

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL
CENTRAL DIVISION SPRING MEETING Minutes
March 30 – April 1, 2012
Doubletree Hotel - Chicago, IL**

Friday Executive Committee meeting brought to order at 6:10 PM (Chicago time)

Invited: Joe Hamel -Treasurer, Brain Cobble-ADD, Linda Jacobs-ADD, Dan Somalski-ADD, Frank Cleary-Administrative Assistant, Kevin McQuillan-Legal and Risk Advisor RD's: Dave Johnson – Western Michigan, Bill Currier - Ohio, Bill Dick - Southern

Actual Attendance: Jim Woodrum, Brian Cobble, Linda Murphy Jacobs, Frank Cleary, Joe Hamel, Dave Johnson, Bill Currier (a little late due to plane connection), Bill Dick (Absent) and Les Robinson. Ken Meldahl organized the meeting room and picked up RD's that flew into Chicago Airport.

Planned Accomplishments: Develop Budget for 12-13, reviewed spring meeting agenda and proposals.

Jim reviewed the agenda for tomorrow and made changes as requested.

Proposal S12 P001 –Ski School JT

Proposal S12 P002 –Certified Events DS

Proposal S12 P003 –ASE JT

Proposal S12 P004 –Web Class JT

Executive committee agrees all proposals should be taken to the board tomorrow.
(As a note: No additional proposals were made at the meeting.)

Financials: Joe Hamel

Joe discussed the ending balance of the accounts. The statement is included in the staff packet. Joe reviewed the Actual Budget report from last year first. National sent us \$2000 from Alumni Dues again this year. Avalanche ran over budget due to only 4 attendees. Brian will talk to Dale about plans for budgeting next year's course. Expenses were reviewed and planned line by line. There was a 6% drop in registered patrollers in the division last season and some lines were adjusted accordingly.

New Business

Jim discussed civility and respect is always required when we all use the phone or Email system and he has added Civility to our agenda. Joe commented that he often waits one day prior to 'sending' important or possibly sensitive emails. Others commented they let their significant others read them prior to sending.

Meeting closed by Jim Woodrum at 10:16 PM Chicago Time

Central Division Board Meeting

Saturday March 31, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Woodrum called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM (Chicago time) on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

Meeting materials (19 paper copies of the meeting agenda, Fall Minutes, Fall Action Item List, EOY reports, financial investment review, 11-12 budget variance report, 12-13 projected Budget, Proposals, Central Division P&P, and last years final budgets) were distributed for review. (Two copies were left unused)

Jim announced the 2012 election results, welcomed our new Board members and thanked our retiring members for their dedicated service:

Les Robinson replaces David Dahl at North Central as RD

Dick Jacques replaces Bob Lechtanski at Northern Michigan as RD

Don Steer replaces Bill Dick at Southern as RD

71%, 61% and 76% (respectively) of the RD election returns were received this year.

Jim welcomed every one,

Board Roll Call – Roll was called:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Woodrum

Derek Werner

David Dahl

Bob Lechtanski

Bill Currier

Tony Ortega

Bill Dick (absent)

Dave Johnson

JT John Thomas

Division Director

Eastern Michigan

North Central

Northern Michigan

Ohio

South Central

Southern

Western Michigan

Western

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Cobble

Linda Murphy Jacobs

Dan Somalski (absent)

Ken Meldahl

Frank Cleary

Joe Hamel

Kevin McQuillan

Chuck Martschinke

Also Attending: Les Robinson new North Central RD, Dick Jacques new Northern Michigan RD, and Don Steer new Southern RD

Assistant DD Programs

Assistant DD, Proficiency

Assistant DD Programs

MCAA Liaison

Administrative Assistant

Treasurer

Legal and Risk Advisor

Past DD

CD Board Members Absent: Bill Dick

PROXY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Billy Dick appointed Brian Cobble in his absence.

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 (the three new RD's are present and active)

HOUSEKEEPING: Lunch orders were submitted. Dinner list was passed.

Jim introduced the new RD's and had them to describe their Ski Patrol background. This is the first time in recent history where there was three new RD's at one time. The board and staff introduced themselves to give everyone a deeper understanding and to empower teamwork.

