

CENTRAL DIVISION FALL 2016 MEETING MINUTES

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Friday, September 9th, 2017 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting:

Invited to Attend: DD (John "JT" Thomas), ADDs (Chris Raudabaugh, Julie Stone, Tom Anderson), Staff (Legal – Kevin McQuillan, Finance – Marty Jarvi, Administrative – Laurel VanSoest), 2016-2017 RDs: North Central (Les Robinson), Western (Jim Ruzicka), Western Michigan (Chip Knappen)

Attended: John "JT" Thomas (DD), Chris Raudabaugh (ADD), Julie Stone (ADD) Jeannine Mogan (Standing in for Jim Ruzicka), Kevin McQuillan (Legal), Les Robinson (RD North Central), Tom Anderson (ADD), Marty Jarvi (Finance), Chip Knappen (Western Michigan) and Laurel VanSoest (Admin)

General: JT Opened the meeting and noted the purpose of the executive committee meeting.

Discussed goals for the General meeting, no agenda at this point besides the Legal ASDA attorney talking about risk management. There are also 3 national board members who will be present. Will introduce 2 additional candidates for the board and discussion of the national board elections. Legal will take 45 minutes, Board members have 45 minutes to present.

Board Meeting Agenda: Items 1-5 approved – call to order, roll call, meeting appointments, introduction of official guests and approvals of fall 2016 meeting agenda, treasurer's financial report, and not that spring meeting minutes approved via email. It was requested that DD, ADDs, and Legal presentations to be moved to after the Program Updates. Item #7 National Board Update and Questions: It is noted this item is still needed as it will cover more in-depth and additional questions from morning general session and should remain on the agenda. #8: RDs will give updates as appropriate. Remove item #9 (Program updates) as it is a duplicate. Item number 9 changed to "Old Business" and follow up of the action items list. #10: PR education – not currently working, need to discuss. IT status update and will review Somalski Fund. Will be able to update the Registration Process and allow questions. Review of proposals:

- **P001:** Kathy Ferrigan – Low Angle Resuce – can we create a LAR program. Division does not have the power but can create a proposal and send it to the National program. This item needs revision before board can successfully submit it. Additionally, it requires more research at the National Level. Discussion was had whether or not this is already coming from a transportation program. Motion to not add to agenda for Fall 2016 meeting by Chris Raudabaugh, 2nd by Chip Knappen and Les Robinson. All in favor, motion passes. Proposal will be sent back to the team who sent it in and Les Robinson will assist in review and update. Admin (Laurel VanSoest) to create action item on the list for this to occur.
- **P002:** Senior Program – Discussion was had that this is not a national P&P but would allow a region to be led by a calibrator of the division. Legal Oks for this to go forward. Further discussion if there is enough data to move forward with proposal: Les Robinson moves to include in agenda, Kevin McQuillan 2nds. Further discussion that there is too much at the work at the division level currently to maintain the current programs, the proposal is noted to state that region staff be able to help keep qualifications for Senior

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but that person (“recalibrator”) must have attended a division event within the past year. Discussion was had between the difference of senior ski and senior toboggan. Timeline for implementation as to not impose a backlog for regions was also discussed. Motion by Les Robinson reviewed, Kevin McQuillan maintains second, All in favor – motion passes.

- **P003:** Senior Program Manual: Jeannie Mogan (standing in for Jim Ruzika) motion to table for now, 2nd by Chip Knappen as it was not sent out in enough time for board to review fully. Chris Raudabaugh – can we ask the team who submitted to redo proposal to include only the ski card and for board to only vote on the ski card. Discussion was had to reject proposal and bring back on Sunday for further discussion. Board discussed pulling out ski card individually and look at all items individually on proposal instead of grouping all changes in manual and declining all. Board notes they can look at Ski card, OEC Module, Replace with Link in manual now. Noted that proposal is formatted incorrectly on drive so to have team/admin move items on the proposal form to allow for visualization of all items on the actual form. Board to review and discuss further tomorrow (Saturday during meeting). Have Dan Moss and Rob Carpenter go line by line on proposal during the meeting and discuss with the team each change. Discussion of national issues associated with this. Motion by Jeannine and 2nd by Chip were withdrawn. JT suggests to review with board tomorrow and have a vote on Sunday. Les Robinson Motions for review Saturday and vote Sunday, Jeannine Mogan 2nd. All in favor – motion passes.
- **P004:** Treasury: Marty Jarvi discusses the purpose of this proposal to track where the money is going. Language in document (P&P) changed to have more accountability with the finances to identify what is coming in via PayPal and what is going out in expenses. Will assist in creating budget that may or may not lose money. Requirement would be for 30 day turn around of expense documentation. Marty Jarvi Motions to include in meeting on Saturday, Kevin McQuillan 2nd. Discussion was had that this does not adjust budget but just provides additional education and information for Treasurer to capture true expenses and that there is no current accounting for the money. Marty is willing to create a basic template for this documentation. Marty needing additional information to create this documentation however. Board noted documentation does not need to be a part of proposal. 30 day limit puts pressure on the ADDs but also allows for them to have more power. Motion by Marty and 2nd by Kevin stand - All in favor, motion passes.

Additional items on Agenda discussed: Dates for meetings to be included, scripts for Martin sent for awards banquet.

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Time and members included for PR breakfast – Continuation of Board meeting. JT needs volunteer from ADDs to start meeting at 8:00 - Tom Anderson will start meeting. Discussion was had regarding PD breakfast.

JT notes goal for RDs is to answer questions regarding the registration. Jeannine offered her patrol as a practice.

Announcement for the Ski Hall of fame to come after the Proposals on agenda.

Discussion regarding Powderfall occurred and JT wants to challenge division to get 100 percent to vote and same for attendance at Powderfall.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Anderson, Les Robinson 2nd. All in favor, motion passes.

Meeting closed at 8:15PM

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Saturday, September 10th

8:30 – 11:00 AM General Meeting –Hyland Hills

Open at 8:30 by Jim Rizeka. Thank you to Jennine and other staff for helping to make the meeting a success. There will be Risk management Seminars available on Saturday Oct 15 at Giant's Ridge in Biwabik, MN, and one on Monday Oct. 17 at Wild Mountain in Taylor's Falls, MN. SafeHold and MountainGuard will both be present for these seminars.

