

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL  
CENTRAL DIVISION Fall MEETING Minutes**  
September 10-12, 2010  
Hilton Bloomington/Minneapolis  
Twin Cities, Minnesota

**Friday New Leader/Member Orientation 11:00 AM – 1 PM (Tony Ortega)**

**Friday Executive Committee meeting 4 - 6 PM**

invited Division Director, ADDs, Treasurer, Legal, Admin Assistant, Eastern Michigan RD  
Derek Werner, North Central RD David Dahl, and Western RD John Thomas

**Actual Attendance:** Jim Woodrum, Dan Somalski, Linda Murphy Jacobs, Frank Cleary, David Dahl (North Central), JT Thomas (Western) and Tony Wolfer (Western Michigan), Chuck Martschinke. **Not in attendance:** Brian Cobble, Kevin McQuillan, Bev Benzing,

**Accomplishments:** Budget Jim lead discussions reviewing the Fall meeting agenda and discussed possible proposals as no proposals were actually submitted. This is the first meeting Jim remembered where there were no proposals prepared. The CD supervisors were scheduled to start their presentations Saturday at 1 PM.

**Financials:** The Financial review will cover the financial statements and the funding of our two corporations; NSP Central Division and Central Ski Patrol, Inc, tomorrow. Bev was not present and the review was deferred till Sunday.

**Meeting closed by Jim Woodrum at 4:55 PM Minnesota Time**

## **Central Division Board Meeting**

### **Saturday September 11, 2010**

#### **General Meeting: "Commitment To Excellence"**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jim Woodrum called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM (Michigan time) on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

**Jim Woodrum** welcomed everyone to the Fall Meeting. Jim introduced guests: Chris Stoddard MSAA, Fred Seymour (Hyland Ski Area Manager), Damon Johnson (Terrain Parks), Janet Glaesar National Board Member, Wally Shank (Risk Manager), Brad Nelson (boot fitter)

Jim spoke on "Commitment to Excellence". We should all understand what that means to each of us. Jim spoke about what it means to him. As Division Director, Jim is always looking to help others evolve their commitment to Ski Patrol and attempts to help them to find appropriate leadership positions. Jim also networks with owners, managers and people active in ski area management and national ski organizations with the purpose of improving relationships and interaction with the Ski Patrol.

Jim spoke about the NSP Logo. Actually there are several (13) not including our Region and local patrol's logo's. Jim is attempting to organize a committee, with Tim as the chair, to review the options and strengthen our NSP Brand Logo.

We can "Be the Best We Can Be" remembering that diversity helps to strengthen our organization. You can also support your own self development, as well as those in your patrol, share your learning's with others, always continue to be a giver, and look to develop new leaders for our organization.

Some new or focused programs for this year are CPR and OEC refreshers, Vail Ski Instructor Emersion Program, 3 STW's again this year, more Toboggan IT recert's, National Division Director Senior Calibration Clinic this winter, rollout of the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition OEC, and introduction of the ASE, an new accredited Senior Evaluation Process.

**Chris Stoddard** thanked Jim Woodrum for the close working relationship that he offers MSAA. The close relationship between the Ski Patrol and the Ski area Management is very important. Chris shared statistics on skiing. The Midwest stretches from the Dakotas to Ohio and Texas. The Midwest had 7.7 million skier visits up 7.2% from last year. The Southern portions had a very good snow last year which helped skier visits and the Northern ski areas had average or below average snow fall which hurt their numbers. 2007-2008 had over 8 million visits. The 10 year average is 7.7 million skier visits with the lowest year at 7 million. The Rocky Mountains average 10 million skier visits. North Carolina has good ski areas but are very dependent on weather as well. The last few weeks in the Midwest can make or break our areas' profits, when the skier visits continue a few extra weeks, the areas can make a bigger profit and make money to fund capital improvements. In the Midwest, 40% of tickets sold was to snowboarders. Pacific Region has nearly 50% snowboarders. We all need to look and understand our snowboarders. Midwest does give about 12% ratio of lessons per skier visit. This is a number that could improve in an attempt to convert more first time skiers to full time skiers.

