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Division Director John (JT) Thomas

Verbal updates were provided for DD and his direct staff.

Assistant Division Director Chris Raudabaugh

Another mild season has been challenging. For myself, my home area, Mad River, a new main lodge was built, which included a new patrol room. For self-development, I attempted the PSIA Level 3 exam.

2016-2017 Activities:

- Eastern Michigan Region Spring Meeting and Banquet
- Ohio Region Spring Meeting and Banquet
- Ohio Region Fall Meeting
- Mad River Mtn Banquet
- Provided Medical Service for Savage Race Event
- MSAA Summer Conference
- CD Fall Meeting
- ASDW meetings
- ASDW Boyne staffing
- ASDW Cascade staffing
- ASE Examiner
- Southern Region SES/TES
- Certified Prequalification and Recert
- Ohio Region Senior Ski and Toboggan
- Certified Exam – Marquette
- PSIA Level III – Marquette
- 2017 Powderfall
 - Snowboard SES instructor
 - Snowboard TES instructor

Budget Request:

\$3500 – Same as last year. Did not have the opportunity to travel as much as I could have last season so the actual is low.

Best Regards,

Chris Raudabaugh
Assistant Division Director

Budget Request – no changes

Goals

1. Continue to work with programs, with ever improving communication and searching for program improvement opportunities. In particular
 - a. PAT – new advisor, assure timeline and progress
 - b. MTR – instructor and IT renewals process
2. Continue to be visible by visiting patrols/regions/division events as possible, and in a functional capacity
3. Continue to develop personal skills and knowledge base
 - a. Attend DD and/or Board meetings at Powderfall and over the year

Activities past 6 months

1. April 2017, CD Executive Committee and Spring Board Meeting, Hilton, Lisle/Naperville, IL.
2. March 2017, QA-IT for WMR Senior OEC-MSP Evaluation, Timber Ridge Ski Area, MI
3. February 2017, Southern Region Senior OEC-MSP Evaluator and Senior Toboggan Evaluator (event cancelled for weather), Chestnut Mountain, IL
4. January 2017, attended CD Women's Clinic, Sundown, Iowa
5. February 2017, PSIA Level II Mock Evaluation, Wilmot, IL
6. January 2017, Southern Region ASDW instructor in Senior Toboggan
7. December 2016, Invited by Southern Region to attend Cascade Division ASDW in the Senior Toboggan Evaluator calibration clinic
8. December 2016, attended Boyne Division ASDW assisting with registrations
9. November 2016, personal ski skills and PSIA development at Breckenridge
10. October 2016, Southern Region Ski Swap asst. manager
11. October 2016, Southern Region QA IT for Instructor Refresher, Grand Geneva, WI
12. September 2016, Southern Region QA IT for Patrol Refresher, Fun Valley, IA
13. September 2016, CD meeting and banquet

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Stone
Assistant Division Director

Assistant Division Director Tom Anderson

My activities primarily revolved around assisting the Skill Development team in planning the Division workshops. Starting off the season with all new supervisors (6 out of 7) I was a little unsure as to how things would line up. Within the first few phone conferences I felt most comfortable with this new team and can say it was as smooth a transition as I have ever experienced.

Activities for this season included:

- Ore to Shore Bike race (FA support) - June
- Marquette Marathon (FA support) - September
- Division Fall Meeting September - September
- OEC candidate course September – December
- Division ASDW Boyne – December
- Division ASDW Cascade – December
- Noquemanon Nordic ski race (FA support) - January
- Alpine Ski & Toboggan candidate course December – February
- Certified prequalification and recertification, Marquette – January
- Senior Alpine Evaluation NC region – February
- Division Certified evaluation, Marquette – March

I would request same budget number as 2015-16.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Anderson

My goals beginning the 2016-2017 seasons were to improve communication. Visit all the patrols within the Eastern Michigan Region. To date, we have sent out more newsletters than prior years, added special information newsletters and instituted "coffee with the RD" during SES, TES events. I also visited with 6 of the eight patrols, however, met personally with all 8 PD's.

The Eastern Michigan Region had a very good 2016-2017 season. We ran three of the four scheduled TES and SES at three of six areas. We had 27 members register for the Senior Program. We had 4 new Senior Alpine Patrollers and 2 new Senior Patrollers.

April – 2016

Attended CD Spring Meeting

Attended Pine Knob Award Banquet

May – 2016

Attended EMR Spring Meeting

Attended Alpine Valley Awards Banquet

Attend EMR Awards Banquet

August – 2016

Chaired Patrol Directors Meeting at Pine Knob

Prepared CD Awards presentation slideshow

Completed the on-line Cycle "C" Instructors

Hosted the Division OEC Conference

September – 2016 Minnesota

October – 2016

Attended CD conf.call

Chaired EMR Fall Meeting

Attended and participated in Pine Knob CPR, Chair Evacuation refresher

Station Instructor Pine Knob OEC Refresher, coordinated use of local Community College EMT students to help in the refresher.

Supported and participated in Pine Knob Fundraiser (Ski Swap) and Michigan Renaissance Festival

December – 2016

Attended Region STW

January – 2017

Participated in Region TES / SES at Mt. Brighton and met with local PD

Participated in Region TES / SES at Mt. Holly and met with local PD

Participated in Region TES at Pine Knob and met with local PD

Met with Blizzard Ski Club and Patrol Rep.

This has been a great year in the North Central Region, we had several area's open nearly on time in November however limited in runs and acreage. We were able to hold several region toboggan events and ski events. We have added numerous patrollers that completed OEC and Patroller 101, some are still working towards their goal. Most all of our areas are closed, we still have 5 areas open as of March 26, 2017
My goals accomplished this year

- Did IT QA for OEC refresher at Bruce Mound, attended instructor OEC ref, instructed at OEC refresher, and instructed several OEC classes for Granite Peak. Also instructed patroller 101 classroom.
- Took a SES class in CO with many great instructors to kick off the snow part of the season.
- Instructed for the division at Cascade ASDW for toboggan
- Instructed several of the ski portions of Granite Peak basic class.
- Instructed toboggan at our TTW for the region for IT group.
- Instructed at our local on the hill refresher.
- Instructed a TES for some of our senior candidates and others at Blackjack.
- Evaluated at the senior S&T on the toboggan was an advocate.
- Attended the Certified evaluation.
- Attended the senior S&T evaluation as QA for the Western Region
- Visited 8 of my 20 region area's
- Took a continuing education for PSIA.
- Held a senior evaluator calibration combined with SC Region so that we could QA each other and run the event at the same time for each other.
- Still managed to put in almost 150 hrs at my home area!