**John Wackman – Nilan Johnson and Lewis Law Firm. Association of Ski Defense Attorney (ADSA).
8:40-9:25**

John provided background of the law firm and identified types of litigation provided. Investigation is the most critical part of these cases. 4 Phases of the investigation include immediate action and response, conducting interviews, compile, complete and retain material and review incident/investigation. Reviewed each of these steps. It is important to check the scene for safety and make changes as appropriate. Investigations vary depending on the facts. Often it is easy to identify which cases will lead to litigation. Documentation is key. Try to capture the skier's perspective when looking at the scene instead of just looking up the hill. MN has a 6 year statute of limitations, which makes documentation important if litigation happens years after an event. Documentation is also important as terrain changes, memory fades, motivations change and witnesses disappear. Be sure to gather information from witnesses, don't be an advocate, just gather the information. Make sure to get full names, addresses, phone numbers and other information if able. Utilize open-ended questions as able. Try to download any video or pictures on the day of the incident if able. Cases were presented as examples. Photographs: downhill, avoid uphill shots as they don't give a true picture. Side shots can be helpful, give context whenever possible – especially in terrain parks. Get pictures of all signage. Create a photo log whenever possible to provide description and context to the photographs. Diagraming the incident scene can also be helpful. Keep all information and label "do not destroy until/without approval of...". Review the information immediately after the event but also as a "big picture" idea, this can be helpful not only for litigation but also just for improvement of your area. Discussion was had about consultation of Lawyers prior to changes and use of personal cell phones for pictures. It may be advisable to utilize a Ski Area camera for photographs instead of personal phones. No recourse for someone posting pictures/videos of you if you are in public as there is no expectation of privacy in this scene. You can ask people to move away from the scene however. You can have rules for privacy within the patrol room.

Brief Break – 5 minutes

Jim Woodrum, William "Bill" Sinykin, Brian Rull – National Board Update. 9:30-10:20

Planning committee (William), Finance/IT (Brian), Governance/OEC (Jim):

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- William “Bill” Sinykin: From InterMountain and Planning committee: Brief overview of history and the future goals of the NSP. Today NSP has a presence at about 90% of the US ski areas (562 areas) with about 30,000 members. Maintain a good relationship with the national and local ski area associations. Planning committee has sought assistance from a private entity to assist in creating a future plan for the NSP (Rob Smith). Plan included need to improve the IT system, mountain host system, the OEC committee (Midwest ski area association – assisted in reviewing the goals of OEC 5 and the need for revision, update, or change) and volunteer PSA –Public Service Announcements. This assisted in creating the Vision for 2020 “To help keep people safe on the mountain and during other outdoor activities”. This created ideas for making the curriculum better and more accessible and easier to learn, increase NSP brand awareness, establish a new IT platform, protect the independence of the OEC program (not allow it to come under the regulation of the EMS system), and to enhance our value to principle customers (ski area owners/operators). We are utilizing this both locally and nationally to make changes. There is a lift evac manual in the works though NSAA. There is also a process in place to create a knowledge management initiative to assist in having information available in one place however this is still in development.
- Brian Rull: IT system Post Go-Live Update: The information being presented is live and is being worked on at this moment. Background was presented on the program and the issues have been noted. Go-Live has been moved from 6/27 to 8/1. Testing has been completed and was successful, training videos were posted on 7/20 and the Go-Live date was pushed out to accommodate additional needs. We currently have 585 courses as of 9/9, 35 patrols are currently registered, and 3319 training videos have been viewed. First disbursement of funds to the division was sent on 9/9/16. Others on the IT group have attended a Division directors call on 9/8 and found this to be positive. Chain of command is being used to communicate issues as appropriate. This allows them to identify where the issues are coming from based on region/division/national/coding/etc. Chain of command Patrol rep → Region Director → Division Director → Bill Gibson → IT Committee. Some of the past issues: Awards not displaying correctly, Registration: add/remove, roster, lifetime membership, military status, billing and posting payment process, emails going to entire division for patrols who completed registration, permission and roles – do the appropriate people have access to the information they need? Exceptions are being added to this. Education – multiple emails, ability to correct missing records, member store access with correct paid thru dates, and password reset ability to patroller vs. calling the office. Current issues include: Candidate paid through dates. Patroller cards are the wrong size, permissions/roles at the region level (OET 9/16, MTR 9/16, Avalanche 9/23, Nordic, 9/23, I 9/30). Mountain hosts, affiliates, registrations and IDs. This is version 1.0 so moving forward they are creating a punch list of items to be managed, customer care at the office, weekly updates for next month, IT committee continues to meet and identify needs, will continue to look back to identify what we have learned from the process. Starting to hold the line with the vendor to get done what needs to be done. Question/comment was made to look at what specifications we are giving to the vendors as we are consistently having issues with the vendors. Brian also serves on the Finance Committee: he spoke to the justification for the Dues increase. Run on a balanced budget, need to look at the sources of income to make sure this can

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happen. 2 sources, dues and sponsorship. Can't implement the strategic plan without the funds to support it. Feel free to discuss with Brian further if you have questions. Discussion was had about the need to maintain the systems we put into place as well.

- Jim Woodrum: Governance Committee: Bylaws change to freeze the voting roster 30 days prior to the election board candidates. Need voters to support this change. Important to vote for everyone. Division elects the board and board then elects the national chair. National chair only votes to break a tie. OEC review Process: Will cover in the next discussion. Volunteer PSA to be discussed next.. Future Initiatives: Industry partnership is very important to NSP. Complete review and enhancement of OFC and OEC, expand data collection and utilization, encourage ski industry volunteer participation.

John JT Thomas and Jim Woodrum: NSAA/PSA and OEC Update: 10:20-10:40

- Presented the first PSA – however did not work. The link is available. Strategic objectives: William Sinykin covered those in an earlier presentation. Mountain Host Program: First aid course, NSP dues, and the activities they can be used for. Area management is ultimately the one who decides. Can also utilize them as a stepping stone to the patrol as well as for aging patrollers. OEC process was reviewed: Board discussed the content and delivery of this information. Two summer programs were provided to assist with this. Exam has been rewritten, discussed hybrid course, worked through objectives and discussed importance of teaching to the objectives of the book. General agreement is that there is better communication with the instructors, there is more flexibility in teaching and better use of the students/instructors time. There is no specific time requirement to teach OEC, can fit the groups as needed. Central division Action: Conducted two mandatory re-certs for ROAs, IORs and ITs. There is a huge division commitment for budget. Working hard to refresh all instructors, working on the MyPearsonLab resource and provided examples of the website itself. Videos are also available for learning. There is a mandatory skill checkoff that our division has not been using. Every student has 39 skills that need to be checked off before they can come to the exam, this is a change for the upcoming year. Page 1173 in the OEC 5 book as well as on the website. Division is looking at better ways to help as well as ways to share resources. Also working with Pearson to make it more user friendly. Objectives are being mapped to identify pages for each of the objectives content. This is still a work in progress.