**Fred Seymour** discussed lessons and how we can retain more first time skiers. The 'Model For Growth' that MSAA developed in 1999 was an attempt to enlarge the core group of Midwest skiers. If we do not increase the retention rate we will lose that core group and lose skier visits. We are still losing 84% of first time skiers. Across the country, Skiers are declining and Snowboarders are increasing. Only 4-12% of skier visits are first time skiers, but if we don't cater to that group then we

will not grow the sport. It has been said that they need to come back 3 times before they will take up the sport regularly. Actually, beginner lessons are on a downward trend across the country. Growing new skiers at our local ski areas is important, as is having the dream of "going out West" to ski. Having the dream of Going out West to Big Ski areas is good for the industry and helps help grow regulars back here in the Midwest. We need to help our first time skier have fun and enjoy the experience.

Fred and Chris answered a question on Helmet use. Chris suggested that this is a family issue and not our place to try to change it one way or the other. In general, families are asking for legislation on helmets and we will need to support any legislation enacted. CA and NY have enacted helmet laws. Local Patrols should follow their area management's direction.

MSAA and SP are active to work with legislative branches to oppose EMT legislative laws. The goal should be to dispel the illusion/misunderstanding of what Ski Patrols do. Jim commented that OEC is more of a Urban setting training where EMTs do not train to the Urban setting. NSP helped to defeat legislation on Iowa. There is a NSP committee continuing to work on this issue.

**Damon Johnson** works at Hyland Ski Area in the Terrain Park area. He teaches terrain park crews and presented an overview of the training he does to develop his Park Crew. The crew needs to understand how the weather changes the park through the day. 1<sup>st</sup> shift sets up the signage, fencing and inspects the park, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift maintains the park and tears down the signage, where the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift builds the park and make major modifications. The patrol interacts with the riders in the park as well as the park crew and is a big part of the maintenance of the park. We stress Safety, ATML (Approach, Takeoff, Maneuver and Landing), check rails for burrs, maintain proper signage, feature maintenance, flow (spacing and approach layout), and understand what makes features popular. The crew watches video on YouTube of there their park and the park's clubs website postings daily. When a patroller closes a feature it is important to leave a note on why the feature was closed. Most area park crews do keep a notebook, try to get a copy for your patrol room. Patrollers and crews should ride with the cats to understand the ability of the cat's to finish the snow. Have a plan for when rails are loose or damaged, overcrowding, filming of accidents, injuries, low snow, hardpack, rail burrs, etc. Is the park crew visible and identified? Do you know there names, do they know yours? Does your park crew have a dry place to go for break? Can the crew break with the patrol? Get to know your Park Crew and work closely with them. His key message was to encourage patrols and park crews to work together and share training and experiences where appropriate.

(Break at 9:30 AM)

**Janet Glaeser**, a new National Board Member, gave us a National Board Update. The Board is made of 13 members one of which is the chair. The current board is open to run for two terms of three years each. As Leaders we should all try to get more than 10% of the membership to vote. The meetings are open, some by conference call. Jim and the other DD's often participate in the meetings. Last year they developed a priority matrix. Our key stakeholders are members, areas, skiers, etc. Janet's slides show the details. Janet also showed a slide with an overview of their Goal Statement detailing membership, education, brand, infrastructure, stability and sustainability. Janet reviewed the track of the release of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the OEC, next year will be a special, out of cycle, refresher to release the new text. Everyone should buy the text (in the neighborhood of \$65-70). A downloadable version will possibly be available. Janet discussed State EMS issues, New Program Directors to fill some open positions, Board Governance issues including changing the RFBA (request for board action) and methods for discussing and enacting change, balance the budget is an ongoing task, and discussed how NSP accomplishes fund raising. A shift in thinking from tactical to strategic is occurring.

**Wally Shank and Kevin McQuillan** presented current legal actions the Division patrollers are facing. The Joint Letter of Understanding has been used for many years now (about 20 years) and helps to document the interface between the Ski Area and the local Patrol. Some points: the area manages the

patrol, the volunteer patroller is an agent of the area resort, the PR certifies the patrollers training and NSP credentials as required by the resort, the area management has the right to release patrollers from their area, the area has the responsibility to manage any lift evacuations, and manages the accident investigations. Remember, accidents in the cafeteria do need to be documented similarly to accidents on the snow or in the terrain park. If you are questioned about an accident, be polite but always try to defer to the area management and do not make inappropriate comments about accidents. The resort ultimately supervises and controls aspects of patrolling the resort. The resorts carry the insurance for the area, employees and volunteers at the area. Patrols would want written Policies and Procedures approved or written by the resort management. Patrols and patrollers must follow those procedures to be covered by the resorts insurance. As agents and not employees, volunteers are not covered by Workers Compensation in nearly all states in most all instances. Invite resort management to all your major patrol events. Be diligent and consistent in your patrols documented record keeping.