Northern Michigan Region Year End Report

- Implemented Smart Waiver for all events
- Senior Kickoff Go-To-Meeting
 - 30 participants (instructors and candidates)
- OEC Instructor Update
 - 2 Go-To-Meeting Sessions to update NMR instructors on the Division Clinic information
- Fall OEC Class
 - 8 weeks, 20 sessions
 - 9 candidates, 7 passed, 1 incomplete and 1 did not pass
 - HS Students
- Senior OEC Clinic
 - Moved to December
 - Push back from instructors
- ASE Evaluation
 - 2 candidates
 - EMR included in training
- On-hill calibration clinic
 - 30+ instructors and mentees
 - ASE recertification clinic
 - Candidate Clinic
 - 15 candidates, three patrols
- SES/TES
 - 12 participants
- Women's program
- Senior On-hill
 - 4 candidates
 - 4 evaluators
 - 3 helpers
 - 3 passed one or both elements
- Senior OEC
 - 7 candidates 3 pass
 - 18 instructors
 - 28 support staff (patients, bystanders, trained helpers)
 -
- Winter OEC Class
 - 5 candidates / 100%

- Personal activity
 - Participated in MSAA Conference @ Shanty Creek Resorts
 - IOR for 2 OEC Classes
 - IOR for OEC Refresher
 - IT/QA for Nub's Nob OEC Refresher
 - IT/QA for Hickory Hills OEC Class
 - Attended 95% of class sessions
 - IT Review of 10 OEC instructors
 - Planned and taught Triage Station at NMR OEC Refresher (over 250 patrollers)
 - Evaluated for NMR OEC SEM
 - Attended NMR Senior On-hill
 - Attended Section 1 Alpine Patroller Evaluation
 - Attended NMR On-hill Calibration Clinic
 - Attended NMR On-hill Candidate Clinic
 - Attended NMR SES
 - Attended NMR OEC MSP Clinic
 - Attended CD OEC Clinic @ Pine Knob
 - Attended NMR OEC Instructor Continuing Education (2 sessions)
 - Current, IT for Nub's Nob Spring OEC Class

As of today we have two NMR Resorts skiing and one holding on-the-snow uphill truck races with over 200 entries from Michigan, Ohio, Iowa and Colorado.

Dick Jacques

Northern Michigan Region Director

Verbal Report given.

See additional document: "Region Summary – Steve Palidini"

Southern Don Steen

Verbal Report Given.

Western Michigan Chip Knappen

The winter conditions in Western Michigan were variable at best throughout our ski season. With that being said, our Region scheduled and held two SES's and three TES's this last ski season. In addition we had six people complete the Senior Alpine Program and/or the OEC-MSP to become Alpine Seniors.

April 2016

Attended the Central Division Spring Meeting

May 2016

Chaired Region Meeting

Presided over the Region Banquet and Awards Ceremony

August 2016

Attended Central Division OEC-MSP Meeting at Pine Knob

Attended OEC-MSP Evaluator Recertification Clinic

September 2016

Attended the Central Division Fall Meeting

Attended Timber Ridge OEC Instructor Refresher

Recertified as an American Heart BLS provider

October 2016

Taught OEC class at Timber Ridge

Attended Section II OEC Refresher

Taught OEC Refresher at Timber Ridge

Attended Central Division Conference Call

Graded Timber Ridge OEC mid-Term

November 2016

Chaired Region Meeting

Took Low Angle Rescue Class

Graded Timber Ridge OEC Final Exam

December 2016

Attended Central Division ASDW – recertified to grade alpine for senior hill test

C'ont. - Chip Knappen

Taught at Region TTW

January 2017

Taught at Region SES

Taught at Region TES

Chaired Region Meeting

Taught at Senior Hill Calibration Clinic

Taught at Senior Hill Candidate Clinic

February 2017

Taught at Region SES

Taught at Region TES

Attended OEC-MSP Mid-Term

Taught Region Bump Clinic for Senior Hill Candidates – both skiing and tobogganing

Attended Senior Hill Exam

March 2016

Chaired Region Meeting

Attended OEC-MSP Final

Chaired WMR Awards meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Chip Knappen

Verbal Report Given.

Administrative Assistant Laurel VanSoest

Key Activities/Accomplishments during 2016-2017

- We have continued to utilize Google Drive for file retention and I have continued to work on managing these files and not over-duplicating saved data.
- Fall and Spring CD Meetings: standard role filled for agenda, reporting, minute taking, action items, PnP and Bylaws documentation, proposals monitoring. Maintain org chart and distribution, and web listings based on changing staff.
- Budget submission for 2017-18 will again be \$1,250, based on recurring costs for meeting attendance and office/computer supplies.

Ski Patrol Activities:

- Attendance at Fall and Spring division meetings, in Admin Asst role.
- Active as OEC instructor helping with the most current class at Welch Village
- Working towards Senior OEC and Toboggan
- Active in the Welch Village Patrol Refresher as an Instructor
- Assisted with planning of the Western Region Fall Banquet/Awards Dinner

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel VanSoest
Central Division Administrative Assistant
NSP #252394
Western Region, Welch Village

No Report Submitted

No Report Submitted

Awards Martin Fahje

I don't have much to report. I have received some award nominations. They have been processed and forwarded to National. Currently caught up with no backlog.

Outstanding nominations in any category are due to me Friday March 24th. I intend to get them out to the Division judges before leaving for PowderFall. They need to score and return the results to me by April, 28. I then pass on Division winners to National.

I have received a few other misc. nominations and have processed them as they came in. I have not done any recruitment for a replacement, still learning the job myself.

I expect next year's budget to be about the same. I will not be asking for any increase.

Martin

Certified Patrick Perlman

- The season started with sixty-six staff members and fifteen candidates.
- Recertification / Qualification / Awareness events were held at the following areas:
 - Perfect North Slopes 12 participants
 - Nubs Nob 11 participants
 - Welch Village 7 participants
 - Marquette Mountain 10 participants
- The program added five new candidates for the season.
- This year's Certified Evaluation was held March 2nd through March 4th at Marquette Mountain, MI.
- 43 staff members, 17 candidates, and 25 supporters all contributed to a successful event.
- This year's annual meeting was held Friday night in Downtown Marquette. A banquet was held Saturday evening at the Ski Hall of Fame.
- 54 individual program components were passed over the course of the event for a 61% overall pass rate.
- Four patrollers completed all of the requirements of the Certified program at this event. Jeff Jurcak of Pine Knob was presented as Certified Patroller #808. Lauren Vaerewyck of Swiss Valley was presented as Certified Patroller #809. Keith Natrass of Pine Knob was presented as Certified Patroller #810. Donald Smith of Cannonsburg was presented as Certified Patroller #811.
- The National Certified committee continues to hold teleconference meetings. Progress is moving slowly towards presenting a manual to the National education committee.
- The Central division program has continued to work with both Eastern and Southern division to collaborate on OEC to make this module consistent.

2017/2018 Certified Budget Request:

- Consistent with past years and in line with what is historically needed by the Certified Program, the budget request for the 2017/18 Fiscal year is for \$1,200.
- Funds will be utilized to defray program expenses for conducting the annual evaluation and supporting training, and will include score card printing. Some monies may also be allocated to defray costs associated with the upkeep and purchase of testing and training materials.