MEETING APPOINTMENTS:

Parliamentarian: **Kevin McQuillan**
Sergeant-at-Arms: **Brian Cobble**

AGENDA: Jim Woodrum asked the Board if there were any additions to the agenda previously distributed. No additions, so discussion took place regarding the Central Division Budget Variance Report, the actual spend was very close to the amount budgeted. The Fall 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Additional Discussion: Several minor adjustments were made to the fall minutes and agenda after discussion.

MOTION #1: Approval of the consensus Agenda; consisting of the Spring 2012 Meeting Agenda as reviewed and the Fall 2011 Meeting Minutes (as adjusted), and the 2011-2012 Budget Variance Financial report.

MOVED: **Bob L**
SECOND: **Derek W**

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

Short Break 9:10

JT asked how motions made at the meetings are followed up on? Discussion followed and Jim commented that the PnP and Action Item list is used currently. JT asked how we could educate ourselves to better complete assignments. Chuck M added that PnP modifications take a floor motion or a formal proposal, either which take a formal vote of the board. Jim asked JT to look at past minutes to see if any action items were not followed up on properly and write proposals to correct important issues.

Tape 1b inserted 10:20

Jim reviewed current Division issues. Jim told us Darcy Hanley is now preparing the PEC at Copper Mountain this year. Next year is the 75th NSP anniversary. The celebration is being planned with sponsors now. The June meeting was moved up a week to the third week in June this year. There is a movement to have one membership card for all patrollers including Pro and Volunteer patrollers. Jim suggested that the membership card has education information on it and needs sorted out. This is legacy problems that National is going to try to sort out this summer. Now we have a membership card, education cards, credential cards and instructor cards. Chuck suggested we need to consider security issues as Home Land Security looks at our credentials. Jim discussed the fact that the Division Directors now have input into our National Board's actions. The DD's have regular meetings prior to the Board meetings. There was a situation this year where Central Division SES's were held at a Western ski area, the local patrollers, PSIA and management were concerned that they did know the plans. Jim asked that the RD's need to contact their DD prior to going outside their Division to hold training events, particularly when they bring their own instructors. Jim asked JT to develop a written procedure to organize out-of-Region/Division

boundaries events with local area/division/organization management prior to next Fall's Board meeting.

The MSAA meeting is again being held this summer. This year is on the East side of the lake this year. We are looking at staying at Murph's place this year, Ken is making some arrangements. There is a ski museum in Stow Vermont. A sculptured bench is being made this year and was sculpted from a stone from the hill where Minnie Dole was historically hurt and eventually lead to the development of the NSP. Jim asked that some Central Patrollers join him at the inauguration event on October 20, 2012.

Patrollers Civility: A Central patroller called the national office this year and was very unruly. Kevin and Jim was asked by the National office staff to get involved and rectify the issue. The patroller did write an apology to Tim White and one of the new office staff members. Jim suggested that we should not call the office (or write internet comments) with a derogatory or argumentative attitudes. Perhaps we should adopt a 'No tolerance rule'. Derek suggested that we should not print a subjective procedure and Kevin agreed. Kevin suggested that we should get local area management involved rather than involving 'Code of Conduct' corrective methods. Kevin suggested that we need to add Civility and Chain-of-Command education to our local patroller meeting this year. Most of us need to 'wait 24 hours' before we hit the send button when we are emotionally involved. We must not threaten or use threatening comments.

Tape 2a inserted 10:11

Jim asked for a team to look at some training for this year's local refreshers: Respect, Civility and Chain-of-Command education. (Ty Damon, Kevin M, Derek, Jim W). Jim also commented that more than one PD/PR's were terminated by their area managers this year and did not go into details of the issues.

Kevin suggested that our Code of Conduct needs to be made more useful. Perhaps National Legal could look at this. Chuck suggested that the Jim and the other DD's look over the issues.

OEC Rollout: Jim asked the RD's how the new OEC manual was received. Bob L commented that not all patrollers purchased the new book. Jim commented that 13,000 books were sold and not all the 26,000 patrollers purchased books. Bob L asked if new books (with corrections) are being printed or if new Kindle or pdf versions are available. People should use the toolkit quizzes during the OEC classes to be most successful. Bob L suggested that the instructors take the 'test' prior to teaching the class, as you will be surprised and better informed. Jim suggested that specific suggestions be forwarded to Jim prior to the National meeting and he will bring it to the National Board. Kevin suggested that the insurance companies review the new OEC manual.

