

Central Division 2019 Fall Meeting Minutes

September 6-8, 2019 Cleveland, Ohio

Friday, September 6, 7:30PM- Center Street A, 3rd Floor Hilton

Meeting called to order by Division Director, Mike Schons at 7:31

Executive Committee Meeting

- Attendees to be:
 - Division Director, Mike Schons
 - Assistant Division Directors: Guy Day, Anne Blaedow, Les Robinson
 - Staff: Legal-David Swartz, Jerry Cavalier, Finance-Marty Jarvi, Admin-Allison LaVene
 - Region Directors: Northern-John Wiley, Southern-Mike Vaerwyck, South Central-Steve Palladini

All members present. Don Steen and John "JT" Thomas are also present.

- Agenda items for discussion:
 - Review of Proposals (Mike Schons)

Certified Proposal, F19P005: Les moves to review the proposal, Mike 2nds. Motion is discussed. Les motions to move to tomorrow's meeting if the proposal is resubmitted on the correct form. Mike V. seconds. All in favor, motion approved to move to tomorrow's meeting if corrected and resubmitted.

F19P0001: Les moves to review proposal, Mike V. 2nds. Discussed concerns over wording. However, Les motion to discuss proposal tomorrow, Mike V. 2nd. All in favor to review tomorrow.

F19P003: Les motions to discuss proposal. Mike V. 2nd. Les motioned to move to tomorrow's meeting. Mike V. 2nd. Motion passes to discuss tomorrow.

F19P004: Anne motions to discuss the proposal. The motion was 2nd by Guy Day. Discussion includes cost of the award and setting a budget and keeping track of recipients as it is a one time award. All in favor to move to tomorrow meeting.

F19P002: Les motion to discuss the proposal. Mike V. 2nd. Discussion included the proposal was to explore the change for future meetings. Motion passes to move to tomorrow.

- Budget request change

Marty brought a new budget request. The budget request is for avalanche training for 2 instructors to obtain level 2. Currently we have 2 instructors in the division. We are in a rebuilding stage of avalanche.

Motion made by Guy to move forward. 2nd by Mike V.. Motion passes

Motion to approve the agenda by Mike. Seconded by Les. All in favor. Motion passes.

Les motion to adjourn until tomorrow. Mike V. 2nds. All in favor, motion passes
Meeting adjourns at 9:08 PM.

Saturday, September 7, 12:00 PM-Center Street A-3rd Floor

CD Board of Directors Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Division Director, Mike Schons at 12:13PM

2. Roll Call-all are present unless noted.

- a. Mike Schons Division Director
- b. Leon LaVene Eastern MI
- c. Jim Hughes North Central **Proxy-Mike Olsen**
- d. John Wiley Northern MI
- e. Chris Raudabaugh Ohio
- f. Steve Paladini South Central
- g. Mike Vaerwyck Southern
- h. John Donnelly Western MI
- i. Scott O'Connor Western **Proxy-Al McFarland**
- j. Guy Day Assistant Division Director
- k. Les Robinson Assistant Division Director
- l. Anne Blaedow Assistant Division Director
- m. David Swartz Division Legal Advisor
- n. Jerry Cavellier Division Legal Advisor
- o. Marty Jarvi Division Treasurer
- p. Allison LaVene Administrative Assistant

3. Meeting Appointments

- a. Parliamentarian-Jerry Cavellier
- b. Sergeant-at-arms-Mike Olsen

Both agree to their roles.

4. Introduction of Guests

Jim Woodrum

John "JT" Thomas

Chuck Martschinke

Brian Cobble

Julie Stone

5. Motion to approve meeting agenda

John made motion.2nd by Steve

All in favor, motion passes.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

LJ made the motion. 2nd by John. Motion to accept the budget passes.