Kevin asked that he be called immediately if the EMS community starts to get involved with your local NSP patrollers registration.

**Brad Nelson** is a Certified Pedorthist and president of Hi Tempo Ski Shop and the FootLab Custom Fitting. Brad has 32 years experience in boot fitting and custom fitting. works in sailing in the summer and snow sports in the winter as a retailer and as an ski instructor. Custom fitting is the process of getting the ski and boot to fit each unique and individual skier. The issue in custom fitting is that no two skiers have the same feet. Brad said that "feet are like fingerprints, unique to you and different from me". Feet vary within the range of 3 different stance alignments; pronation, neutral and supinated. These three alignments cause a boot and ski to be pressured differently for each of the three stances. 70% of the human population has feet that pronate, or collapse inward when not properly supported. These skiers have trouble pressuring their inside edges and struggle with "new school" ski techniques. No matter how hard they try, 70% of the skiing population has the biomechanical issues that limit their abilities. Brad also tested many ski tuning techniques and found that some people prefer ½ degree angled bottoms with 2 degree sidewalls (rather than the standard 1 degree/2 degree factory setup) because most of the new skis go from edge to edge quicker.

Custom fitting means that while the perfect stance is achievable for every skier, the process of getting there is unique to each individual. One size definitely doesn't fit all in custom fitting. Custom fitting is a four step process that begins with an insole to support the foot (a different insole for each of the three stances). Next is proper alignment to insure that the ski rides flat. Then correct fore and aft balance is established. And finally edge tuning that supports the skiing style of the skier. Brad suggested that women will also benefit from proper boot and ski fitting as their stance and weight distribution is different from mens'.

The FootLab custom fitting process is done by appointment only and takes about 2 hours. Appointments can be made with Brad or any of their other custom fitters at the Hi Tempo Ski Shop website under their Snowsports custom fitting link at [www.hitempo.com](http://www.hitempo.com). The price of the entire process depends on the customer's foot and their alignment and stance. Some skiers need more or less change than others. Custom insoles are \$165, cant alignment is \$150, ski patrol members qualify for a 20% discount. The FootLab also does free assessments to check your current set up.

[Brad@hitempo.com](mailto:Brad@hitempo.com)

### **Wrap-up - Jim Woodrum**

Jim thanked all our presenters and dismissed for lunch.

*(Break for lunch at 12:08 PM)*

## **Board of Director Meeting**

**Call to order: Jim Woodrum 12:35 PM**

Jim closed the meeting for Executive Session to allow a private discussion of personnel issues due to a recent Code of Conduct issue.

Jim opened the meeting at 1:00 PM  
*(Tape 1a inserted at 1:00 PM)*

Meeting materials in the Staff Packet: (25 paper copies of the meeting agenda, Spring Minutes, Spring Action Item List, Supervisor reports, financial investment review, 09-10 budget variance report, 10-11 Budget, Proposals, Central Division P&P, and current Central Division Org Chart).

#### **CD Staff Update: Treasurer**

Jim discussed several candidates for CD Treasurer. The board reviewed the candidates and agreed to extend an offer to Joe Hammel. Jim will talk to both Joe and Bev to make a smooth transition.

**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
Tony Ortega	South Central
Bill Dick	Southern
Tony Wolfer	Western Michigan
JT John Thomas	Western

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Brian Cobble (absent)	Assistant DD Programs
Linda Murphy Jacobs	Assistant DD, Proficiency
Dan Somalski	Assistant DD Programs
Frank Cleary	Administrative Assistant
Bev Benzing (absent)	Treasurer
Kevin McQuillan	Legal and Risk Advisor

**DD Board Member Absent:** none

#### **Also Attending:**

+ past DD	Chuck Martschinke
+ MSAA LIAISON	Ken Meldahl
TREASURER	Bev Benzing
+ Legal and Risk	Kevin McQuillan
+ REGISTRATION	Sherwin VanKlompenberg
+ ELECTIONS	Ken Meldahl
+ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	Frank Cleary
SKI SCHOOL DIRECTOR	Jay Zedak
ALUMNI	Beach Day
Auxiliary Supervisor	Open
+ AVALANCHE	Dale Mihuta
+ AWARDS	Gregg Reese
+ CERTIFIED	Mike Longfellow Jones
+ INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	Virginia Rodeman
MEDICAL	Steve Werner
+ MOUNTAIN TRAVEL & RESCUE	John Wachter