Jim suggested that the **Toboggan Refreshers** can be registered using a drop down menu from the National database. Please use this new feature.

Tim White joined Jim Woodrum this winter to visit several Central Patrols. Tim enjoyed the chance to visit and patrol at Central Ski areas.

Jim asked what events we want to host at the upcoming general session meeting or Banquet? National Board members, Staff? JT suggested Ted Schick could speak on Chain of Command.

Wisconsin recently had a state bill on Skier Safety that was passed. All patrollers in Wisconsin were sent a letter (to contact their representatives and senators and endorse the bill) and both houses passed the bill and the Governor enacted the bill successfully.

Meeting break: 10:49

2011-2012 End of Year Reports (All reports are available electronically from Frank Cleary and will be posted to the website after the meeting)

RD Reports

John Thomas: The Fall activities involved preparation for the 5th edition OEC. We recognized the last two Region patrollers from the 10th mountain division and had Charles Nelson talk at the last Region meeting. JT followed up this year with the managers from area's hosting Region events and had success doing so. JT thanked Jim and Tim White for visiting local area, lots of 'Good Will' came from the visits. We had successful training and testing this season with very high pass rates.

Tape 2b: 11:09

The Senior sign off's did help support the good results.

Bob Lechtanski: Bob has the smallest Region. The season did start late this year and the smaller areas had a very difficult season. Most areas also closed much earlier than normal. Bob said they piloted a new Mountain Host program this year and will report on that later in the meeting. OEC updates did help instructors prepare for the 5th Edition Manual. This was a good recruiting year and we had good training results. Dick commented that three Area Managers successfully completed the OEC class this year.

David Dahl: The areas had a very difficult snow year this year. Even with little natural snow Granite Peaks had a record day of 5600 tickets this year. The terrain parks are particular big and required additional training for toboggan handling in the parks. The Region paid for all instructors' OEC books this year. Senior program was successful this year (Jim attended the test). We have a Senior Traveling Trophy that moves to the most successful area patrol each year.

Bill Dick: Brian spoke for Bill, who had to work. Senior candidates were well prepared and successful this year. The Chicago ski swap has grown.

Bill Currier: The season ended abruptly this year. The SES's, STW's and TES's were difficult to schedule and several had to be canceled due to conditions and lack of snow. We did have an area that reopened, Clear Fork. Snow Trails successfully added a mechanical chiller to the ground water supply snow making system this year. Chris R added website electronic registration and payment for all Region events this year, including SES's, this was very successful and everyone should consider adding this to your Region websites. BMBW started a program 'Milestone Toboggan Training'. This training modularly documents and aids patrollers in toboggan training step by step. This helps the area patrollers get help on their weakest toboggan skills sooner. The Certified event was held at PNS this year and Mike LJ had to juggle difficult snow conditions and thunderstorms to successfully complete the event. Our hats are off to thank Mike.

Meeting lunch break: 11:51

Meeting restart: 12:50

Tony Ortega: Many of the OEC refreshers ran 1 to 2 hours long this year do to the extra content. Cascade hosted the STW this year. Alpine host the Senior S&T this year. A Region PD meeting is going to be held this year. Little Switzerland is going to reopen next year.

Tape 3a inserted at 12:53 pm

Recertification for Toboggan trainers was restructured this year to include teaching the 6-pack and feedback was good. We are working on a class where we can recertify both OEC and Toboggan teaching. One patroller passed Level 3 on Tele's. Many patrollers shy away from Senior Ski and Toboggan training and we are working to reverse this. The Senior first aid classes were better attended this year.

Derek Werner: The season was difficult because area managers said they did not have enough snow coverage. There were 28 new candidates this year. We had two certified candidates, 'team coconuts', the team effort did help them to be successful. There is 3 Certified's in the Region but none are at the same area, so training had to be well planned. We started electronic course registration this year as well.