2017/2018 Planning:

- Ron Gerdes is taking over as program Advisor effective 7/1/2017. I will support Ron to maintain a seamless transition.
- The 2018 Certified evaluation is planned for Lutsen in Western region March 1st - 4th. Ohio Region is looking at alternate locations for hosting the event when their turn in the rotation comes up in 2019.
- Recertification and Qualification clinics will be held throughout the division.
- A committee consisting of the eight Region Advisors will continue to have regular conference call to discuss improvements to the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Perlman
Central Division Certified Program Supervisor

Instructor Development Virginia Rodeman

Activities

April	Region meeting NM visited ID class
April-July	lead instructor for an OEC class
April	Mentored and certified a new ID instructor and an IT in Eastern Michigan
June	patrol fundraising
June	Supervisor ID call meeting
July	Fundraising for patrol
August	QA for mentored ID Instructors and IT in WM
August	Supervisor call meeting ID
September	Fall Division meeting; attended OEC instructor update5e teaching
September	Supervisor Call meeting for ID (working on editing book)
September	Lead instructor for NMR region OEC refresher station
September	QA for OEC Region refresher
October	NMR Region meeting call meeting
October	NMR Region update on teaching 5e OEC (helped in the presentation)
October	QA for ID class
October	ID Supervisor meeting call
October	Planned for MTRF class that did not happen (no students)
October	Call for Senior OEC SM NMR Region call
November	patrol fundraising
December	Recertify Division ID instructors and IT's
December	NMR Region SM OEC clinic (acting STC ran scenarios)
December	Supervisor call meeting for ID (helped write Education proposal for CE)
Dec-Jan	helped to certify the patrol toboggan refreshers and toboggan training
Dec-March	patrol home area
Jan-March	OEC class co-lead instructor (Sundays)
March	SM OEC Evaluation (evaluator) NMR
March	Supervisor ID call
RPN deadlines	Articles for the RPN Division Newsletter

In addition, I spent time helping the North Central Administrator with solving her problem of IT's and Instructors, and helping the Ohio Region Instructors know who the current instructors are so they could plan a class (their administrator quit and had not been replaced). There were not as many ID classes this past year. One of the reasons was that the Hybrid Class was off line as the Supervisors revamped the old course. It seems the number of classes is increasing now.

Most instructors use the Hybrid Class. We have had or are scheduled to have in the next month 23 classes with 135 students within the Division.

I think a budget of \$1,000.00 is enough for travel .

Verbal Report Given.

Medical Advisor Steve Werner

In the interim since the Fall Central Division meeting, I have participated in the following activities:

I have reviewed numerous nominations for Purple, Blue, and Yellow Merit Stars, and some Critical Care Recognition Awards. These reviews included a letter certifying the medical appropriateness of the nominations, if necessary, prepared for Martin Fahje, the Division Award Advisor, and forwarded to the National Awards people.

Over the Winter, I have been very active in the OEC program at my home area, training six candidates for the OEC-Module of the Senior Program. I assisted at the region OEC-MSP evaluation by performing moulage of the various patients.

I acted as a consultant to Ron Gerdes for the Certified OEC evaluation, and attended the evaluation in Marquette, as I have for many years.

I continue to serve on the governing board at Pine Knob Ski Patrol. I am also the administrator of the patrol's memorial fund, Karen's Fund For Education, which was established after my wife Karen passed away in 2010. This fund, established at Comerica Charitable Trust, was also the model for the Dan Somalski (426) Fund. This past fall, I converted this fund to an Agency Endowment Fund under the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (cfsem.org) that benefits Pine Knob Ski Patrol indefinitely into the future. This is structured so that if Pine Knob Ski Patrol ceases to exist, the Central Division of the NSP becomes the beneficiary.

I have also have been busy with telephone conferences with the National Medical Committee, as well as serving on the backboarding policy subcommittee. Briefly the National Medical Committee has been deliberating on two issues, the fact that OEC 5th is not current with EMS backboarding policies across the country, with at least three years before OEC 6th will be available, and it is felt that possibly more harm than good is being done with current OEC practices. Secondly, the committee is trying to institute of program of medical oversight or quality assurance of the care we provide, in case state EMS agencies ask again. This would take the form of a qualified person at each patrol certifying that treatment was proper or that any necessary remediation was done. This not meant to collect any data from any individual patrol or resort. These issues must go through the Nation BOD, and there likely be a lot of discussion at Powderfall.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Werner MD
NSP, Central Division Medical Advisor

MSAA/Mtg/Elections Ken Meldahl

MSAA

Your leadership team was part of the nearly 400 participants that gathered at Shanty Creek Resort for the Midwest Ski Area Association (MSAA) Summer meetings and Trade Show on August 21-24, 2016. We participated in nearly 40 sessions that included risk management, marketing, lift maintenance, snow making and grooming and more. The Trade Show that we were part of was comprised of suppliers and consultants. Current news concerning our industry was presented by NSAA President Michael Berry and Sen. Chip Perfect, owner of Perfect North Slopes in Indiana gave a motivating keynote address. In addition to the educational opportunities and a chance to share ideas, everyone was invited to participate in various activities which this year included a "tubing slide" that was constructed just for our use. What fun it was.

I continue to encourage you to approach your area owners and be part of their leadership team and attend this event.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The 2017 MSAA Summer meetings will be held at the Devil's Head Resort and Convention Center in Merrimac, Wisconsin August 20-23, 2017.

ELECTIONS

The 2016-17 elections in Central Division consisted of 3 Region Director elections that included Ohio, Western Michigan and Western regions. Each race this year was uncontested so following the Division P&P and Bylaws, "in the event that there is only one validated candidate, that candidate shall be declared the winner by the DEC after confirmation by the Election Review Committee and ballots are not to be sent out". I am pleased to announce that Guy Day will continue being the Ohio Region Director for his second term. John F. Donnelly, from Cannonsburg Ski Patrol will take the reins of Western Michigan Region and Scott J. O'Connor, from Afton Alps Ski Patrol will be the next Region Director for Western Region. Congratulations to all of you.

Submitted by,
Ken Meldahl

MTR Michael Walenta

My main accomplishment in the past year was just coming up to speed for this position.

I was not previously in an Asst. Division position so the catch up phase was a bit daunting.

Thanks to Julie Stone and Sheila Summers, everything appears to be on track with MTR now.

I was able to attend the MTR National Advisor meeting in Denver in 2016. Very informative and excellent to meet all the MTR Division Advisors.

I would very much wish to continue with this Advisor appointment for the next year. After a rough few years with personal medical conditions, these problems are behind me. Time wise, I have several time intensive board commitments that are coming to an end over the next few months. Hence, more time for NSP and MTR.

Goals for the next 6 months are to communicate more effectively with all the Region MTR advisors and insure all the MTR instructors and IT's are on track.

Insure registration for all MTR instructors and IT's at the end of 2017 goes smoothly.

At the National MTR level, we are dealing with an issue of an Avalanche Level 1 qualification that directly impacts MTR-2, which impacts Nordic Senior. Never easy to balance a 3 leg stool. Myron Allen, National MTR advisor is drafting some proposed language.

I need to fully review and fully understand my job description in the P&P.

I need to fully understand all the requirements for MTR-1 and MTR-2.

I didn't realize I had a budget, so I'll not make a request this year.

I've reviewed my contact information and made one small change so this should be all set.