John JT Thomas – Election 10:40-10:50

- National Elections begin in October. This is one of the key things we need to do as NSP members. This helps us to get traction in the National Board. Eastern and Southern vote together. There are three standing committees. Chairmain of the board makes the agenda and then the board votes. Eastern and Southern divisions control the majority of the other committees. Many of the advisors

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are also run by the Eastern and Southern divisions. Several candidates were presented. There are 2 from Central Division

- Brian Ulrich (Central Division): Home patrol Hyland Hill, 13 years, runs the senior program for western regions, patroller 101 for central division, trains at his home patrol (OEC and OET). Notes he wants to do this to help the division and has served on several boards in other areas of his life and works in IT in his work role.
- Jay Zedak (Central Division): National transportation advisor, 25 years, served several roles in his local patrol, region and division. One major accomplishment was to get all ski and toboggan skills and all the individuals involved to work as a team to identify the skills needed for senior. His background includes 20 years in the Fire service with several other trainings completed. Works with other several national board members to update and change trainings, works, manuals, etc. as appropriate. Is working on the PowderFall committee for this year as part of the Alpine team.
- Last year central division had more votes than the rest of the country. It was requested to send the information to the RDs.

Melanie Hood: Marketing Director and Patroller at WinterPark. OEC instructor as well. PowderFall 10:50-11:10

- Introduction and background of Melanie. Powderfall will be in Aspen SnowMass April 6-8, 2017. Melanie educated in the benefits of attending the offerings that are included in your registration. 90 courses are being offered, 10 demo brands, 15+ exhibitor booths, 300+ prizes and 400+ other patrollers to socialize with. Discussed Aspen SnowMass Mountain. Westin Snowmass Hotel is the contracted hotel for Powderfall. Roommates go from April 1-12 despite Powderfall only being held from the 6-8th. There is also a kids club with ski lessons available. Educated in the other benefits of the local area including the local restaurants. There are young adult and family programs available.

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12:00 – 5:00PM CD Board of Directors Meeting

- Call to Order by Division Director – John Thomas
 - *JT called to order at 12:03PM*
- Roll Call by Administrative Assistant – (All are present unless noted)
 - John Thomas Division Director
 - Mike Schons Eastern Michigan
 - Les Robinson North Central
 - Dick Jacques Northern Michigan
 - Guy Day Ohio
 - Steve Paladini South Central
 - Don Steen Southern
 - Chip Knappen Western Michigan
 - Jim Ruzicka Western
 - Tom Anderson Assistant Division Director
 - Chris Raudabaugh Assistant Division Director
 - Julie Stone Assistant Division Director
 - Kevin McQuillan Division Legal Advisor
 - Marty Jarvi Division Treasurer
 - Laurel VanSoest Administrative Assistant
- Meeting Appointments
 - Parliamentarian – Kevin McQuillan *noted and agreed*
 - Sergeant-at-Arms – Tom Anderson *noted and agreed*
- Introduction of Official Guests *None present*

Discussion was had regarding having an official IT representative present at the meeting and the feasibility of this idea. No official consensus other than it would be helpful if able.

- Approvals of:
 - Fall 2016 Meeting Agenda Motion Don Steen Mike Shones 2nds. All in favor, motion carries
 - Treasurer's Financial Report – Marty Jarvi (*Division Budget 2016-17 for Fall BOD meeting w-o Nat Dues, Division Budget 2016-17 for Fall BOD meeting, Wells Fargo Investments 2016-09-01, Treasurers Report Fall Budget BOD meeting 2016*): Marty Jarvi reports financials of current checking balance, investments and total assets for the division. Provided information that investment has improved by 11% each year. No major concerns but Marty will be talking with the investors. He also wants to move the money to a bank closer to his home which will allow for greater interest and new credit cards. Pros and Cons of the registration process were discussed from the financial standpoint. Do we keep the HCH set up to send money to the regions quicker even at the cost of \$500/year or should we get rid of this and write a check to save the money, Marty reports he feels this is the better option

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from a financial standpoint. Motion to change process and utilize check writing instead of HCH transfers by Dick Jaques, Mike Shones 2nd – All in favor, motion passes.

Marty continued discussion with review of the budgets with and without national Dues included. Noted that amount is significantly less when National Dues are not included. No approval of the budget needed at this time. Note that the financials includes additional information at the bottom on expenses to show a loss if we spend all of proposed items. It also includes the funded programs such as the PayPal accounts. This will help to look for more accountability with the finances.

Don Steen moves to accept financial report, Dick Jacques 2nds, all in favor, motion passes.

- Note – Spring meeting minutes were approved via email April 18, 2016

PROGRAM Updates: Presented in order of attendance and based on need to be at other meetings.

- Safety Team – Mike Husar: Safety Team Update: Powerpoint Presentation noted *Mike Husar – Central Division Board Meeting Presentation 2016.pptx*: Mike noted Ohio does not have a safety team member and that the team would like all of the regions to participate. “Lead by Example pins can be given out to those who demonstrate safety, please get pictures to utilize later. Purpose is not to just give them out but to give these to people who lead by example. January is National Safety Month; each area should pick a weekend to do one specific event to engage people in the patrol. Kids on Lifts “sit back and hold on” is the theme to promote. Cards and Lanyards were provided to each member of the board. Rope tows are very limited. Stickers are also available. Safety team is also trying to encourage helmet usage. Helmets are made to reduce injury not prevent. Further discussion of helmets occurred regarding the “reckless abandonment” involved. Article was under “snowbrains” on Facebook. Mike will find this and send it out to the board. Buffs were provided with Helmet awareness on them. Stickers are coming out as well coming from Smith Optics. Each safety material packet will include 150 gators, 150 lanyards 50 bandaids, 300 stickers, patrol cost is 25.00 plus freight. This is 800.00 value. Mike hopes that each region will provide money to order these, however there are not enough of these packets to get these to every patrol and they are ordered on a first come first serve basis. The safety team budget is currently being used on this. There are close to 175 packets available. 30,000 dollars a year is spent between NSP and sponsors on this. Kevin asked to gather additional money ahead of time for this. Need the national board or the divisions to help subsidize the cost of these to be able to provide more safety packets. If division board could provide additional money could this be beneficial? Discussion of what do people want to give away? Bigger items do allow for more of a message than items like chapsticks. Can order these safety packets online through the NSP store. Mike will send out an email when these are available. How you can help was reviewed: appoint a region advisor, put money in the budget, promote programs in your region. Goal is to help with safety of skiers. JT: we need to be relevant to the ski area. We are not required. A request was made for the RDs to know

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who the advisors are and who is and is not responding. Chris noted to utilize the marketing people for the areas/regions. Mike will bring a proposal for additional moneys.