+ NORDIC ADVISOR	Peter Wollan
+ 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	Sandi Hammons
WEB MASTER	Chris Raudabaugh

**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: Doug Berg PSIA Central Division President (to address the board at 2PM)**

**MEETING APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**AGENDA:** Jim Woodrum asked the Board if there were any additions to the agenda previously distributed. 00-10 RD and ADD reports to be reviewed. Discussion took place regarding the Central Division Budget Variance Report, and an updated version was distributed to all. The Spring 2010 minutes were reviewed.

**Discussion:** none

**MOTION #1:** Approval of the consensus Agenda; consisting of the Fall 2010 Meeting Agenda as reviewed and the updated Spring 2010 meeting minutes, and the 2010-2011 Budget Variance Financial report.

MOVED: **Tony W**  
 SECOND: **Bill C**

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

**Region Director Reports:**

**JT John Thomas:** No Update.

**Bob Lechtanski.** No Update.

**Tony Wolfer** announced many new SES's are planed this year

**Derek Werner** No Update.

**Bill Currier** lost one ski patrol Clear Fork, after the area failed to sell for the last three years. John McGoff will manage the next Fall Banquet in Cincinnati, OH

**Bill Dick** No Update.

**Tony Ortega** Welcome, (this is Tony's first Board meeting as a new RD)

**David Dahl** No Update.

**Linda** No Update.

**Dan** No Update.

**Staff Updates:**

**Kevin McQuillan - Legal and Risk** Kevin reviewed the work with the Tax Attorney he retained to rectify the issues with the Central Ski Patrol, Inc. The 501.3c status is the problem as the status can not be simply transferred. He will continue to find a solution.

**OEC Update** Deb Endly/Kathy Glenn Deb discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. It will be a workbook/textbook at about \$65 with the download costing about \$45. A new test bank and scenario bank will be available. Brady will have annual updates in the event of technology changes. Brady will also host a website that we will have access to. This book was mostly written and edited by NSP members. NSP will own the book and pictures. The next refresher, in the fall of 2011, will a **out of cycle** refresher to review the entire manual.

**Kathy** introduced herself and projects she is working on now, including the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

**Jim** asked that the IT OEC Conference plan be set for Spring to meet the needs of our Division. Jim asked that the RD's are consulted so there is a clear understanding of their needs. RD's to check on the start dates of all their OEC classes and let Deb/Kathy know. Jim encouraged the RD's to conduct fundraisers to help patrollers purchase the new manuals. Jim asked that the schedule of meetings be posted to the website – See Chris R.

**Sherwin VanKlompenberg** REGISTRATION National is using our Sherwin's powerpoint to train other Divisions and made it available on the National website. We are still the only fully electronic registration Division. Sherwin's report is in the Staff Packet. Back dues and late fees are being reviewed by National as calculations were excluded from the 2009/2010 process.

(Tape 1b inserted at 1:52 PM)

**Ken Meldahl** reviewed the last MSAA meeting. The meetings were informative; we should have our area owners send patrollers when ever possible.

**Tim Zimmerman** RPN The RPN is now electronic. The last issue had more content than the typical printed issue in the past. This makes the issue very interesting. New software was installed and will also help. The publish date is Sept 22, so please get your articles completed. Only one person asked to be switched to the 'printed' list. Tim will have the camera available tonight if you want your RPN picture updated.

**Mike Longfellow Jones Certified** Several new people are now interested and several precertification clinics are scheduled this winter. Mike is working with the National Certified Supervisor to develop a National manual. We are trying to mesh Certified programs of all the Divisions as well. We are considering a policy to require helmets at Certified events. A checklist is being made to document requirements for Certified events. Jim reminded Mike that we are roll models and our NSP-C instructors are wearing helmets.

(5 minute break at 2:20 PM)

### **Special Guest Doug Berg PSIA**

Any NSP member can attend a PSIA event, (except certification test). They must pay the normal fee. Spread the word to all NSP members. You can take skiing development (\$130 2 days), video events (\$230 2 days), teaching events as well. Jim suggested that this would be a good RPN article. Doug will be joining us at our banquet tonight. Jim suggested it is better to partner with PSIA at our home area to help our home resorts succeed. Doug suggests that we must keep our conflicts to a minimum and partner our strengths.