I'll be sure to review the program pages on the division website on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nordic Program Annual Report, 2016-17

Trail conditions this season have been mostly terrible. Minneapolis, eastern Michigan, and Chicago had essentially no cross-country skiing other than what could be found on artificial snow. Northern Wisconsin had fairly good conditions in January, but the season ended early, forcing cancellation of the Birkie (and PSIA events in early March, as well). However, there were areas where conditions were pretty good for a while. We had three NSES events, with one in Northern Minnesota and one in Western Michigan in addition to our usual CD Nordic Workshop at Minocqua, WI.

The Birkie, in addition to being a major race event, also serves the Central Division Nordic program as a meet-up time, where we socialize and exchange information about our local issues. This year's cancellation was late enough that most of the patrollers were present, in hopes of having some kind of event, so it served the socializing and discussion purposes quite well.

The main issues this season were the difficulty of registering courses in the new system, and running refreshers with expanded content. The national Nordic program has prescribed a system modeled after the OEC program. Specifically, patrols are to have a Trail Refresher incorporating extensive, specified MTR content, in addition to the usual ski proficiency and toboggan refresher, with a separate instructor refresher and a visiting IT. One problem this season was that the national office deleted all the Central Division ITs. With the course registration screen set up as it is, it was impossible to register any Nordic courses – unless we used ITs from other disciplines, which shouldn't have worked but did. That specific problem was fixed in January, after most patrol refreshers, but the Nordic program simply doesn't have either the Instructor network nor the IT network to have the kind of refresher system that OEC does.

My primary goal for next year is to improve the instructor and IT network, and get the Trail Refresher system working smoothly. I have three people who are working on becoming Nordic Instructors; it would be good to have at least another three. The paperwork requirements for Instructor are complicated and slow, so it will take some luck to get new people in by next fall, but we'll try. ITs are appointed, so getting people in the system is easier, but we need to work out how ITs can carry out their quality assurance function without being unreasonable about time and travel requirements. This will probably need some discussion with the National Nordic Director.

I'm hoping to pass on the Nordic Supervisor position this year or next, and I've identified a person who will probably accept it. I'd like to have the Trail Refresher system working smoothly to pass on to him. In support of that goal, I will have a meeting of Region Nordic Advisors at the Fall Meeting, using money from my budget to support their travel.

Otherwise, I'll work to increase attendance at the Minocqua Workshop, and continue to encourage other NSES's.

Peter Wollan, Nordic Supervisor

OEC Program Sue Hayes

Report submitted to board orally as part of agenda.

OET (Toboggan) Troy Southwick

ASDW's Were held at Boyne Highlands and Cascade Mountain. The Toboggan program registered Toboggan Trainers Workshops for each. Two emphasis were presented:

IT Recertification (required every 3 years).

IT's were required to teach multiple topics and were graded as "+,=,or -" on each task. We had a ridged but fair grading process to ensure that those teaching our trainers are keeping with the standard as taught in the Principles of Toboggan Handling Guide. They were graded on their use of the Six Pack method of teaching, their knowledge of the topics, and ability to demonstrate the skill properly. They were also graded on their use of progressions for accomplishing the tasks they were assigned.

Senior Examiner Recalibration(required every 3 years)

Participants were run through warm up exercises. And then asked to demo all aspects of the Senior Score Card, and to offer critique of each other on whether the Senior Standard was achieved. An overall pass or fail was given as to whether the participant would be eligible to demonstrate and evaluate at a Senior Test, as well as passing on the program at their Region.

New Staff Jeff Jurcak and Tracy Buchanan

Jeff Jurcak accepted the position of Assistant Division Toboggan Supervisor for the East side of the lake. I am still looking for an Assistant for the West side of the lake. I have been given one recommendation and will pursue the lead with the Division staff.

Tracy Buchanan and Jeff Jurcak completed both sessions at the ASDW's this season and were recommended for the Division Training Staff. It is great to have both of them on board.

Looking Forward

We will continue to validate the knowledge and ability of our IT's across the Central Division to ensure the pure message gets to every individual toboggan instructor. We are also looking to increase the Division training staff with those future leaders of our organization. Please send recommendations to me for consideration.

Troy J Southwick
Central Division Toboggan Supervisor.
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National Ski Patrol History

- Member since 1995
- Senior Patroller
- LCA # 8435
- OEC Instructor 18+ years
- OEC IT 9+ years
- ID Instructor 17+ years
- Instructor Development IT (recently appointed 2016)
- EMR Patroller Adviser 9+ years
- Dual patroller in Eastern MI and Northern MI 18+ years

Patroller 101 Goals for 2017-2018

- Increase communication. Communication is the foundation of the entire program and its accompanying internal projects.
 - Increase awareness communication with the Division Board
 - Committee communication
 - Patrol communication
- Form a diverse committee of subject matter experts for all the modules encompassing Patroller 101.
- Create a written timeline plan as developed by the committee so as to track and communicate progress.
- Divide modules to review among the committee members, to review what is relevant, what works, and what requires updating.
- Seek expertise on creating an on-line portion similar to the OEC Refresher

PSIA Liaison Dan Moss

NSP CD PSIA Liaison
Dan Moss

Spring Report

The Central Division suffered another tough weather season. 3 PSIA events were cancelled this year because of lack of snowfall or sufficient ground coverage and at least 1 postponed/rescheduled. Other events were greatly diminished in offerings because the snowfall was not sufficient for higher level courses. Poor snowfall not only has an effect upon our patroller's ability to train, it also has an effect on the credentialing events themselves. (The NSP C Snowsports School should report Patroller credentialing outcome numbers).

I attended the Fall Division meeting and continue the discussions of education and credentialing. As such, I continue to act as a lobbyist to promote education and credentialing through the PSIA/AASI for those who choose to go that route. Similarly, I advocate for the Patroller in like and similar events among my PSIA Education colleagues.

As a PSIA Education Staff and Examiner, I attended Boyne Training, provided clinics for instructors and patrollers at Mad River Mtn over a week, and worked PSIA events at Boston Mills and I will work the Spring Fling happening in April at Winter Park. I was scheduled to work at the Patroller STW at Cascade, but with the Boyne fire the cost to make the ticket changes became exorbitant and I had to cancel my participation. I also attended the Central Division's Certified event in Marquette. I provided a group SES, ski/ride instruction to many private lessons, participated in the Ski evaluation for Certified candidates, and helped staff a Certified Staff Recertification.

It is important to understand my role as a PSIA Educator and my commitment to helping my fellow patroller colleagues. I will do all that I can to help direct them on the right path, provide resources, share thoughts or reflections on content the individual provides, etc. I will not provide content that must be derived from experience and education. This is part of the educational journey and as such there are no short cuts.

A final encouragement-- these resources are available to all patrols: your local NSP-C Snowsports School, the Division NSP-C Snowsports School, regional PSIA Education Staff members, your local PSIA Ski School, the Alpine and Snowboard Technical Manuals and the NSP Transportation Manual.

The budget request remains the same for 2017-18.

Respectfully,

Dan Moss
Certified Patroller #669
PSIA CD Education Staff Examiner

No Report Submitted

Rusty Parka News Katie Flanagan

PROGRAM GOALS FOR 2017

- Continue to create and edit the Rusty Parka Newsletter.
- Encourage articles from all Division Staff members.

PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Hard Copy Subscribers:** We currently have 196 patrollers and MSAA members receiving the RPN as a hard copy, grayscale, print version. This is same as last year at this time. The majority of the division is supplied via electronic version.
 - **Hard Copy Mailings-**Per season there is different prices for each season due to number of hard copy pages per issue differences. The amount for printing and mailing of 200 copies is \$1077 for the 2016 year.
 - **Participation-** The newsletter is contributed to well by all staff members.

NEEDS

- None at this time.

CLOSING

- Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the RPN Supervisor. I am honored to put together such a strong newsletter, thanks to all those who contribute.
- As always, I welcome your comments and ideas for improvement.
 - You may contact me at any time via email at rustyparka1@gmail.com , phone- cell: 248-767-4146

Budget Request for Fiscal Year

Name	Katie Flanagan		Due 3-10-17	
Account (s)	Expenses		Income	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL YR-TO-DATE	BUDGET	ACTUAL YR-TO-DATE
450-Rusty Parka News	\$1,575	\$1,077.00	NA	NA
790-Rusty Parka News Editor	\$650	\$539.00	NA	NA
	BUDGET 2017-18		Budget 2017-18	
450-Rusty Parka News	\$1,575.00		NA	
790-Rusty Parker News Editor	\$650.00		NA	

Safety Team Mike Husar

2018 Safety Team Proposal

Dear Central Division Board

The national safety team as we are familiar with has changed. In the past our mission was to promote safety initiatives within our divisions. In the past month we were put under the direction of Melanie Hood within the NSP office and are now a subcommittee under the newly formed NSP marketing committee. With this change there will not be representation across the nation in every division. The national team will be selected based on skills individuals have that are needed to promote the NSP brand through safety programming. There is a face to face meeting planned at powder fall to establish the future direction.

So what does this mean for Central Division and its safety team? There are a few options for us and both of them include having an active program in the division.

Option 1

We would have a division team that is an extension of the national program and we focus on what the National team is doing. I see the membership of the division team being a bit different than now in regards to representation. I would be looking for individuals that would be willing to have a focus on getting the word out and promoting the NSP Brand via safety messaging. This could mean that some of the bigger regions would have multiple members and some may not have any. I would prefer that each region have at least one representative. For example the national team is producing three new PSA videos at powderfall which have a strong safety message in regards to back country travel, Helmet usage and trail ratings. There will be a big push in fall to get these videos in the hands of ski areas so they can be played in their rental rooms, hotels etc. This is the type of thing we will need to have our division team help distribute.

Option 2

This option is a bit more complex. Right now the thoughts on a national level are there would only be two divisions that have actual safety teams that are an extension of the national team. Those two divisions are Central and Eastern. The thought would be for the two divisions to partner and share programs in a way so that we can be doing the same things within the two largest divisions within the NSP. There has been a small amount of conversation between the two divisions but not enough to say this is a viable option at this point. Again there will be more conversation at the face to face meeting next week.

I would like to propose that we hold off on making any decisions on either option until I find out exactly what comes out of the face to face meeting next week in Aspen.

However I would like to start with the planning process for the coming season I would like to have a division face to face meeting at the fall meeting. My thoughts would be to have each region represented at the meeting so that the group can formulate a short, mid and long range plan for the division program while incorporating the changes from the national level. We would then ask to present to the division board late Saturday or Sunday morning for final approval of the program. My proposal to fund this meeting would be to have the Division partner with each Region to fund the following for each participant. Travel, Hotel and Registration for one region representative. If a region had more than one representative they could decide how they wanted to cover the additional expenses for the extra people. I am not sure who covers what but I would propose the board could come up with a plan to make it work. In addition to this funding I would like to have \$1,200.00 to cover my expenses for the division meeting as well as allow me to attend the MSAA meeting in August which is being held at Devilshead Resort this year. This would give me an opportunity to meet with area owners and Managers from around the division and find out what they would like to see from our program. I also would like to purchase safety swag packets from national to distribute to each region to help them get the word out. You will notice in the past years I have not spent my budget. I felt that since the team was floundering to a point it was not fair to pass any expenses on to the division. With the new direction given to the national team from the NSP board which in turn is giving our division a clear direction now is the time to invest in the future of the division safety team.

I hope you all agree with my proposal. If you have any ideas to improve it I am open to any and all suggestions.

Hope to see all of you at Powderfall.

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Husar

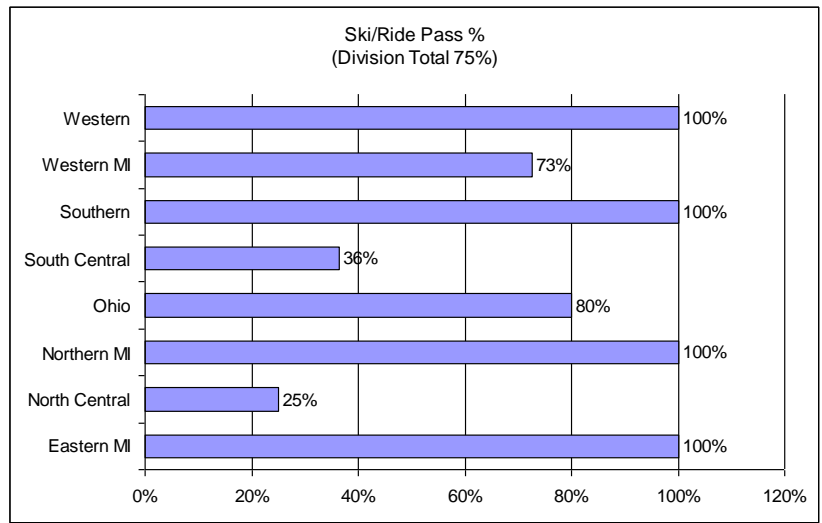
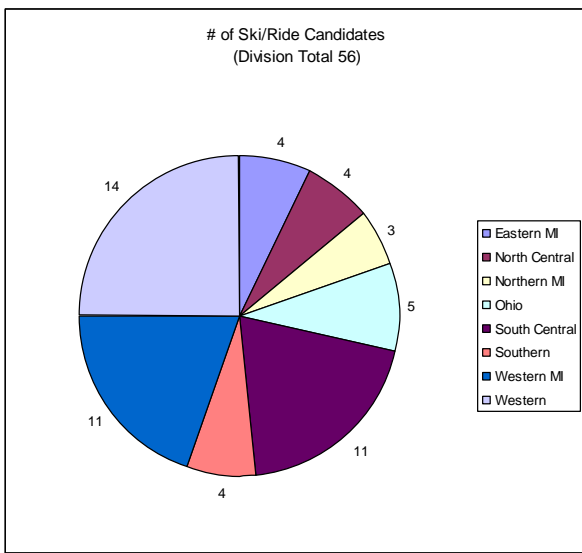
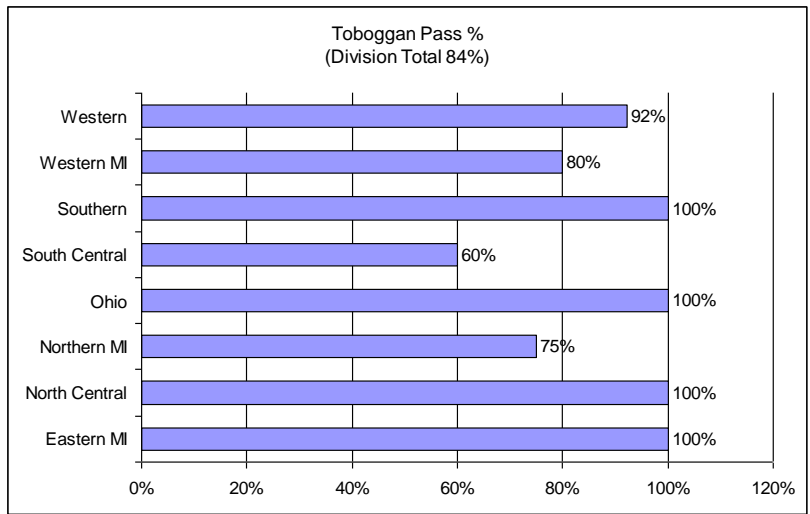
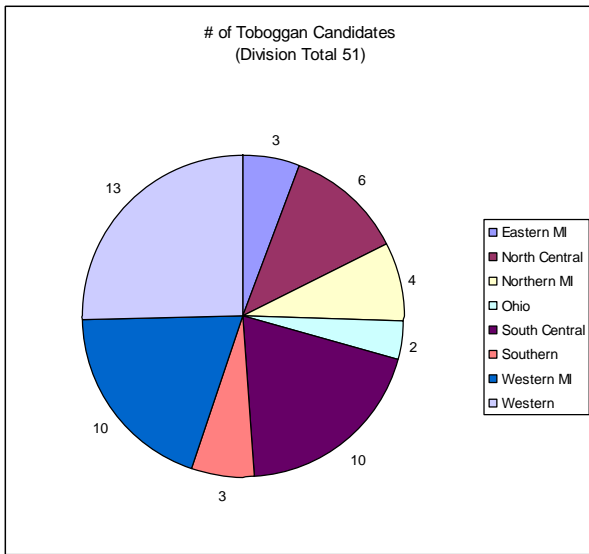
Senior Rob Carpenter

