

**NATIONAL SKI PATROL  
CENTRAL DIVISION TELECONFERENCE MEETING Minutes  
October 1, 2013**

**Teleconference meeting scheduled to start at 8 PM Eastern Time, October 1, 2013. Notice of meeting sent by Cheryl Raudabaugh, Admin Asst.**

Requested attendance: DD, RD's, ADD's, Legal, Finance and Administrative Assistant.  
Teleconference called to order by John Thomas.

**Board Roll Call** was taken by Cheryl.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

JT John Thomas	Division Director
Mike Schons	Eastern Michigan
Les Robinson - No	North Central
Dick Jacques	Northern Michigan
Bill Currier	Ohio
Joe Riley	South Central
Don Steen	Southern
David Johnson	Western Michigan
Jeannine Mogan - No	Western

**ALSO INVITED:**

Tom Anderson	Assistant DD
Chris Raudabaugh	Assistant DD
Don Loerch	Assistant DD
Cheryl Raudabaugh	Administrative Assistant
Joe Hamel	Treasurer
Kevin McQuillan - No	Legal and Risk Advisor

CD Board Members Absent: Les Robinson, Jeannine Mogan

Proxy Votes: none

Additional Attendees: none

Quorum present: (5 of 8 RDs + DD required)

**AGENDA:**

Review and approve the September board meeting minutes

Review and update as needed the current Action Items Listing

Review the National Board rankings

Update on any new development from national

Added on call: Proposal review for calculation of mileage

Added on call: Ohio Region discussion on new manual mandate for snow for testing

Motion#1 to Approve Agenda as modified: Moved: Don , 2nd: Dick, Vote: All approved

**Approval of the September Board Meeting Minutes**

Revisions noted: Pg 2 typo error for "patrols" not patrollers, Pg 5 fix for "criteria it considers" (not to consider), Pg 7 Add "Western MI" after Dave Johnson's name, Pg 7 South Central report change on patrol to "one" patrol.

Motion #2 to Accept Minutes as adjusted: Moved: Bill 2nd: Don Vote: All approved

Board Call to Vote Approval of revisions: All Approved

Board Call to approved Minutes as revised: All approved

Adjusted minutes will be printed to pdf and posted to the website.

**Review of current Action Item Listing** was led by Cheryl with updates logged on the report and completed items updated. With consensus of participants, the current version of Action Items will be posted to the division website.

**Mileage Calculations:** JT mentioned that he had sent a proposal about mileage calculations related the current restriction of exact Mapquest vs individual odometers. Discussion was that most feel Mapquest is clear and adequate - motion dropped.

### **National Board Rankings by Division Leadership**

JT indicated that not all board members/ADDs had submitted their recommendations yet (10 of 12 in) Discussion was that it should go forward based upon results received. Top four ranked were: Morgan Armstrong, Brian Cobble, Norris Woody, Tom Sherry. JT will update into the letter agreed to at the Fall meeting. For distribution: Several RD's asked for the letter right away. JT will send that out this week, then follow with a full Division blast around voting time.

### **National Board Update**

Not a lot of new information to report. Chris Stoddard sent out a message to all owners that a group of five including JT will be meeting to address insurance and employee issues, including what the events of the new healthcare law will mean. The problem is not new, but needs to be addressed.

### **New Business Items**

Bill Currier informed the board that Ohio Region Advisors struggling with the new Sr OEC manual firm requirement that the Sr OEC test **must** be on snow, or be cancelled. Ohio Board is looking to have a board review to create a proposal to division to make this less restrictive. Eastern, Western and Northern MI indicated support for a revision. JT stated that all the regions should work together to come up with agreed upon language for Central Division approval, then to move forward. It was agreed that the current restriction could cause hardship especially in areas such as the Ohio or Southern, where seasons are shorter, and area management may not be as supportive of OEC functions on the hill mid season, as well as conflict with other programs for scheduling.

Concern was raised about the issue with what happens if there is not snow for the current date selected (Dec 15). Further discussion reviewed effect to both candidates and the participants in the situation of possible last minute cancellation, with as many as 100 event participants. It was recommended that the test date be reviewed and this year scheduled to one more likely to have snow since it is too late to get revised this year. Tom recommended that Ohio provide information to Karen/Deb requesting a one year waiver if they keep this date - JT will follow with a discussion with Karen. Ohio can then work on preparing a proposal for the spring meeting to address next year.

There being no other new business,  
Motion #3 to Adjourn Moved: Dick 2nd: Dave  
Board Call to Vote: ALL in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl A Raudabaugh  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes recorded during conference call, to be formally approved at next Division meeting Spring 2014.