6. Division Staff Updates

- Jim Woodrum- NSAA/MSAA meeting update-discussed patrollers welcome if supported by area management. Explained Proposal F19P002. Accurate report keeping for legal reasons for management also discussed.
- Jeremy Verbeke-Mountain Bike-Explained the patrol has many different areas and land owners and it creates challenges. He expressed excitement to annex the bike patrol into ski patrol and the support we have for first aid training.
- John" JT" Thomas-Election/Bus. Process Gave region election updates. National is working to make information available and use feedback from us to make it happen. Communicate information to national so leadership has access to info.
- Michael Walenta-Avalanche-Discussed the need to practice and learn skills taught
- Dick Jacques-Awards-Explained the time involved with award delivery. Challenged all to create opportunities for new people to earn awards. Better communication about award progress was also discussed. Explained the new division google account and possibilities for training for awards writing using this to increase awards submissions.
- Mark Holtan-West/Bob Knox-East-Bob stated the advantages of remaining alumni and the ease of returning to active if you keep up credentials. Mark would like to increase the alumni advisors so each region has one so they can work through them. The goal is to improve communication with alumni because there are opportunities available.
- Marie Traska-Instructor Development-Presented program stats for ID inn our division
- Steve Werner-Med Advisor-Reported on his activities for the year.
- Kim Zambole/asst Rae Ruddy-OEC- They are using a team approach to OEC. Their focus will be consistency throughout the program. Building the OEC staff at each level.
- Darcy Hanley-Social Media- Discussed Division Facebook page as another avenue of communication.
- Jon O'Dell-MTR-New MTR books, Freedom of the Hills, and Intro to Search and Rescue. No one is interested in writing a new manual.
- Skills Dev Team, Tracy Buchanan-OET, Amy Arnold-PSIA, Jackie Bottomley-Skills Dev, Marty Blazkowski-Snow Sports, Jeff Jurcak-Senior Program. Power ppt presentation. Jeff encouraged new participation in the program. He would like to see continued growth in the senior program. Amy-Shared the benefit PSIA principles help build better instructors. Marty-Extend the ladder down to get new trainers involved. Tracy-shared her goals and objectives for the upcoming season.
- Katie Flanagan-Rusty Parka News-Gave updates regarding the newsletter distribution costs for hard copies. She appreciates getting articles on time. Dates 10/25, 1/5, and 6/1 are deadlines for submissions.
- Kerstin Hammarberg-Women's Program-She has two assistants. She presented a plan for growth of the women's program with a power ppt.
- Ron Gerdes-Certified -Ron reports a very successful past season with 6 pins awarded. He shared the difficulty with finding resorts that can accommodate the certified event.

Motion by Mike V. to discuss the certified proposal. John W. 2nd. The language in the application needs adjustment as it could be misinterpreted. **Mike would like to make an amendment to the proposal to**

remove the application. John W 2nd. All in favor to remove the application from the proposal. Amendment passes. All in favor of the proposal as amended. Motion passes.

Motion to have the application document to be brought back to by Nov 15. By John. No second motion dies.

- Jane Bickerstaff-YAP advisor-Jane gave an overview of the YAP program for last season and what she is planning upcoming. She has created a job description for region and division YAP positions. She is looking for more help throughout the division, especially across the lake.
- Kent Anderson-Webmaster-The changes to the website include going to WordPress. The site still looks and functions as before but cleaner and user friendly.
- Kevin McQuillan-Safety-Reported about the successful Face to Face meeting. Kevin shared the ways he is going to implement and share the safety message throughout the division. He introduced his safety team.