• Program Accomplishments 2016-2017

Senior program accomplishments this season include:

- Senior Program Manual Updates
 - 6th Edition approved at Fall 2016 board meeting. Highlights include:
 - Updated Senior Ski Scorecard (PSIA 5 Fundamentals)
 - Aligned Senior Ski/Ride and Senior Toboggan Evaluator paths enabling regions to recalibrate Senior Ski/Ride Evaluators
 - Added candidate checklist
 - 7th Edition proposal submitted for Spring 2017 board meeting. Highlights include:
 - Updated examiner development, ASE, and continuing education sections
- Senior Ski/Ride Evaluator and Senior Toboggan Evaluator Training and Calibration:
 - Division Senior Ski/Ride Evaluator
 - Sessions held: 6 (4 Boyne Highlands, 2 Cascade)
 - Instructors: 7 (4 Boyne Highlands, 3 Cascade)
 - Evaluators calibrated: 25 (16 Boyne Highlands, 9 Cascade)
 - Region Senior Ski/Ride Evaluator
 - Sessions held: 2 (NMR, WR)
 - Evaluators calibrated: 9 (3 NMR, 6 WR)
 - Division Senior Toboggan Evaluator
 - Sessions held: 7 (3 Boyne Highlands, 4 Cascade)
 - Instructors: 8 (4 Boyne Highlands, 4 Cascade)
 - Evaluators calibrated: 39 (17 Boyne Highlands, 22 Cascade)
- Facilitated ASE Exam:
 - Exams held: 1 (Pine Knob)
 - Examiners: 4
 - Participants: 4 (2 EMR, 2 NMR)
 - New Senior Ski/Ride Evaluators: 3 (1 EMR, 2 NMR)
- Facilitated QAs for Senior On-Hill Evaluations:
 - Evaluations held: 7 (SR cancelled due to weather)
 - Regions represented: 8 (WR offered to host SR candidates)
 - Additional statistics:

Region	# of Toboggan Candidates (Division Total 51)	# of Ski/Ride Candidates (Division Total 56)	Toboggan Pass % (Division Total 84%)	Ski/Ride Pass % (Division Total 75%)
Eastern MI	3	4	100%	100%
North Central	6	4	100%	25%
Northern MI	4	3	75%	100%
Ohio	2	5	100%	80%
South Central	10	11	60%	36%
Southern	3	4	100%	100%
Western MI	10	11	80%	73%
Western	13	14	92%	100%
Total:	51	56	84%	75%



• **Budget**

Senior Program Advisor Expenses (766)

- 16 / 17 Budget:
 - \$742
- Spent in 16 / 17 (YTD):
 - \$693.41 (division fall meeting, 1 ½ ASDWs)
- Requested for 17 / 18:
 - \$1,700 – to support travel to division fall meeting, 2 ASDWs, as well as assistant travel to ASDWs (1 each)

Senior Evaluation QA Expenses (766.1)

- 16 / 17 Budget:
 - \$3,040
- Spent in 16 / 17 (YTD):
 - \$1,446.64 to support 6 evaluations, Average \$241.11 / evaluation
- Requested for 17 / 18:
 - 8 evaluations (1 per region) x \$250 travel cost / evaluation = \$2,000

- **Objectives for 2017/2018**

- Develop a division database with web based access available to regions to jointly track information on Senior Ski/Ride Evaluators, Senior Toboggan Evaluators, Senior Ski/Ride Calibrators, and Senior Toboggan Calibrators
- Recruit an assistant on the west side of Lake Michigan
- Facilitate an ASE Exam on the west side of Lake Michigan

Skills Development Cheryl Raudabaugh

Program Accomplishments 2016-2017

I set three program goals for the year and believe that we met or exceeded in each of these areas:

- Facilitate and administer two top notch Alpine Skills Development Workshops (ASDW). We held workshops at Boyne Highlands and Cascade in December. Both were quite successful and received excellent participant feedback, in spite of the Boyne event being cut short due to the fire. Our theme of *Back to Basics, Pass It On!!* carried through all of our activities, program planning, communications, and the materials that we sent with trainers to go forward with region events and local training. Many thanks to our hosts for the excellent hospitality and specifically to Randy Frykberg (Boyne) and Eric Gesteland (Cascade) for their help to me in event coordination support.
- Improve Skills Development communications. I set up a new website (www.centraldivision.org) to provide a forum to share ideas, resources, and event materials. We have links to video and download options for our new Skills Summary Card. The team continues to contribute to the site as a way to provide resources to our regions. Communications have also been enhanced through a distribution listing of RD's and key advisors (identified by the RD), to make sure that all are receiving the same information and kept up to date.
- Begin planning for the Future with improved mentoring of new division instructors. We began actively searching out new division instructors enhance the "Best of the Best" team for the Central Division and recognize that the longevity of many instructors should allow them to step back and mentor others rather than doing all the heavy lifting. Five were chosen to begin our mentoring program, and as of now we have three who have been formally moved onto the division staff roster. We will continue to add more going into next year. The team also added two assistants who have become active in our program planning which continues throughout the year.