Dave Johnson: Dave made it to all 4 OEC refreshers this year, they were 6 to 11 hours each. The Region held a women's clinic at Cabrera. A TES was canceled this year because of a shortage of prepared candidates. The Region PnP did not have position descriptions and we are working to develop the documentation for next year.

Tape 3a inserted 11:49

CD Staff EOY Reports:

Linda: Senior manual will be cleaned up for next season so the improvements tested this year is documented. Jay is working on improving the celebration after completion of the Senior Journey. Patroller 101 is improving since Jeannine now has access to the National database. Beach is looking for more Alumni advisors. The women's clinic went to Powderhorn Mountain this year and the area was very good hosts. Two staff members were added this year to the Women's Clinic. We had a good presence at the PSIA ski school event at Marquette Mountain held on St. Patrick's Day. There is a question of why more women do not train or attend clinic's. Some comments were that they like to be asked, that they do not always like the way they trained (by men?) and want more training on how women should teach men (and other women). Jim suggested that we continue to look and ask women to take leadership positions whenever available so we can expand out female trainer group.

Brian Ski school continue to staff the STW's and other Region events. The Ski School is going to develop and staff a trainer development prep seminar this summer on each side of the lake. The Toboggan team focus has been on IT and trainer recirt's and next year we are going to reachout to more patrollers so more remote areas have IT locally. A college class is being developed at a local college on Avalanche studies. Ty is available and should be used on PR issues.

Jim: Jim closed the meeting briefly for a closed session at 1:39 PM and reopened at 1:45.

Frank: Frank asked for reports to be submitted at least one week prior to the Spring meeting next year, this year many were later than that and the Board did not have time to review the reports prior to the meeting. Frank will continue to make the reports available electronically on the website under 'Board Meeting' pull down.

Tape 3b inserted 1:47 pm

Frank Cleary – Administrative Assistant Frank printed and included all the reports in the meeting proceeding packet. All recorded End of Year reports will be posted on our website. The minutes, proposals and updated PnP will be posted for review as well.

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
- + **Tony Ortega** South Central
- + **Bill Dick** Southern
- + **Dave Johnson** 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** Ken Meldahl
- + **TREASURER** Joe Hamel
- Legal and Risk Kevin McQuillan
- + **REGISTRATION** Sherwin VanKlompberg
- + **ELECTIONS** Ken Meldahl
- + **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** Frank Cleary
- + **SKI SCHOOL DIRECTOR** Dan Moss
- 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** Pete Wollan
- + **OEC (N – E - O - WM)** Karen Hadden
- + **OEC (NC, W, S, NC)** Kathy Glynn
- + **P101 (Introduction To Patrolling)** Jeannine Mogan
- + **PUBLIC RELEATIONS** Ty Damon
- + **RUSTY PARKA NEWS** Tim Zimmerman
- PSIA LIAISON Tom Anderson
- + **TOBOGGAN** Tom Worley
- TELECOMMUNICATION Steve Beil
- + **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT** Don Loerch
- + **SENIOR** Jay Zedak
- + **WOMEN'S SEMINAR** Sandi Hammons
- + **WEB MASTER** Chris Raudabaugh

Ken: MSAA will be at Boyne Highlands this year and Ken will prepare accommodations for those that want to attend.

Elections this year:

Les Robinson replaces David Dahl at North Central as RD

Dick Jacques replaces Bob Lechtanski at Northern Michigan as RD

Don Steer replaces Bill Dick at Southern as RD

71%, 61% and 76% of the election returns were received on time.

Elections next year:

Next season's Region Director Elections will include Eastern Michigan (Derek is termed out but could petition) and South Central Regions (Tony's 1st term). Sections 2 & 5 should also have elections.

There will also be a Division Director election taking place in 2012-2013.

Ken asked that all RD's should keep their Region emails and contact list up to date.

Break 2:04 pm

Jim asked that Kevin's report not be recorded and closed the meeting due to personal nature of his report.