*(Tape 2a inserted at 2:45 PM)*

**Peter Wollan Nordic** Peter is trying to get the Nordic instructor list together, if the RD's have any lists, please forward. He is reviewing the Nordic Master program and trying to get all the Nordic programs back on track. Jim suggested we tie into Kevin Johnson, the National Program Director.

**Jeannine Mogan P101** All patrols need to register and teach P101 each year. I need access to the P101 classes and data from the National Database. Jim is working on this.

**ASE - Skills Development Team**      Don Loerch, Jay Zedak, Tom Worley, Darcy Hanley

The team has put together a program for the Senior ASE (Accredited Senior Evaluator) Don reviewed the powerpoint that was included in the staff packets. All RD's are to send potential ASE candidates to Darcy. The team is putting film clips on the Division Website to help prepare people for ASE clinics. Several discussions continued.

*(Tape 2b inserted at 3:35 PM)*

Is 3 year recertification really necessary? Is a test really necessary? A few RD's feel that the Senior program will fall if we require this much work and cost to the existing evaluators. Some RD's conduct additional Regional STW's to bring the information back to the local patrols. Some have Calibration Clinics. The level 2 and level 3's will have to calibrate as well, but it may not be necessary for a two day ASE test. 5 Regions have one team that exams skiing and a different team to exam Toboggan where the other Regions have one test team evaluated both skiing and toboggan. Is the ASE only for current evaluators or can this be a route for new evaluators? We owe it to our Senior candidates to walk the talk, to do accurately demo the skills, and accurately evaluate the skills and tell the candidates what they need to do to pass the test. The way to do this is to prepare our examiners and check that they are calibrated to the same standard throughout the Division. Most agreed, this needs to be more than just a test, and it is necessary to develop a training program to help make this program successful. Skype calls were used to develop this program and Skype could be used to do remote dryland training. Jim suggested that a ASE certification at the first STW. It could be a challenge. There could be training developed for people wanted to be a Senior evaluator next year. It could be a one day seminar or developed into modules as ASE clinics. A local mentor could be also be assigned to help those that are not sucessful.

*(Tape 3a inserted at 4:25 PM)*

Many felt that existing Level 2's should not need to take the test but should still clinic and calibrate. All agreed the Senior event is a Division event and calibration is necessary.

Linda agreed to lead finial development of clinics at the 3 STW's where the Division will conduct two day events this year. RD's will develop a list of people to attend each STW. Jim suggested that each patroller will be allowed multiple clinics but only one exam per year. Chuck suggested that this year could be used to provide clinics only. Jim suggested that we conduct three tests at the STW's this year. The Region calibrations need to be run by someone that attended the Division

STW that year. All RD's and the staff agreed to run the two day test this year at each of the Division STW's. The RD's need to review attendance list and send prepared people. Linda will review the program and adjust the content to reflect the adjustments agreed upon. It will not be necessary for Level 2's and 3's to attend ASE's but they will need to attend calibration clinics.

**Tom Worley Toboggan** The STW this year will have groups from each Region. The plan is to recertify all IT's every 3 years. The Region toboggan supervisors need to help recertify all our IT's. The cost is \$65 to have NSP-C insurance. When a toboggan instructor acts as a Region toboggan Supervisor and travels outside their own home area then they should be covered by the NSP-C insurance. We would like to complete the all the recertification's this year, so everyone is current. Tom is asking all Region toboggan advisors to check that all are wear helmets during Region and Division training.

**Dan Moss for Jay** NSP-C Snow Sports School The new website will allow up and downloading of videos. This will help Seniors to get help from an online source.

(Tape 3b inserted at 5:10 PM)

Last year several more people passed Level 2. Jay sent a staff to Beach Mountain, NC last year and attended the Southern Division Banquet to get them up to speed with VF1 Software. Pete asked about Nordic involvement and Dave asked about a NSP-C card to give the member documentation that they are actually members and have the insurance. It is typically the responsibility of the insurance company to issue that certification. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to make payment. There is a question rather the Division is paying \$15 or \$10 as the cost was still listed as \$55 to the member. The Division is paying \$10 like agreed. Jim will call the insurance agent to make sure all paying members get proof of insurance statements this year in November or December..