Motion to move the meeting to 7:30 by Anne. Steve 2nd. All in favor. Meeting moved to 7:30

Sunday, September 8, 7:30 AM-Veterans C -5th Floor

Continuation of the CD Board of Directors Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Assistant Division Director, Anne Blaedow at 7:31

2. Roll Call-all are present unless noted.

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| a. | Mike Schons | Division Director (arriving late, in PD breakfast) |
| b. | Leon LaVene | Eastern MI |
| c. | Jim Hughes | North Central Proxy-Mike Olsen |
| d. | John Wiley | Northern MI |
| e. | Chris Raudabaugh | Ohio |
| f. | Steve Paladini | South Central |
| g. | Mike Vaerwyck | Southern |
| h. | John Donnelly | Western MI |
| i. | Scott O'Connor | Western Proxy-Al McFarland |
| j. | Guy Day | Assistant Division Director |
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| l. | Anne Blaedow | Assistant Division Director |
| m. | David Swartz | Division Legal Advisor |
| n. | Jerry Cavellier | Division Legal Advisor |
| o. | Marty Jarvi | Division Treasurer |
| p. | Allison LaVene | Administrative Assistant |

Guests: Darren Lukes, John "JT" Thomas, and Dick Jacques.

10. New Business. Dick Jacques discussed email blast system.

Motion to discuss Proposal F19P003 by LJ. 2nd by Mike V..

All in favor, First vote passes. Because this is a bylaw change another vote is necessary after the membership is notified. (Add to Spring 2020 agenda).

Motion to open Proposal F19P004 by Mike V. 2nd by LJ. All in favor, motion carries.

c. ADD Reports

Nothing to report at this time as the supervisors reports fulfilled this.

d. Legal advisor-David reported on what he worked on during last season. Federal Safe Sport Act work is being done on it. Jerry offered counsel should a situation arise needing legal advice.

b. Division update-Mike- Google drive is up and running. Division Staff has email addresses. The initial password is your NSP number and your last name (first letter capitalized).

7. **National Board Updates**-The conference call with new candidates is scheduled. Patroller 101 is still being revised.

8. Region Director Updates

Leon LaVene-as submitted

John W-discussed staff changes

Chris Raudabaugh-appreciated Guy planning the meeting. Discussed thevail merger with resorts in his region.

Steve Paladini-discussed changes in his staff.

Mike Olsen proxy-discussed upcoming events and next fall meeting.

John Donnelly-discussed staff changes and events in his region.

Al McFarland proxy-staff changes, events, and issues.

9. Old business

10. New Business continues-The payments for ski School Awards are made from the current year budget.

- a. OEC Roll Out-OEC IT's, IOR's, important leads to have face to face meetings. Planning 6-8 different sessions. Planning on-line type learning, webinar. Funding will depend on the costs.
- b. Don Steen asked if the OEC Supervisors meeting is still going to occur in the Spring Division Meeting because he has time to change the contract if the time of the roll out doesn't work and another meeting time is needed. The current OEC budget would allow for two meetings. Don needs to know by the month end to adjust the contract.
- c. New division logo-no interest in making a change
- d. Survey results: Top three were Bike Patrols, Avalanche, and MTR. The Woman's program also yielded high results.
- e. Moved to beginning of the meeting
- f. Also covered earlier
- g. Elections- discussed earlier

Motion to approve the avalanche budget request by Mike V. John W 2nd. The survey of patrollers resulted in high interest in the avalanche program. All in favor, motion passes.

Fund raising- Ron Gerdes will provide two sets of skis for \$1000. We will investigate state laws regarding this fund raiser.

Motion to investigate the multi state raffle fund raiser by Mike V. 2nd by John. Discussion occurred if there was a need for fundraising. Call to Vote, Steve against. Motion passes.

a. Consideration of Proposals continued-

Motion-to accept the revision host resort approval of the certified proposal by Chris. 2nd by Mike V. All in favor. Motion passes.

F19P001- Motion by Steve. 2nd by Mike V. . All in favor, Motion passes.

F19P002-Motion by mike. 2nd by John. All in favor, Motion passes. Guy accepted to lead the exploratory committee with Jim Woodrum, Don and Mike V..

11. Future Meetings

- a. National Meetings, Jan 2020
- b. Spring Business Meeting-April 3-5 Lisle Meeting
- c. Fall Division Meeting 2020-Hosted by Southern Region at Chestnut

Motion-Made by Chris to Adjourn. 2nd by Mike V.

Meeting Adjourned 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison LaVene