Kevin:

Meeting was opened to general public 2:38 PM

Call Kevin if you need legal help or email: nspcentrallegaladvisor@hotmail.com

Joe Hamel: Joe covered the financial report included in the staff packet. We took in nearly the same amount as we spent last year. Chris R did an excellent job of incorporating website PayPal accounts this year. The Investment account was terminated with the IRS this year simplifying our Central Division accounting. All the Central Division accounts are now listed in one IRS account. \$17,000 of the Division money will be distributed to the Regions, as budgeted, shortly after all the member registrations are completed. Nov 15 is our accounting report date and all Region financials must be completed by Oct 15 or their distributions will be docked. The three outgoing Region RD's will be audited prior to the new RD's taking over leadership. The cost of the CPA audit is \$126 each.

F11 Action Item List was reviewed line by line, Jim asked Frank to update the list and send it out.

Tape 4a inserted 3:10 PM

The action items were reviewed line by line, only completed items were removed.

Mountain Host Program: Bob Lechtanski

Bob gave a powerpoint on a new mountain host program at Boyne Highlands. The concept was to use mountain hosts to deliver empty toboggans to accident sites. Bob and Jim attended a meeting with area management to forge this program. The area manager envisioned a minimal amount of training would be needed. Jim worked with National to get approval to run and register the program. We used PSIA level 6 standards as a minimum skiing requirement in variable snow conditions to complete the 'on snow' skills program. Mike Longfellow Jones was the NSP training coordinator and Randy Fryber is the mountain host manager. Joe Brightner is the area manager at Boyne Highlands.

The 8 hour 'Outdoor First Care' program was taught to the initial 21 person class. The candidates then received on snow ski and toboggan training. The toboggan training lasted about 2 months. An exam was conducted to test skills of 11 people. 8 people successfully completed the program and are now being used during emergency situations when patrollers are in short supply. These people will be required to refresh their skills yearly.

After the tests were completed, 4 people have now decided to join the Boyne ski patrol and want to attend the OEC class next season.

A Mountain Host Program manual was developed to document requirements and responsibilities. The hosts wear an area jacket. Ken can forward the program to anyone interested. Frank also has the powerpoint presentation and can email as well.

Tape 4b inserted 3:57 pm

Jim will take the powerpoint back to National to report on the program at the next National meeting.

Break 4:11 pm

Medical Oversight:

Jim exclaimed that EMS authorities are looking at regulating Patrollers because patrollers are accomplishing medical procedures. National has a committee that is writing an interface to the EMS authorities. Jim is working on the committee, where Tim White is the chairman. There are three states where NSP has been taken to task over the issue and averted problems so far.

Wide Band Communication systems:

In January 2013 the FCC requires narrow band radios. Older radios are 25 MHZ and the new licenses will go to narrow band 12MHz. You may want to help your areas with this change.

What Patrols are expected to do and where is it listed?

Ken brought up this question and asked about Patroller 101, our risk release and also the requirement for instructor recertifications. Discussion on the Patroller 101 centered that fact that the CD board asked that all patrols use Patroller 101 as regular training for all new patrollers but that recommendation is not in our PnP. Is there a checklist to assure that our patrols are accomplishing all they should be doing, every year? We could use the PD breakfast at the Fall meeting but not all PR's attend.

Tape 5a inserted 5:01 pm

Perhaps use of Patroller 101 should be in our Chapter 6 of the PnP. Would we need Auditing if we put this in the PnP? Can we measure or document elements of a **Peak Performing Patrol**? Jim suggested wearing helmets could be part of this as well. Kevin suggested a complete checklist could be assembled. This could be in the PnP's or issued in a Memo.

This Discussion was tabled for the evening.

MOTION #2: Motion to adjourn.

MOVED: **Derek W**

SECOND: **David D**

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

Meeting adjourned 5:11 PM Saturday

Sunday, April 1, 2012
Meeting Reconvened at 8:30 AM

8:26 AM Sunday: Open Session brought to order by Jim Woodrum
(Tape 5a continued)

Jim opened the meeting.

The board is in attendance less Billy. Same attendance as yesterday, guest patroller Paul Fuchs

Tape 5b inserted at 9:09 am

NEW BUSINESS

2012-2013 BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Joe presented the 2012-13 Central Division Budget. This budget was reviewed as pre-approved at Friday night's Executive Committee Meeting.

Jim reviewed the budget as prepared at the Friday night's executive committee meeting.