- Melanie Hood assisted in discussion and IT questions were asked, as well as for the registration process. Melanie noted that individuals can utilize the office but try to utilize the chain of command first for any issues that may arise. Melanie spoke to the benefits and the sponsors and how discounts have been used inappropriately in the past.
- Reminder – there will be a picture taken of all of the Subarus at the meeting at 6:00PM Saturday.
- Rusty Parka News – Katie Flanagan (*Katherine Flanagan – Fall 2016 Division Meeting RPN*): Thank you for getting the articles to the newsletter on time. Discussion of the prices of the articles, and using the electronic versions to save money. Anyone can submit an article to this. Next fall will be Oct. 1st, Winter, Jan 15th and Summer June 1st for deadlines to get articles to Katie. Question was presented as to not including the calendar in the newsletter to save on money/space. Katie noted there is a need for different computer (PC vs. Mac). Overall Messages: Calendar, Guy proposes to remove calendar, Katie 2nds all in favor, motion passes. Program for Mac would be around 2000 Katie reports she has a good working program but no computer to run it on. Chris Raudabaugh proposes it would be cheaper to buy a laptop. Software is still relevant and will continue to be relevant. You can get it on a monthly subscription. Mike Schons motions to fund a new computer for Katie \$800.00, Don Steen 2nds. Discussion of the price of a laptop and the division P&P regarding this – Mike Schons amends motion to include price of \$1000.00, Don hold 2nd. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passes. Board noted that she could order Lenovo through NSP. Several board members offered to assist in the purchase of the laptop. Katie concludes with thanks and asks for feedback.
- Awards – Martin Fahje (*Martin Fahje-2015-2016 fall awards report, Gregg – 2015-2016 fall awards report*): Martin provides background of his role. Several awards were presented and Martin spoke to the quality of our division. One of the goals is to understand the region review process better and to create guideline documents to assist in writing of the award documents. Martin noted he would like to speak with some RDs after the awards banquet to provide awards for those who are not present. Awards is one of the only ways we can thank members for doing what they do. JT asked for people to step up and write awards as appropriate. Does not need to be the PD/PR that writes these.

1:00PM

- Young Adult Program – Jane Bickerstaff (*Jane Bickerstaff – YAP goals and activities 2016*): Jane provides background of old program and new program. She reports she is working on updating the programs and has been talking with the national group. She is hoping for some recruitment information to utilize. She was able to work with Melanie to get started with this process. She reviewed her activities as noted in her update. Still more work to do and goals were presented. She also created a job description and will add information to the division website. JT challenges her to have a YAP weekend within the division. There is also a scholarship available for activities such as

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Powderfall. JT also believes it would be beneficial to have a scholarship from the central division. Kevin McQuillan asks if it could come from the Somalski fund. Tom Anderson notes that does not necessarily fall under the criteria. Don Steen moves to spend money in the amount of registration cost and 300 for expenses to add a scholarship. Les Robinson 2nds. Discussion was had about what monies this would include and how much as well as the requirements for the winner to do after attendance (write an article, come to meeting and present). Guy Day also presented questions for how is the winner picked, who chooses. Melanie notes CD is able to utilize National Scholarship applications for this. JT asks for volunteers to do review this information. Further discussion was had on how National picks their winner. Julie Stone suggests that CD works with Melanie initially and then Jane is able to have a committee to assist in selecting. Guy Day and Don Steen volunteer to assist in this. Motion reviewed. All in favor, motion passes. Steve Paladini notes that he wrote YAP program best practice program for his region and volunteered his information to Jane.

- Melanie notes extra information for YAP to “click” YAP button on registration. This is in the patroller information site. This allows National to track these individuals and engage them more in programs such as this. They can’t base this off of the birthdays noted as they did all convert correctly in the new website.
- Social Media – Darcy Hanley (*CD Fall mtg*): Facebook likes have grown and new videos are coming up. Darcy continues to work on updating and uploading times to Facebook. JT challenges us to get more “likes” on Facebook. Each team/supervisor can have their own Facebook page as well which Darcy can help set up as needed, these programs can then link to NSP and CD through “liking” them as well.
- Women’s Seminar – Kerstin Hammarberg (*Kerstin Hammarberg-Central Division Women*): Women’s program was held at Crystal Mountain last year. She was able to put an article in the Rusty Parka in the spring highlighting one of the successes of the Women’s Clinic. This year the clinic will be moving the Southern region. Attempt is to find hills/areas that have Senior/Certified level. Sundown Mountain Ski Resort is willing to host this year (2016-2017 season) and will be held the last weekend in January of 2017. Theme is leadership and mentorship. Kerstin is hoping they will be able to add new classes to this. Time for questions. JT encourages all leaders to keep the door open to those who volunteer to help in any way. 2017-2018 season will be at Lutsen Mountain. Regions are able to “cohost” if they do not have a hill that is at the level needed. It is historically held on the last weekend of January. Kerstin asks for RDs to send her the name of their women’s director so she can utilize those individuals to assist.
- Patroller 101 – Brian (*Brian Ulrich – Patroller 101 Annual Report*): Topics (summary, vision statement, goals and opportunities for long term). Brian noted summary and the need to continue to explore these (patroller 101) activities. There are 3 courses in the whole NSP and those are all in CD. Vision was discussed. The importance of the need to keep communication paths open was noted. Program goal is to conduct assessment as to why this program is not being utilized. There is a need to develop a communication program. Additional opportunities are to update the website to make it more clear, have consistent guidelines and update the curriculum, lobby to make it a priority at NSP as this is a core for new patrollers, and conduct data collection. JT notes he needs to work

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with others to create an action plan to incorporate this in bigger arenas to make it more visible. Tom notes this is not just for new patrollers but also for existing patrollers.