I set up a free conference calling arrangement that allowed us to share one screen for materials review and a Google shared drive for all team programs, tracking, registration, and storage of key documents. We hold monthly calls year round, more frequently as events near. We work closely together building consistency and enhancement in the Senior program documentation, and the development of the ASE Testing program to certify non-PSIA Sr Alpine Evaluators. I'm also continuing outreach to key region staff for program input and to identify key resources for the division.

ASDW Stats

Following is a summary of key stats combined for the two December clinics with a goal of certification/re-certification, and train-the-trainers to be able to then conduct region and local clinics with consistent methods, message, and programs:

- 161 Registered for event: 117 participants, 44 instructors/staff
- 50 in Ski/Ride sessions, 67 in toboggan
- We collected \$5,520 in program fees. This year the fee was increased from \$30 to \$45 per participant. Five of the regions fund these fees, three require the participant to make initial payment – although some then get reimbursed.
- Expenses of \$7,400 for the actual ASDW events were less than expected due to extenuating circumstances. Other items bring the YTD total to \$8,085. Boyne Highlands credited back all room costs \$2,170. With those in the annual expense would be \$10,255 for 2016/2017.
- 73% of the instructors submitted expenses for the workshops.

Planning for 2017/2018

- **Objectives for next year** include: 1. Continue mentoring program to develop new division instructors to serve as resources not only for the ASDW, but also for other region events such as Alpine Snowsports Training, and to support the ASE exam process and preparation. 2. Develop a division database with web based access available to regions that better tracks key information on certifications and evaluators. 3. Identify someone that can begin training as my assistant to hopefully then carry forward at the end of my three year planned position term.
- **Budget request** for next year:
 - Revenue (Acct 162) This year: \$5,520
 - Budget 17/18: \$5,400 (120 @ \$45)

- Event Expense (#662) This year: \$8,085 (\$10,255) Budget 17/18: \$10,000
 - Assumes same % instructors submit expenses and that change of venue does not increase costs dramatically. Staffing levels to support 60 participants/event.
 - Note: this does not provide budget \$ for additional division instructor coverage at other events which may need to be considered, or could go under #651.
- Skills Dev Supr (#764) This year forecast: \$1,300 Budget 17/18: \$1,500
 - YTD \$702 + Powderfall
 - Budget to support attendance at Fall Div mtg, several region/certified events, and potentially some support for an assistant to begin training.
- ASE Exam Budgeting: Now that this certification program has been established on a permanent basis, it needs to have its own budget. This year had smaller participation and expenses were covered through the Somalski funds. For 17/18 we recommend board consideration of the following:
 - Revenue (New #) \$600 - \$1,200 for 6 participants, \$100-200 ea (Board approval)
 - Expenses (new #) \$1,300 travel costs for four staff and \$100 supplies
 - Also for consideration – funding for instructors to train participants to test?

ASDW for 2017: Cascade Mountain will not be available to us as a venue for the December event on the west side. Board input is welcomed to determine best location with similar cost to the division/regions. Our host areas this year both provided tickets at no charge, and Boyne also provided

Snow Sports School Marty Blaszkowski

1 Program Accomplishments 2016-2017

This season the NSP-C Snow Sports School instructors along with the Skills Development Team developed a 2 day recalibration program for 2 Alpine Skills Development Workshops (ASDW). These programs were developed so that skills could be easily translated and delivered down to the regions as a 1 day clinic for recalibration. The program incorporated the 5 fundamentals into the evaluation process. Last fall we held a successful ASE training class for candidates from the Eastern and Northern Regions. All of the candidates were well prepared with 3 passing the exam. As a result, a training program is being developed for the regions to train the ASE candidates. This last season we moved up 5 region instructors to the Division mentee program, 3 are now division instructors.

2 Planning For 2017-2018

Continue to supporting the ASDW with NSP-C Snowsport instructors. Work with the regions to provide an additional 2 Ski/Ride Snowsport training events. These events will be staffed by the NSP-C Snowsport instructors that didn't have the opportunity to participate in the ASDW's. For 2017-2018 we will continue to seek out qualified instructors to join the division staff.

Current Budget

1. Division Alpine Snow Sports Event Expenses	\$2600.00
2. Alpine Ski School Advisor	\$2500.00
3. Revenues	\$1700.00

Proposed

1. Division Alpine Snow Sports Event Expenses	\$3500.00
2. Alpine Ski School Advisor	\$1500.00
3. Revenues	\$1700.00

NSP-C Snowsports School Patrol

Purpose: To provide a registration unit for patrollers whose primary service to the NSP and its members is ski/ride instruction to the membership.

Membership: By petition and approval of the Patrol Representative and the Division Director or their designee.

Requirements:

- 10 Years service as an Alpine or Nordic patroller
- PSIA/AASI certification at or above level 2
- Current Patrol classification at or above Patroller
- Willing to travel within the central division to provide SES, STW, Senior training and evaluation to patrols, sections, regions, or the division

Annual Activity

- Maintain refresher requirements for Patroller status at a minimum
- If higher than Patroller, maintain skiing/riding and toboggan at the appropriate level with the cooperation of a local area
- Maintain current PSIA/AASI certification
- Teach 7days or 56 hours per year (includes travel time)

Funding: Provided for by the programs supported

Responsibilities:

- NSP-C Snowsports School PR
 - All administrative paperwork and record keeping
- NSP-C Snowsports School Director
 - Maintains reporting relationship as assigned by Division
 - May or may not be registered with the NSP-C Ski School Patrol

No Report Submitted

Telecommunications Paul Botnen

No Report Submitted

Treasurer Marty Jarvi

Financial Assets as of March 27, 2017:

Cash and Bank Accounts	Amount
Checking 3/20	\$102,244.45
PayPal Balance 3/20/2017	\$2,276.97
5 year CD	\$50,000.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$154,521.42
Investment at Leshnak Securities as of March 27, 2017*	\$88,190.30
Total Assets	\$242,711.72

* See Investment report included in Financials Section

Summary of accomplishment year to date

- Setup new interest bearing checking account
- Moved money to 5 year CD earning 2%
- Stopped ACH transfer process to reduce expenses
- Reconciled income to NSP billing statements
- Started tracking program income and expense reporting for Division funded programs

Objectives for the next year

- With the help of our Region Treasurers File 2016-17 Central Division NSP IRS 990 Report on time (November 15, 2017)
- Continue to remit expenses as soon as they are approved
- Improve expense reimbursement process

2016-2017 Activities to Date:

- Implemented updates and provided support for Awards, Nordic, Senior, Rusty Parka and Election Programs, OEC, OET, Women's and Certified programs.
- Assisted with the e-mail blast server.
- Provided support and updated the Staff Rosters.
- Provided ongoing support for the 2016-2017 Ski Season and the Division Web Site.
- Added Fall Division meeting documentation and results to web site.