Jim discussed the budget preparation that was accomplished at the executive meeting last Friday night. The preparation work was done to keep today's meeting moving, but that all the lines are still open for discussion.

The End of June will be the date when the Region distribution of funds will be calculated and distributed. Joe and Jim will develop a proposal to document the way the amount of region funding is adjusted as the total CD patrollers change each year. The proposal will be submitted at the next meeting.

Tape 5b inserted 8:58 am

MOTION #3: Accept the 12-13 Budget as prepared by Joe and the Executive committee.

Discussion took place regarding the 2012-2013 budgets. The entire budget was reviewed. Minor adjustments were made.

MOVED: **Bill C**
SECOND **David D**

Vote to approve as prepared:

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

Joe will send out the new budget to staff members

Floor MOTION #4: Accounts used to prepare budgets and remove several 'old' accounts

Joe made a verbal floor proposal to remove/modify several accounts

Add (PSIA Liaison) which will read Account 711 Central Division Ski School Director add (PSIA Liaison

Remove \$200/per Region in Account 705.1 Toboggan QA

Remove \$1,500/per Advisor in Account 750 OEC Supervisors

Remove \$200/per Region in Account 750.1 OEC Travel OEC QA
Remove \$200/per Region in Account 764.1 Skills Development QA
Remove \$200/per Region in Account 766.1 Senior QA
Remove Account 463 National Patrol Officers Handbook
Remove Account 465 Central Division Patrol officers Handbook
Remove Account 768 Auxiliary Advisor

MOVED: **Derek W**
SECOND: **Dave J**

Discussion: The moneys used on 465 will be moved to 521 and 522. The other accounts are either not used or covered in another account. This will not alter the total spend.

Call to Question by Jim

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

Frank will change the PnP and Joe will adjust the accounting books.

Floor MOTION #5: Change the bank used to store the Registration money until the distribution of that money is completed.

Joe made a verbal floor proposal:

Propose that Central Division Registration dues be deposited in Central Division's bank account at Wells Fargo effective July 1, 2012. Registration Advisor to continue processing dues from Division Patrols using ACH. Joe will make the funding Distributions to National, Division, Regions and Patrols, from the details that are still provided by the Registration Advisor.

MOVED: **John T**
SECOND: **Bill C**

Discussion: The registration moneys have been deposited in a bank in Petoskey, MI over the past years by Sherwin as a matter of connivance. The Wells Fargo account (the Central Division's routine Bank) will be used from now on and the Treasurer will move the money instead of Sherwin. Joe will then use Quicken to do the accounting and this will reduce the fees paid. Joe will adjust the bonding amounts as necessary.

Call to Question by Jim

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

Joe will adjust the accounting procedure. Jim and Joe will discuss the changes with Sherwin and Joe will talk the Well's Fargo Bank to change the flow of the registration money from National. Frank will update the PnP Chapter 4, Registration Process.

Request for Young Adult Supervisor in Division

Jim discussed that National is requesting that all the Divisions maintain a new position for a Young Adult Supervisor. They have not provided a job description as yet. There was a discussion if there would be a Junior Jamboree and the costs that may be incurred. Jim will ask National for a Job Description. Jim will also insist that National not appoint Central Division supervisors as this is the responsibility of the Central Division Director.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

Four submitted proposals were reviewed at the Executive committee Meeting, with no more written proposals submitted at the meeting.

Proposal S12 P001 –Ski School JT

JT briefly described the need to help people prepare for certifications. It is understood that it takes more than a weekend to pass Level 2.

Motion #6 to approve the Proposal

MOVED: **David D**

SECOND: **Bill D (Brian)**

Additional Discussion: Brian agrees that it takes energy to prepare but the proposal says to develop Non-Members which he is opposed. The proposal also discusses using STW's which are already very busy now. Bill C also commented that Jay Z also has possible changes to the methods required by the proposal. Derek wondered why we don't use PSIA train the trainers' classes. Bob L was concerned that the Region would have to pay for this and it is not budgeted. JT again commented that it takes many clinics to prepare a person for certification and all ski schools typically do weekly clinics. If we want to develop a ski school then we must provide a path for those people.