- OEC Lead – Sue Hayes (*Sue Hayes-Fall Meeting Report 2016 plus 2015.2016_Year_endOEC_Supervisor Report_4*): 120 OEC instructors attend the 2 summer seminars. This came from discussion at the spring meeting - wanted to get OEC program improved. There are currently 1208 instructors in the CD per the website. June 25 Pilot Knob: Pearson is being used. Medical errors in book were concerning. West Side: not as computer literate, a lot of attendees were not aware of the skills sign off sheet, and are not teaching to the objectives, navigating the website was also noted as a barrier. Sue proposes for the ROAs to have a super user group that helps them to get registered on the Pearson website. Overall the groups were fairly excited about the programs. There is a need to review of the job description for the ITs based on time commitment. Also reviewing with ROAs the importance of communication. Sue continues to work on Pearson difficulties with the Pearson reps. No exceptions to the every 3 year OEC instructor re-certification. Cycle C refresher, online up and running and the book complements the information nicely. JT: how is the plan put together in April working – Sue is meeting with ROAs tonight to discuss further. JT notes that if instructors aren't willing to change with the times then we need to evaluate if they should be teaching or not. Discussion regarding standards occurred. JT: For RDs, how many are aware that if you are an instructor of 4 areas you have to attend 4 different re-certs. Historically we used to have 3 OEC supervisors; we have changed this to having only 1 OEC supervisor. Do we want to send an additional person from a region to attend the National meeting? There has been a lot of positive feedback with this. We would need to make this person and Assistant Division Supervisor so they get invited to the meeting. Cost would be a factor in this as we would have to pay for transportation, room, and food as a division. Julie reports this is a very big program, working on developing people to step up into this role is critically important. Julie suggests appointing 2 different ROAs each year to rotate this learning experience. Guy asks is every 4 years sufficient for this learning and asks who should be responsible for the cost. Guy asks for some sort of process to be in place. Dick asks if having only 1 person to run OEC is feasible for the long term. Tom proposes that there be an official assistant to the OEC supervisor. Guy suggests that we table discussion later (for financials) - Guy Day: motion to table until later – Chip Knappen 2nds, all in favor, motion passes.
- Nordic – Peter Wollan (*Peter Wollan-Central Division Nordic Program Annual Report*): Peter reviewed the Nordic program, noting it is growing in the Minneapolis, MN area. Attendance at events needs to improve, big events such as the Junior National Event and the Birkebiener. Nordic program is changing a lot currently and the Nordic supervisors are working together. Attempting to re-emphasize the MTR component of the Nordic program. Senior Nordic is different in different places and the division Nordic supervisors are working together to define and standardize this further. Peter wants to focus on what the CD does and to get that done well instead of focusing on what other areas might be using as it may be very different depending on terrain and need. The Nordic program needs collaboration with avalanche but notes we are limited in the ability to hold a class. Time for questions: Chris asked about the Junior National event and if it will occur again this

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year – no it will not however Tom notes other events will be held. Guy will provide contacts for his regions Nordic programs, Chris asks that other Regions do the same, all in agreement.

2:18 PM – Brief Break – re-called to order at 2:25PM

- Instructor Development – Virginia Rodeman (*Virginia Rodeman-2016 ID GOALS*): Online course is available to regions, only 2 regions are planning classes currently. Hybrid class has had mostly positive feedback. ID will be present at Powderfall this year. Virginia is hoping to attend. Virginia is wondering if she can utilize her budget to fund to attend as she will not get funded from national, board addressed as appropriate.

Addition: JT did not introduce newest RD: Steve Paladini this was done. 2:30PM. Steve introduced himself and provided background.

- Webmaster – Kent Anderson (*Kent Anderson-Webmaster Kent Anderson 2015-16 Season*): Provided the roll of the webmaster – update website, rosters, etc. Chris and Kent present difficulty with calendaring items. They are working on transitioning the website to “WordPress” which allows them to utilize Google Calendar. He notes all regions need to be in agreement for this to happen. Chris notes that he was utilizing the calendar on the website for the RPN but this is no longer needed as calendar won’t be included in the RPN as noted earlier. He further explains that the calendar is no longer working for the division. The idea is to consolidate into one calendaring program. Chris presented use of the Google calendar. Pro: easier to utilize, Con: may lose ability to sort through activities. Mike Schons notes this was discussed in the spring and reports his region had issues with this. There are two (2) regions currently working with Google Calendars. Each region would need to have a Google ID. Dick suggests we take more time to review with the regions and table decision until a later date. Kent is willing to work with the webmasters in the regions. Kent further explains that the use of “WordPress” for the website would allow for program advisors to update their own sites. Google docs is also being utilized. South Central region is not current on the website. Kent will work with the Webmaseer’s for each region to be able to update. Jim Ruzika asks if the rosters can be sorted differently to allow for better access to the staffs. Kent will work with Jim independently to identify changes he can make to his use.
- Alpine Skills Development Team: Cheryl Raudabaugh, Troy Southwick and Rob Carpenter and Marty Blaszkowski (not present) – Dan moss and Chris Raudabaugh also included in this team:
 - Cheryl: Renamed Alpine Skills Development Workshop from a STW (ski) and TTW (tobaggon) as it includes both. Two events will be held in December (9-11) in Boyne Highlands Resort and (16-18) at Cascade Mountain. This information can be found on CentralDivision.org. The objectives of these programs are to provide tools, excellent communication and clear stadards. Event dates for the regions are needed. Program participants recommended are noted as trainers and evaluators (region program advisors

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- and assists, ITs, and senior program evaluators) as well as NSP patrollers, alpine patrollers, senior patrollers senior and certified. Message will be based on the technical manuals. There will be reference documents available on the website. The plan is to utilize this program to assist in re-certify the senior level. Note regions can utilize a waitlist if you have more than allotted number (max 20 people per region). Hope is to develop a better mentoring program for instructors. The budget reviewed to note discrepancies in the current budget vs. the needed budget. Further discussion of the historical budget was had for the past years. Budget calculated on the average instructor (room, milage in half due to sharing and per diem for food). Asking for \$4,400.00 in additional program expense, with less revenue to include a total of \$7,500.00 dollars additional funding above what is in the current budget. Mike Schons: what is the difference between the amount of the PSIA and ASE evaluators and can we utilize these to decrease the number of people needing recalibration this year. Discussion was had regarding the Senior Ski/Ride vs. the PSIA and/or ASE certifications. Further discussion regarding this was had. Dick suggests to take a further look at the budget and review later. Budget includes 37 instructors and additional ancillary expenses. Mike asks about if regions do their own calibration how that would affect the budget. Budget notes: No expense for last year as this did not happen will impact the budget needed for this year. Registration for these events will be a multistep process: 1. List from region directors, 2. individuals register on website, 3. Cheryl compares 2 lists, 4. Approved participants log into NSP to complete online registration, 5. Region director or designee logs in to pay, (note 5 regions pay for their patrollers and 3 do not). Let Cheryl know how each region is going to pay. Oct 1-31 is registration \$30 Nov 1-9 gets \$40. Cannot register after Nov 9. No walk-ins unless specific circumstances apply. Back to the basics is going to be the focus.
- Rob: Senior Alpine Evaluator Calibration: Discussed who should attend and who the evaluators for this will be. Will include review of revised senior scorecard, calibration and additional education/feedback.
 - Try: Toboggan, 2 courses for ITs and and Senior Examiners. There will be a protocol for calibrating both and identifying those who are struggling so the demonstrations at the senior events are top notch. All individuals will need to be able to explain and teach but will also need to be able demonstrate the skills. Additional concerns were brought up regarding the number of people each region is able to send by Mike Schons.