**Sandi Hammons** Woman's Clinic Boyne Highlands Jan 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There will be Video Analysis with some snowboarding training as well. We will be using the short skis too. Leadership training is a focus this year. 2012 is planed for Wausau and 2013 will be in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

**MOTION #2: Motion to adjourn.**

MOVED: **Tony W**

SECOND: **Bob L**

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

Meeting adjourned 5:23 PM Saturday

The 2009-2010 Central Division Banquet and Awards followed the meeting.

## **Sunday, September 12, 2010 Meeting Reconvened at 8 AM**

**8:05AM Sunday: Open Session brought to order by Linda as Jim Woodrum was attending the PD Breakfast.**

**Linda asked for a roll call and everyone was in attendance except Kevin who was at the PD breakfast with Jim.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposal S10 P006 – Elections ByLaws Ken Meldahl**

**MOTION #3: Accept Proposal S10-P006 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of bylaw changes)**

**MOVED: Tony W**

**SECOND: Bill C**

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

**Frank will change the Bylaws and post the PnP to the website**

**MOTION #3: Accept Teleconference Meeting Minutes from 9/21/09 as written**

**MOVED: Tony W**

**SECOND: Derek W**

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

**Frank will post the TC meeting Minutes to the website as written**

**S10 Action Item List** was reviewed. Linda led discussion on completion of each item. Several were not completed and were moved to be completed soon or by the Spring Meeting. These items were inserted into the F10 Action Item list.

**RD's** ask that Jim seek attention to the data availability problem of the National database by our CD Supervisors. This has been a problem for two years and National needs to fix this.

(Tape 3a restarted at 8:25 AM)

**Tony Ortega** asked if anyone has ran a major onsite OEC incident while the public was on the hill? The public may find the work the ski patrol does as interesting and consider joining. Some felt that the incident could offend or scare others and cause complaints to the management. Many resort managers do not want to draw public attention to the dangers of skiing. It was also suggested not to run an incident right under the chair or to have much fake blood.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS**

No proposals were reviewed at the Executive committee Meeting, with two new proposal submitted today by Linda. We should remember it is stated in the PnP to submit proposals to Frank 21 days prior to the meeting.

**MOTION #4: Approval of F10-P001 Linda** – The word ‘Fees’ changed to ‘insurance policy’ in relation to Ski School fees to patrollers.

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

Discussion: Is the insurance \$55 or \$60 this year? A phone call was made to Jay and the fee is \$55 this year. The CD is still covering \$10 of the fee for the NSP-C members that are PSIA certified active Teaching members.

A friendly amendment was made by Tony W and seconded by Bill C to remove financial information from that line item in the PnP.

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

**BOARD ACTION on Proposal: Motion Passed as amended Unanimously. (8 for 0 against)**

Frank will change PnP to Page 27 to change wording of line 170 page 27 and remove the \$55 from the line and add “see approved budget for this year’s fee”

#### **Proposal F10 P002 – Fee change for STW – Linda**

**MOTION #5: Accept Proposal F10-P002** Raise the STW fee from \$25 to \$30

MOVED: **Tony W**  
SECOND: **Bill D**

Discussion: Linda explained that the cost to run the program has been escalating and for over 20 years the fee has been the same. We have been running behind on this program for several years. This higher fee (from \$25 to \$30) will help to balance the actual cost of the program to what we charge.

Call to Question by Bill C

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**  
**Frank will change the PnP, Joe to change the budget and send out to the board**

#### **Break**

(Tape 4a inserted at 9:10 AM)

**Floor MOTION #6: Remove the actual fees from line 160-170 of the PnP and refer to current budget**

Discussion was lead by Jim and there was no opposition due to the flexibility needed to run the programs. The RD's still control the budget on a routine basis of twice a year.

MOVED: **Tony W**  
SECOND: **Bill D**

**BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed unanimously (8 for, 0 against)**  
**Frank will change the PnP, Joe will make the fees clear in the Supervisors Budget printout**

## **Region Financial Reviews**

Jim will discuss the current audit schedule with the new Treasurer to see if next year we want to continue auditing Regions. Some RD's questioned the added cost of hiring a consultant to audit the Region's books.