Tape 6a inserted 9:47 am

Linda suggested that our Supervisors could meet with the interested people and help them develop their plans. Frank commented that the Certified program is just a difficult to prepare and perhaps A similar informal structure could be used to prepare Level 2 people. Chuck M suggested that this years' STW be restructured to train the Regions Ski School local directors to better help them develop local patrollers.

Bob L asked for the motion to be tabled and JT get with Linda and Brian to bring a different proposal to the next meeting:

Jim commented that the reason we started the Ski School was to reduce risk in teaching skiing. Could the Regions bring their Ski School leaders to Galena IL for a meeting with Dan to work out what it takes to develop and run a ski school and instructors? Perhaps we could put on a few events at several local ski areas. Linda and Brian have done introductions to PSIA in the past and could do another two at this year's STWs.

BOARD ACTION: David withdrew JT's the proposal

Jim asked for a new motion.

MOTION #7: Support the cost of RD's will bring their ski school administrators to Galena to meet with Dan and Don to develop a better program to prepare ski school Regions and membership for ski school certifications.

Motion to accept the proposal

MOVED: **Bill D (Brian)**

SECOND: **David D**

Discussion:

The RD's could bring their ski school administrators to Galena to meet with Dan and Don. Dan and Don would lead planning for individualized and documented program to help patrollers better prepare their skills for obtaining PSIA and AASI Certifications.

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

Proposal S12 P002 Certified Event Scheduling DS

MOTION #8: Accept Proposal S12 P002

Motion to accept the proposal

MOVED: **John T**

SECOND: (none)

The motion dies, due to the lack of a second.

Discussion: Jim added it was OK to continue the discussion, but later during 'new business'. He commented that anyone can make proposals to the CD Board and this proposal did create a firestorm via the emails. In the future it must be clear that bringing proposals to the board is the typical way to get board action and we should not let controversy deter proposals.

Proposal S12 P003 – ASE JT

JT reviewed the proposal for the board.

MOTION #9: Accept Proposal S12-P003 as written

MOVED: **John T**

SECOND: **Tony O**

Discussion: JT explained that the ASE program did help people to meet the needed skill set. The skills needed to be an evaluator need to be above the Senior level. There are other skills that are needed as well, like movement analysis, and this typically may take three years. This proposal

Tape 6b inserted 10:34 am

Will extend the ASE program. Linda suggested that the PSIA credentials should be used for new people and that brand new people should not use ASE. Tony asked if we have enough people with PSIA credentials to exam without continuing ASE? Linda suggested that the examiners need error recognition feedback to help the people that are not successful to give knowledge on how to fix their skiing/boarding. Derek commented that his Region was not using training during the exams. David suggested that examiners that fail someone must be able to give accurate feedback and having credentials does help give effective and accurate feedback. Chuck recognized that some of the board thinks the ASE should have a limited life and some want it extended. Chuck suggested that the ski school and skills development supervisors should look at the proposal and fine tune it. Bill C suggested that he understood that the ASE would not be for NEW examiners but only older none credentialed examiners. Bill asked do we need more examiners or is the PSIA program producing enough examiners? JT suggested that we are not getting enough staff and that my Region is not getting enough people using PSIA. JT agreed with Chuck that we need more shadow time as well. Jim asked that we, as a board, need to decide if we are going to continue using ASE or not.

JT amended the proposal to 'continue the ASE and let the Skills development team to make a recommendation on implementation details at the Fall 2012 board meeting'.

Jim called to question:

BOARD ACTION: Amended Motion approved (0 for, 8 against approval)

Linda will have the Don prepare a extended ASE program for the Fall 2012 meeting

Proposal S12 P004 Web Class JT

JT discussed the proposal. Jim needs to take this proposal to the National board and asked for action.

MOTION #10: Accept Proposal S12 P004

Motion to accept the proposal

MOVED: **John T**

SECOND: **Derek W**

Chuck suggested that the process is not clear but he suggests it e a two step process. Jim suggested that a different National form needs to be used and that he can do that:

BOARD ACTION: Motion approved (0 for, 8 against approval)

JT and Jim will transfer the essence of the proposal to the appropriate national form for National Board consideration and action

PD/PR Management Aids

JT passed out the PD/PR planning sheet that he uses in his Region. He is concerned that PD/PRs do not always follow the required strategy to properly run a patrol. Kevin suggested he could add his legal requirements as he has developed a list of things to routinely do as well. These documents could be merged to develop a document that could be added to our PnP.