3:45PM Review of Proposals:

- F16 P002 – Senior Alpine Examiner Recalibration (Items Included: skiingscorecard2016 DRAFT, F16 Proposal – Senior Alpine Examiner Recalibration, skiingscorecard2016 Draft)

Les Robinson motion to accept proposal. Further discussion by Rob to explain the information further and how including the region staff would be included. Certification would still be at the division level, the region staff could do the recalibration but those staff would need to participate in

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the ASDW. Calibration must have at least one calibrator from outside of that home region to allow for more quality assurance. Define Calibrator: a person who had attended the Division ASDW. Region calibration would mimic what happened at the division level. Les motions still stands, Mike Schons 2nd, All in favor, Motion passes.

- F16 P003 – Senior Program Manual 6th Edition (Items Included: Proposal form 2015-16 – Senior Program Manual 6th Edition v3, Central Division Senior Program Manual 6th Edition DRAFT 3a (Redline), Central Division Senior Program Manual 6th edition Draft 3 (clean).

Les Robinson motion to accept first line of proposal, Don Steen 2nd. Rob clarified and discussed this includes administrative and quality updates, updating reference materials and names. No vote on the motion. Dick Jaques moves to table Discussion as he has not had time read, Mike Schons 2^{nds}. No vote.

Kevin notes during Executive Committee it was decided to address first 3 lines of the proposal (Scorecard, the updates of names and updating the links), and discuss the others further. Kevin discusses the conversation that was had at Executive committee meeting to review the first 3 items and review the additional items on Sunday.

Mike Schons discussed words on page on 29 with discussion of those patrollers who do not meet minimum standards for senior. Mike wanting to know what Regions would do with information of those patrollers who do not meet minimum standards.

JT return to discussion of Ski Score Card and need to review this. Dick Jaques stands by motion to table discussion with immediate motion to accept Ski Score card only. Motion presented to table discussion of other updates until Sunday Morning. Further discussion of time needed to review manual.

Motion by Dick Jaques (with Don Steen reiterating) to table proposal until a conference call within 3 weeks for further review of information, Jim Ruzika 2nd. Guy Day and, Les Robinson appose to table.

Discussion by Chip Knappen to see a change he had requested on line 6. This was clarified as being changed.

Kevin reviews again information discussed in committee Friday.

Review of motion to accept the Score Card, All in favor, motion passes.

Motion by Guy Day: Accept the 3 items after Ski Score Card of "Replace 'Senior OEC' with OEC module of the Senior Program' to comply with the National OEC Manual. Additionally remove the copy of the National OEC Module and replace it with link to the National website and document". Les Robinson 2nd, all in favor, motion carries.

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Discussion had to discuss other propose items on the conference call. This was decided to be discussed on Sunday morning with the additional items from the proposal.

Continue with Program Review:

- Telecommunications – Paul Botnen: Sent out a survey to get information for National. New equipment may be needed due to the FCC updating standards but no date available at this time. Issue is manufacturers can't make this equipment in time to update by original date presented. No questions or concerns.
- PSAI Liaison – Dan Moss: Reports that mentoring has greatest successes when protégé seeks out the mentor. We need to be leaders by going out and building out relationships with new people. Patroller course update with Brian hopefully.

No other items. Motion to recess until Sunday 8:00AM by Chip Knappen, 2nd by Don Steen.

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Sunday, September 11th 8:00AM – 12:00PM Continuation of the BOD meeting

Open by Tom Anderson and Roll Call by Administrative Assistant at 8:05AM. All present except John “JT” Thomas as he is present at another meeting.

Welcome and remembrance of 9/11 by Tom Anderson. A moment of silence taken at this time.

Continue discussion regarding the Senior Program Proposal:

- Rob Carpenter: Senior S&T Testing QA requirements, Recs for admin of Senior S&T test, Revised section on senior alpine EC, Misc. wording additions/corrections and Replace Ski/Snowboard Trainers Workshop (STW) with Alpine Skills Development Workshop (ASDW).

Page 29 and 127 in the National manual. Rob notes we should look at this further and do more work down the road. (page 31 in the redline strike out. Discussion was had regarding the changes made to this section: The “yellow” updates are previously proposed revisions, the “blue” revisions are this years. Further discussion of the proposal and how this may or may not conflict with the national review. Jim: why would we change any of the requirements/protocols if we already have something in place, Mike: what are going to do with this information once we have it. Mike further notes that the information presented in this proposal conflicts with the national protocol. Chip: if there is no need to maintain standards at the national level why would we do this at the division level. Further discussion Guy: this is the local area that ends up taking up the work to review and maintain that level of classifications. Chip discusses the issues with hosting Senior level refreshers at a hill that does not have Senior level terrain.

Kevin: Can we pull this section of the proposal out and discuss this on the conference call.

Rob recommends that all other items besides the “Revised section on senior alpine continuing education” be approved on this proposal. Tom opens up for discussion - Dick Jaques – still has not had time to read through all of these changes. Motion is still on the table to table discussion until conference call.

Kevin: with the exception of “wordsmithing” changes on pages 10, 14, 15, 22, 26, 27, (31 was discussed earlier) in the redline version could be substantial. Mike Schons request to have time to review and discuss further at conference call instead of going through at this time. Tom Anderson discusses intent. Motion reviewed: Will hold discussion until conference call. Note that Dan Moss will need to be present on the conference call to answer questions as appropriate.

National Board Update and Questions (National Board Members Present)

8:25AM

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- Jim Woodrum addressed the board and answered questions from the board regarding the senior program discussion, Senior skiing does not have to be addressed on a senior rated hill. Also, not that the refreshers can address issues of skiing level, again this does not need to be on a senior rated hill. Jim also encourages individuals to vote as it is important change the structure of the national board. All committee chairs are from specific divisions and it is very important to change the structure of the national board. The diversity of our organization is lacking at this time, there is a lot of east coast members which does not account for other ski areas or types of resorts.
- Bill Sinykin: Addressed the board. Discussed the senior program as well and talked to the importance of continuing education.
- Brian Rull: Discussed the importance of senior education as well and how important it is to match the skills to the “patch”. People see them as being at a “standard” yet there is not standard as well. He spoke to the resources that are and are not available and the importance of not burning people out. Talked about the importance of having a protocol in place regarding what you do with these patrollers if they aren’t keeping up with the standards they need to be at. Also talked about the importance of voting. Addressed the issue of having patience with the current IT issues and further discussed more of the issues that are being addressed. Also notes the need to have all of the regions to standardize more with their terminology and the “roles” of individuals in the areas. He also spoke to the increase in the dues for this season. Reported on the reasons for the dues increase and not being able to subsidize from the sponsorship. He also educated in the option of “Lifetime Dues”. Notes you would pay off this amount in 12 years at the current dues rate. He is not sure if this will continue long term but can’t answer if/when this would happen.