**MOTION #7: Accept the 10-11 Budget as prepared by Bev and as adjusted at this meeting.  
(Line 162 changed to \$30)**

**MOVED: Tony W**

**SECOND: Bill C**

## **2010-2011 BUDGET REVIEW AND APROVAL**

Jim presented the 2010-11Central Division Budget. This budget was reviewed and pre-approved at Friday night's Executive Committee Meeting. More discussion took place regarding the 2010-011budgets.

**Vote to approve as adjusted:**

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

**Either Joe or Bev will send out and post the approved budget**

**Kevin** discussed the need a Code of Conduct to protect patrols from accepting transfers of poor performing or dishonest patrollers. This is already in the 7.1 of the National PnP. The PR is to notify the Section Chief and RD. The RD should take appropriate action to discuss this with other local RD's Jim suggested that patrol directors should not dismiss patrollers without the local resort management helping or making the actual dismissal decision.

**Kevin** is preparing a change for the National board that would edit the National PnP. He is editing the current Grievance and appeal procedures. The edited code would simplify and clarify the code of conduct and hopefully, reduce future litigation. The board concurred and suggested that he bring this to the National Board.

Kevin also reminded the RD's that the PR/PD does have the right to register or not register any person without the requirement to give written reasoning. The PD/PR must work closely work with area management and it is best that the Area Manager and Area Patrol Director agree with all the accept/dismiss decisions.

## **Process to identify top NBOD Candidates**

Jim suggested that this process was well received last year and suggested that we should do it again this year. Jim will send out the list of candidates and the attributes. RD's will send their tally to Frank and Frank will assemble the totals. Frank will send the aggregated result to Jim, who will publish or send to the CD staff. Sept 15 is the date that we should expect to see the list of National Board candidates.

## **Ken Meldahl - Elections 2010-2011**

RD elections: Ohio, Western Michigan, and Western

**Election Review Committee** this year from the PnP: Derek Werner, Tony Ortega, Dave Dahl  
The Election Review Committee is responsible for the review and confirmation of the election results for the Central Division Director and all other Division managed elections. The committee will review election results submitted by the DEC and confirm results back to the DEC in specified amount of time.

**MOTION #8:**           **To approve Election Review Committee**  
MOVED: **Bill D**  
SECOND: **Bob L**

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

Ken asked these RD's be available the week the vote is completed for timely posting of results

**Ken will put an article in this coming RPN to start the voting process.**

Tony is term limited this year, but Bill and JT are planning to run again this year. Jim suggested we all should be mentoring other to develop others and fill open leadership positions.

(Tape 4b inserted 10:23 AM)

**Jim** commented that a CD Powder Fall Event was requested. Tony Ortega suggested that a late season STW or *powderfall* may be well attended and he had an ARD that requested one. Linda suggested that an SES could be run in any region, it would just need to be scheduled. No RD's were interested in hosting a *powderfall* at this time so the idea was tabled.

**SEM's** do require that toboggans be brought to the scene. The area may or may not be open or have snow, but toboggans must be used. All RD's need to insure that SEM's are properly ran. Tony was one RD that committed to review this with his staff. Dan will talk to OEC Supervisors to make sure all IT's make sure the tests are ran properly with toboggans.

**Jim** suggested Senior Candidates practice at Senior rated hills close to home to prepare for S&T exams, but they should contact the host PD's prior to showing up.

**Dan** asked that all the OEC refreshers and Senior tests not all be held on the same day. The logistics of QA is very difficult when the dates are not scheduled and spread out. Jim asked the CD website be kept up to date. The RD's explained that it is impossible to insure all the tests and refreshers are held on different days.

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

**Meetings/Dates/Locations**

Mid-winter National Meeting, Lakewood, January 7&8, 2011

Spring Division Business Meeting –Apr 8-10, 2011, Oakbrook (Chicago), IL. DoubleTree

National Annual Meeting – June 2011

MSAA Meeting – Aug 7-10, 2011 Devil's Head, WI

Fall Division Meeting – September 9-11, 2011, Ohio Region, Cincinnati Riverfront Marriott

Spring Division Business Meeting –March 30 - Apr 1, 2012, Chicago, IL. DoubleTree

Fall Division Meeting – September, 2012, Southern Region Hosts

**MOTION #9: TO ADJOURN**

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 PM, Sunday just prior to noon

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Frank Cleary**  
**Administrative Assistant**

NOTE:           These minutes represent the notes recorded during the meeting and are to be approved by the Central Division Board of Directors at their next meeting on 4/10/11.