A committee was formed to develop a Division document to aid PR/PD how to lead a patrol "Dick, JT, Les, Bill C and Kevin" They will email a document prior to the Fall meeting.

Adding another Certified Area to the Approved Area List

Tape 7a inserted 11:22 am

Jim commented that anyone can develop and bring proposals to the board and apologized to Don for the Email fire store that developed after this proposal was sent out. Jim asked that we all treat each other with more respect going forward. Linda asked that when proposals are developed that our Supervisors are involved and have their input. Les had talked to Chestnut management and asked if they would host the Certified event, (including keeping bumps on the steep terrain, which they agreed to. Chestnut is in the middle of the Division and would be available as an economical position for the event. Jim told the board that he supports the idea of moving the event around the Division and supported Don's contact with Chestnuts' management. Moving the event around will lead to more patroller involvement and will help grow the program. Bob L suggested that this motion could have been accomplished with a phone call to the Certified Supervisor or the ADD's. Jim feel's that the Board should be able to talk issues without overboard verbal or written 'emailed' criticism. Brian suggested that Chestnut is warmer in earlier March but was already on the list of areas that the Certified staff have considered.

JT asked that Mike and LJ come to the Fall meeting and show the board a new policy so the Certified event is moved around the Division. Linda agreed. Kevin commented that the Division does control these events. He added, everyone is passionate but we have to be civil to each other.

Tape 7b inserted 11:48 am

New Staffing – No new staffing (other than 3 new RD's)

These RD's will attend 3 hour training conducted by Jim Woodrum at the Fall Meeting. Central Division PnP will be reviewed in detail.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Meetings/Dates

Region Banquets:	Where	When	Staff Attending:
Southern	Merrillville, IN	May 12, 2012	BC
Northern Michigan	Shanty Creek	May 5, 2012	LJ
Western PR Retreat	Hasting, MN (no Banquet)	April 21, 2012	
South Central	Madison, WS (Fall Banquet)	April 29, 2012	
Western Michigan	Timber Ridge	May 5, 2012	BC
Ohio	PNS, near Cincinnati, OH	April 28, 2012	JW
North Central	Minocqua, WI	April 21, 2012	JW
Eastern Michigan	Mount Holly, MI	May 12, 2012	LJ

Summer National Meeting, June 22 & 23, 2012

MSAA Meeting – Aug 5-9, 2012 Boyne Highlands, Harbor springs, MI

Fall Division Meeting – September 7-9, 2012, Chestnut Mountain, Galena, IL

Spring Division Business Meeting – April 5-7, 2013, Chicago, IL. Doubletree Hotel

Fall Division Meeting – September 6-8, 2013 Eastern Michigan Region

Spring Division Business Meeting – ?, 2014, Chicago, IL. Doubletree Hotel

Fall Division Meeting – September 2014, North Central Region

Fall Meeting Update: The Southern Regions Website has a connection to the Chestnut event and most the activities like horseback riding or canoeing.

Fall Division Meeting update – Southern Region - Chestnut Mountain, Galena,
RD Don Steer

Rooms: \$89 per night weekdays, \$114 for Friday and Saturday available until Aug 4
http://southernregionnsp.org/FALL_CD_Meeting/CD_Fall_MTG.htm

Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena IL Reservations 800.397.1320

Some of the Activities:

Three State Motorcycle ride

Hot Air Balloon Rides

Wine Tour

Mississippi River Museum

Mississippi River Kayaking

Historic Galena

Horseback Rides

Golf and more....

MOTION #11: TO ADJOURN

MOVED: **Derek W**

SECOND **Dave J**

BOARD ACTION: Motion Passed (8 for 0 against)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:54 AM, Sunday noon

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Cleary

Administrative Assistant

NOTE: These minutes represent the notes recorded during the meeting and were approved by the Central Division Board of Directors at the Fall 2012 meeting.