Kevin asks question of the board how do we get all of the divisions on board that there should be representation from all divisions. Jim Woodrum notes that he had presented this information at Intermountain and they had not realized what impact this had. Brian continued this discussion and noted that some divisions have less interest and that CD is big enough to work on our division first, then propose to National that we reallocate seats. Further discussion was had. Kevin asks if we can get a petition from the members to change this process. Jim reports ski areas get nervous and this could jeopardize our divisions relationship with the ski areas. Guy reports he has the 2 largest patrols in the CD which creates an issues as for his area, especially with some relationships that have happened. Tom wrapped up discussion. Brian reports the voting data is available and this may help in order to find ways to motivate individuals to vote.

- Dan Moss: Has become aware in the discussion about senior information and compared the PSIA and the ASE program. His goal is to have everyone be fully informed. Level 2 PSIA – typically is 5+ years of work. They also have standards they must submit to in 3 categories and are offered weekly clinics in their home locations. They also have to pay for annual continuing education. Every 3rd year they must recalibrate with the NSP. They also have faculty available and a manual available. They also have a national program. ASE as compared have no specific structure or amount of training. They miss out on several other of these requirements. No faculty is available but they

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have a senior manual which is not an instruction book. They may have other resources but we don't definitely know and most information is local instead of national.

Division Staff Updates

- Assistant DD's – Julie Stone, Tom Anderson, Chris Raudabaugh
- Julie Stone: 2 advisors who are unable to attend. Spoke to Russ Livermores report and his 3 goals for the upcoming year. He wanted to let everyone know he is also available to any other programs that may need assistance from a PR standpoint. She also reports on Steve Werner MD's report who was present at the meeting but busy with other activities throughout the meeting. He has started to link up more with the OEC individuals and would like to be more involved as appropriate. Julie addressed the board to discuss her meeting. She notes her travel experience as part of her role throughout the summer. Discussed the importance of these activities as well as the accomplishments made in each of these activities. She noted her goals for the upcoming year, staying in good contact with her advisors, helping them get resources as able, continuing the encourage their growth and support the division patrollers. She also spoke to her goal to keep up with her communications. She is also going to coordinate with the RDs to discuss where the ADDs and DD are wanted to be present or the regions.

9:10:

- Chris Raudabaugh: Noted that he has been present at some local activities and reports the importance of being present and engaging with the local issues. Dick seconds this as he feels that as NSP integrates the resorts notice and show a willingness to support. Discussed his experience with the MSAA and what they provide. Discussed his work with the snow sports school. Dan Hamilton resigned his position. Discussed the concerns of the health insurance. Julie Stone reports she has people who may wish to fill Dan's role as Avalanche supervisor.
- Amy (MSAA Executive Director) : Addressed the board providing her background and role in the skiing industry. Discussed her experience with the ski patrol in the past and her switch from the Ski area side of the business to the MSAA position.
- Tom Anderson: Provides his report and work with the skills team. Discussed briefly his interaction with his program supervisors. He spoke to the need to fill the "Alumni" position as well. He reports he will continue to help with the skills team and is planning to attend both ASDW events in December.

9:20: Continue with Program Updates:

- Elections/MSAA/Meeting Coordinator –Ken Meldahl (*Ken Meldahl-MSAA-ELECTIONS EOY REPORT fall 2016*): Discusses the upcoming elections and the need for the RDs to be nominated. Western Michigan is different in their voting process and he reports that he has to go by the list of provided in July. Candidates are allowed to vote as they have an NSP number. He will provide the other 2 areas with lists of those who are allowed to votes and will provide information regarding who gets

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extra votes dependent on the size of the patrollers. JT: Who is on the election committee – Validators Mike Schons (Eastern), Steve Paladini (South Central), and Don Steen (Southern). If there is no contest there is no vote. There are also elections in regions 3 and 6 so those regions will need to be handled by the region as able. All information/requirements regarding this is located the P&P. Those people can run for an additional term outside of the normal 2 and then get the people to vote for you. JT: notes have you done the due diligence to open up the door for others to run or are you blocking people from running. There is an issue with people being willing to step up. Ken will add the dates for nominations due on the Region calendars as well as for the elections process and when those are due back. He will also try to add the national dates for voting. Also discussed MSAA and noted date. See future meetings for the dates and locations. Educated in the Spring Business meeting plan. See future meetings for the dates and locations. The exec meeting (NC, W, WM – Les Robinson, Jim Ruzika and Chip Knappen will need to be present), there will be dinner during this meeting.

Region Director Updates

- Donald Steen – Southern (*Don Steen-RD-2016 Division Report*): Don addressed the board to discuss the events he attended. Talked about the work they had done in educating local areas on NSP and getting Nordic patrols to be able to ski at their areas again.
- Mike Schons – Eastern Michigan: No written report submitted. Mike spoke about the first OEC meeting being held in his region with positive results coming from this. Is planning for the upcoming year to increase their regions knowledge of the certified, senior, LAR ad avalanche information. Noted possible legal issue regarding finance that had been resolved.
- Les Robinson – North Central: No written report submitted. Les addressed board to discuss the region events and successes they had.
- Dick Jacques – Northern Michigan: No written report submitted. Dick addressed board, discussed his interaction with MSAA for his division. He attended the majority of the risk management sessions and is willing to share information regarding this. He notes his calendar is on the region website and is ready to go. He will be pulling his training team for 8 training events this coming season. Invites everyone to northern Michigan for the for the meeting next year.
- Guy Day – Ohio: No written report submitted. Offers help to other divisions to help with senior. Struggled with getting PRs together for a retreat and is working with them to figure out a better way to achieve this. Considering using the meeting for this.
- Steve Paladini – South Central: No written report submitted. Discussed staff changes that occurred when Ron was in office. He has been in office for 6 weeks and discussed the staff changes that have occurred since he started. July 9th OEC seminar held with good results. Four (4) OEC classes being held. Region meeting is coming up. Glad to be on board as part of the board.
- Chip Knappen – Western Michigan: No written report submitted. Since spring, 12 people attended OEC conference, Senior OEC recert happened and 4 were re-certified and 3 new. All OEC programs

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are going currently. There is one patroller who does not utilize computers so he is working with National to get a “traditional” refresher.

- Jim Ruzicka – Western: No written report submitted. Region meeting in 2 weeks. Moving into refresher season. Two (2) Risk management seminars (Oct. 15 and Oct 17) coming up. Note there will not be any risk management seminars offered in WI.