2017-2018 Plans:

- Provide additional online tools for Program Managers to manage their program pages.
- Migrate the entire web site to a Word Press environment and take advantage of the plugin tools and processes it provides.
- Provide programming support to division programs and support.

Budget: \$1500.00 Actual-Year-to-Date \$

Budget Request \$1500 for web hosting services and meeting expense for the Central Division Fall Meeting.

Women's Seminar Kerstin Hammarberg

List number and titles of programs offered and number of individuals participating in each program:

This was the 17th annual event. Women's clinic was held at Sundown Mountain in the Southern Region. The weekend event offered a TES and SES on Saturday and a TES and SES on Sunday. We had 27 women participate (of 29 originally signed up) in the clinic and 8 women made up the staff. Six of eight regions were represented that included 16 patrols. Local patroller Jodie Bramel served as our liaison to the area. Patrol Director Jeff Hanley assisted in logistics and access to our needs at the area. Linda Barthel, National Women's Program Director, attended as staff.

Of particular note was that 5 of 8 Region Women's Advisors were present for the Division Clinic. This was also the first clinic that featured a woman AASI Level 2 snowboard instructor as part of the staff.

There were Women's programs held in 5 of 8 Regions this season, with the Ohio Region being the newest clinic. Each program reported successes with their events.

Number of instructors for your program:

There are 13 staff members listed for this program. Eight of 13 were able to attend and participate as staff this season.

Number of Instructor Trainers for your program:

Staff members bring the following experience and certifications: There are 4 PSIA Level III, 1 AASI Level II, 4 PSIA Level II, 4 Toboggan Instructors. This list of staff members also include: 8 Certified Patrollers, 7 Toboggan ITs, 2 Instructor Development ITs, and 1 PSIA-C Train the Trainer certification.

Which IT put on the most classes/events:

Not applicable – only one clinic within this program.

What is working well in the program:

The dynamic staff creates flexibility to meet the needs of the participants on the days of the event. This staff is able to develop skill sessions for lower intermediate to expert skill groups in skiing, riding, and toboggan handling.

Separate sessions during the weekend offered to the participants included: Skiing/Riding Moguls, Skiing/Riding Groomed Terrain, Skiing/Riding Groomed Steep Terrain, Toboggan Groomed Terrain, Toboggan Steep Terrain, and Toboggan Moguls. Sessions were able to accommodate intermediate to expert skill levels.

Formal event is held from Friday through Sunday. Participants continue to ask for more time and more options.

Electronic registration was used and was challenging with the new computer system through National.

What needs improvement in the program:

1. Electronic registration - Too much multiple sign up has been created with the new system. This has been a struggle this year.
2. Put more on-snow time into the constraints of the schedule. Due to travel times, the clinic is only able to accommodate one full-day and one partial-day session. This schedule is packed with activity.
3. Develop a better way to separate skill levels and sessions offered for each skill level, while utilizing the available staff.
4. Increase the staff to participant ratio to 2 staff to 4 participants in toboggan. Maintain ratio of 2 staff to 6 participants in skiing/riding.

Goals for program improvement next season:

1. Clinic should be held with Senior level or higher terrain for most benefit for participants.
2. Seek out a second Snowboard Instructor to add to the Division Women's staff.

3. Encourage each Region to hold a one-day clinic, and to have at least one Division staff member present and involved at the Region Clinics.
4. Mentor new women into staff positions from across the division – have at least two PSIA Level 2 or 3, two AASI Level 2 or 3, and two toboggan instructors/ITs from each Region on the Women’s Staff.
5. Continue to develop and promote women in leadership roles at the local, region and division levels.
6. Increase the number of programs within each Region from 5 Regions to all 8 Regions.

List of events attended:

Division Meeting – September 2016

Staff attended Women’s Events in the following Regions:

Northern Michigan Region

Ohio Region

Western Region

South Central Region

Southern Region (Division Clinic)

Financial statement-please attach completed reconciliation form:

The Clinic was not self funded this season. This program is not a self-funded program as fees collected are not equal or more than budgeted amounts. We did not exceed our budget. All the staff needed lodging and it was a great distance for travel. Staff carpool as often as possible to save on expenses. Staff work together to keep expenses low and to not exceed the budget. Due to schedules the Division Supervisor was not able to travel to all Region Women’s events scheduled, but Women’s Division staff were present at all events.

Amount spent on program:

Budgeted for 2017 - \$2800 for program and \$1300 for supervisor

Amount spent for 2016-2017 Season – approximately \$2610 from program expense to date; nothing spent from supervisor’s line.

Program fees collected - \$1620.00

Information for Division Outstanding IT Recognition:

This season, I recommend that the Outstanding Recognition go to **Linda Murphy-Jacobs** for her contributions to a successful Women’s Clinic! She organized and coordinated a successful transition plan for the incoming Division Supervisor from the outgoing Division Supervisor. She supported the planning process and helped to ensure a successful event. She has been a founding member of this program and continues to support its success enthusiastically.

Division Director Change:

NA

Respectfully submitted,

Kerstin Hammarberg
Division Women’s Clinic Supervisor

Young Adult Program Jane Bickerstaff

Purpose:

Promote the values, goals, and mission of the National Ski Patrol and the Central Division in the administration and leadership of the Central Division Young Adult Patroller program.

Reports to: ADD

Qualifications:

- Central Division Alpine Senior, Senior, or Certified Patroller in good standing
- Held past patrol, section, region or division leadership positions
- Current OEC instructor

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Promote Central Division YAP program
- Establish short and long term program goals
- Support development of Region YAP programs
- QA Region YAP programs and submits yearly QA summary report
- Prepare and submit expense vouchers to the Division Treasurer on a timely basis
- Communicate with the National YAP advisor
- Annually evaluate and modify program based on staff and participant feedback and suggestions

My main accomplishment in the past year was just coming up to speed for this position.

I was not previously in an Asst. Division position so the catch up phase was a bit daunting.

Thanks to Julie Stone and Sheila Summers, everything appears to be on track with MTR now.

I was able to attend the MTR National Advisor meeting in Denver in 2016. Very informative and excellent to meet all the MTR Division Advisors.

I would very much wish to continue with this Advisor appointment for the next year. After a rough few years with personal medical conditions, these problems are behind me. Time wise, I have several time intensive board commitments that are coming to an end over the next few months. Hence, more time for NSP and MTR.

Goals for the next 6 months are to communicate more effectively with all the Region MTR advisors and insure all the MTR instructors and IT's are on track.

Insure registration for all MTR instructors and IT's at the end of 2017 goes smoothly.

At the National MTR level, we are dealing with an issue of an Avalanche Level 1 qualification that directly impacts MTR-2, which impacts Nordic Senior. Never easy to balance a 3 leg stool. Myron Allen, National MTR advisor is drafting some proposed language.

I need to fully review and fully understand my job description in the P&P.

I need to fully understand all the requirements for MTR-1 and MTR-2.

I didn't realize I had a budget, so I'll not make a request this year.

I've reviewed my contact information and made one small change so this should be all set.

I'll be sure to review the program pages on the division website on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Walenta

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