at the Fall meeting accurately. Everyone agreed that it was correct.

**Called to question**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (7 for, 0 against)**

**This is the Second reading of bylaw changes**

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

**MOTION #3: Accept Proposal F09-P009 (Bylaw) Executive Committee Ken Meldahl**

MOVED: **Tony W**  
SECOND: **Bob L**

Frank read the proposal. Discussion: minimal

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (7 for, 0 against)**

**This is the Second reading of bylaw changes**

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

**Review of the proposed NBOD candidate review presentation**

Ty Damon Review his presentation describing a procedure that could be used to review the National Board candidates. Everyone looked at the powerpoint on their home PC as Ty reviewed the slides. This can be used to help our patrollers to make better or easier decisions on who to vote for. Many patrollers have asked for Division Leadership to review the candidates and make suggestions to help make educated decisions and be ready to vote on October 15. Ty asked of this is something the Board wants to do. Dave Dahl felt that the candidates should be rated by the RD's, he has been asked todo this by many patrollers. Derek also agreed. Bob L feels it is laid out nicely and we should move on. JT and Tony also agreed. Most agreed that the results should be a consolidated and composite review.

Frank would add up the score sheets (then destroy the score sheets) and release the composite. Bob L agreed the originals should be destroyed and the CD board's composite average would be released. This would be a team review of the candidates. Bill C suggested that since one candidate comes from his patrol he would not want his personal rating or our CD's rating to cause a problem. Jim suggested that perhaps we should not rate Janet and that his patrol is asking for Bills personal support. Perhaps Bill could step out of the rating process. Ty suggested Bill should not campaign for Janet and should participate and let the chips fall as they may. The CD Leadership includes the DD, RD's, ADD, Legal and Treasure. There are often CD members running for these National Board positions and Bill's position is not unusual. Bob Meldahl felt we all need to participate and felt it is the need of the CD patrollers must be put in priority. Ty commented that his suggested introductory letter would indicate to every patroller that they are free to use or ignore the CD Leadership's suggestions.

The suggested rating points were reviewed individually and Ty made notes when improvement suggestions were made. Items considered are: leadership positions and accomplishments, personal goals and their alignment with the NSP future direction, association with Ski Industry Partners, commitment to the rights of patrollers, commitment to positive communication with patrollers (attendance at patroller events, etc), vision for cost controls, understands the patroller experience at a non-destination Midwest style Ski Area that is common in the Central Division (there is a variety of patrols that exist in the NSP, and does this candidate offer a unique perspective). Jim suggested that we should somehow consider integrity of each candidate.

Ty will head this effort and release the final rating system and the ranking leadership team will be made up of the CD Board including DD, RD's, ADD's, Legal and Treasurer. Frank will tally the votes and prepare the composite rank order. Individual's ranking scores will be held in confidence. Jim and Ty will take a final look at the intro letter to the patrollers and Jim will release the final document to our members. Everyone agreed this is not campaigning but is being requested by the Central Division Patrollers.

Jim commented that he was approached by National Board Members about the CD's proposal to change the Board makeup. Jim feels he will wait to see if the National Board changes their way. If January comes and goes without change then he can still take the proposal to the National Board. Jim feels we don't want to make this move without giving the NSP NB the chance to address our concerns, now that they have heard them.

#### **MOTION #4 To Adjourn**

MOVED: **Bob L**

SECOND: **Tony W**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed Unanimously (7 for, 0 against)  
Meeting Adjourned and Closed 10:30 PM**

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 Spring 2010 meeting