Additional Staff Updates:

- Legal – Kevin McQuillan: Patrol Rep refreshers are great and Kevin is willing to attend these as able. He encourages these as he feels they are important. One thing that has come up is a new treasury form that needs to be signed for Marty to comply with new standards. If you have patrols that are having issues with this feel free to contact Kevin with concerns. Marty asks question regarding if emailing counts as an electronic signature, Kevin notes if it is a confirmed valid email then yes this counts. There was an issue with taking OEC at a local community college that those individuals were required to patrol at the hill associated. Encouraged that any of these issues be communicated to DD and legal even if national is taking care of it. Legal committee phone conference. MSAA issues were discussed. Discussed further EMS and other legal issues that have come up regarding the Joint Standard of Understanding. Issue of releases and the online registration through national and the fact that there are no online releases currently in the system. Discussed – ASDW, STW, TTW and other programs. JT: as of August 1st, the change makes each patroller responsible for their own record. This creates a change to our patrollers who will find out at their refreshers. Pros and Cons of having multiple steps for registering and signing releases was discussed. Further discussion was had regarding the need for National to collect dues and keep information. Kevin reports that all of this needs to be done for all of the events now. Kevin recommends that these events be coordinated with what Cheryl has set up for the ASDW for the releases. JT: action is we need to work with National to decrease the number of steps needed. If there are 2 releases on file which is valid and is this limiting the hills who are willing to accept NSP events. Julie: Our CD release left out the “area where the event is being held” despite the national release including this. No conclusions made during this discussion.

Old Business

Follow-up/Review Action Items (*Action Items Fall 2016*): Change 1a to fall of 2017, 3.1 added, remove 6, 8- discussed how we can utilize Chicago as a hub as it allows for closer for all areas. Pros and cons of this were discussed. Can we take the division meetings to the regions? Tabled for need to discuss new business.

New Business 10:40 AM

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- PR Education – Tom Anderson to lead discussion: Tom discussed with board about the need for further PR education and provided an idea to create a supervisor role to address the PRs with the information they need and to provide education to new PRs as they come on. Tom wanting to lead discussion of how do we manage PRs and PDs to communicate information effectively and to get the on-boarding process to be smoother. JT communication is the biggest issue at this point. Dick discussed his process for this. Julie: Is there an opportunity to create “communities” (addressed to Chris). Can we utilize Forums for this. Don notes he attempts to attend all of the OEC refreshers or send a staff to attend those he can’t as a way to stay connected. Chip utilizes notes from meetings and opens it up to calls from anyone. He also speaks with all of his PD’s at least once a month individually. He holds 4 meetings a year for the PDs to attend. Tom suggests to put best practices together and to talk with each other as able.
- IT Status: It isn’t a merit badge, it means you want to do work. How do we handle it when people are not willing/able to help them. It doesn’t change the amount of people who are helping. JT asks for assistance with changing this. Sue and Troy are working hard on updating this.
- Somalski Fund – Tom Anderson to lead discussion: The Somalski fund is alive and doing well. Marty and Tom are working together to create a new avenue for Marty to have more access. This year there were no applicants. Where do we send the information to get applicants. We need to promote it more. Current mechanism in the RPN and Dan’s Picture on the CD website. Can we promote this more from a region standpoint. Criteria is listed on the website. Can we utilize the Region Newsletters. As far as supporting the actual fund there are several fundraising opportunities for this.
- Registration Process (*JT Dues Spreadsheet 07-01-16 Rpt copy*): Review of spreadsheet, if the answer is “YES” in the 2nd column (Some or all of the Dues is paid by the Area or Patrol Funds), you will be able to stay with the process/“batch mode” next year. JT asks that all board members review to make sure all patrols are listed in this document. If we want to change the “Batch Mode” JT has to write a letter to the national treasurer to change this. PR will sign in, click on roster under Member resources and make a yes/no choice to their members. Then submit to national. If they are in batch mode they will get an invoice to pay national the national, division and region dues. (Batch or no batch changes needs to go through JT). If you are not in batch mode an email will get sent to the individual person (to their email on file – make sure to check emails) to go register and pay his fee. Then that individual can print their cards. Further review of this process occurred. BOARD DID NOT APPROVE ACTION regarding not being a patroller and taking the OEC class. If you change dues you need to let JT know by July 1st. You should be getting emails about this.
- National Board Election for 2016: This was covered and discussed with Brian, Bill and Jim. It was requested to get the PowerPoint used to present to their patrols. Recapped discussion from General Meeting and discussed details of the board and the current members further.

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Dick Jaques motions to create a group to improve/provide education regarding voting, Chip Knappen 2nds. Included in this would be Russ Livermore, Don Steen, Kevin McQuillan, Chris Raudabaugh and Darcy Hanley. All in favor, motion carries.

- **Budget Changes – If Applicable**

OEC Budget changes: Dick Jaques moves to fund 2 additional people to attend to National – up to 1500.00 for expenses. Don Steen 2nd motion. Marty to create line items. This would be for one year only with plan to review at Spring meeting. All in favor, motion carries. As a note these individuals will need to be listed as Assistant's to the OEC supervisor on the National website

- ADDED ITEM: Website Access: Region Directors and supervisors should have access to the National website. Please let JT know if you or those individuals don't have access and he will work to address it.

- **Budget proposal for ASDW review:** Dick Jaques moves to increase budget by \$10,000, budget was discussed and motion updated to be \$8,500.00 dollars, Les Robinson 2nd. Guy Day and Jim Ruzicka against, - motion doesn't pass. Further discussion was had regarding increasing the price for this event. Guy Day motions to increase the fee from \$30 to \$45, Chip Knappen 2nds, Those For: Chip Knappen, Steve Paladini, Guy Day and Dick Jaques. Those Against: Jim Ruzicka, Don Steen and Les Robinson. Motion passes 4 to 3.

- **Continuation of Proposals**

- F16 P004 – Treasury Budget Proposal (Items Included: P&P Chapter 5 Treasury Operations Program Fee change, Treasury Operations Proposal). Guy Day motions to accept, Dick Jaques 2nds – further discussion of the pros and cons of this occurred. All in favor, motion carries.

- **Announcement of Ski Hall of Fame:** This weekend is another Hall of Fame event – Announcement by Tom Anderson, informational.

- **Next Meetings/Dates/Location Review**

- Mid-Winter National Meeting – January 4-5, 2017, Denver, CO.
- Spring Division Business Meeting – March 31, April 1-2, 2017, Hilton Lyle/Naperville, IL
- Powderfall – April 6-8, 2017 – Aspen SnowMass, CO <http://www.powderfall.com/>
- MSAA Meeting – August, 20-23, 2017 – Devil's Lake Resort, Merrimac, WI <http://www.msaaevents.org/general-event-information/>
- Fall Division Meeting 2017 – September, 2017, Northern Michigan
- Fall Division Meeting 2018 – September, 2018, South Central

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- Fall Division Meeting 2019 – September, 2019, Ohio
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- Discussion regarding getting rid of the expense reports and just including cost for board in the budget occurred.
- Move to adjourn by Don Steen, Guy Day 2nds, all in favor, motion carries. Meeting Adjourned at 11:55AM.

Note: Board voted to approve minutes during conference call on 10/15. All in favor.