

Pacific Northwest Division
National Ski Patrol
Board Meeting
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 12, 2007
Time: 8:49 – 10:15

Embassy Suites
Portland, Oregon

Names per sign in sheet:

Board Members Present: Dolores LaLiberte, Division Director Chris Stern, Inland Empire RD; Deb Elliott-Pearson, Look out Pass Proxy; Dan Edwards, Mt. Spokane P.D.; Roger Grosvnr, Silver Mountain, P.D.; Lyle Moholt, 49 Degrees N. PD.; Dave McKay, Timberline P.D.; Joel Stevens, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol P.D.; Cleo Howell, Summit P.D.; Jodie Jeffers, Cooper Spur Proxy; John Gastineau, Mt. Hood Meadows P.D.; Steve Eversmeyer, Mt. Hood Ski Bowl P.D. Proxy; Kathy Lee, Cooper Spur P.D. Proxy; Rich Scher, Willamette Pass P.D. Proxy; Mike Skeels, Mt. Bachelor P.D.; Josie Elting, Oregon Region Director; Brett Chytraus, Santiam Pass P.D.; Dave Ulrich, Southern Idaho Region Director; Robin Ulrich Soldier Mountain Proxy; Randy Harrison, So. Idaho Nordic P.D.; Earl E. Esson, Bogus Basin P.D.; Mark A. Karl, Anthony Lakes P.D.; Dale Luther, Payette Lakes P.D. Proxy; Glen Dodge, Hurricane Ridge Proxy; Gary Cummings, Hyak Proxy for Cascade Nordic; Peter Schwartz, Crystal Mountain P. D.; Liz Dodge, Northwest Region Director; Harold Heacock, White Pass P.D. Proxy; Walt Langkait, Summit at Snoqualmie, East P.D. Proxy; Gene Theuret, Summit at Snoqualmie, Central P.D.; Bob Chandler, Summit at Snoqualmie, West P.D. Proxy; Kent Nelson, Mt. Baker P.D.; Rod Legg, Mt Hood Region Director.

Officers & Advisors Present: Richard DeBenedetto, controller; Al Richardson, Legal; Brian Merryman, S&T advisor; Dixy Campbell, Auxiliary advisor; Eric Geisler, Avalanche Advisor; Carol Fountain, OEC Advisor; Shirley Cummings, Convention Coordinator; Frank Rossi, MT&R advisor; Ann Werner, Secretary

Others present: Alan Werner, Summit at Snoqualmie, Central; Blaine Price, Summit at Snoqualmie, East; John Beery, Mt. Bachelor; Lisa Phillips, Mt. Bachelor; Brian Elliott-Pearson, Lookout Pass; D.S. Brown, Payette Lakes, Laurie Coventry, Santiam Pass; Bob Freund, Santiam Pass; Jane San Romani, Santiam Pass; Archie San Romani, Santiam Pass; Alex Kerr, Loup Loup; Ryan Murphy, 49 Degrees N.; Kelli Piper, 49 Degrees N.; Scott Lindahl, Silver Mountain; Sonia Van De Brake, Mt. Spokane; Tim Heffron, Summit at Snoqualmie, Central; Rachel Montgomery, Southern Idaho Nordic; Dave Achley, Bogus Basin; Rod Stanford, Bogus Basin; Jan Stanford, Bogus Basin; Nicole Dodge, Summit at Snoqualmie, Central; Don Countryman, Bogus Basin;

National Board Members: Clark Noble; Terry LaLiberte, National Chairman

Agenda was presented and approved

All present were introduced and a quorum of voting members was established.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report. Rick DeBenedetto. Income and expenses presented. Motion made and seconded to accept budget report.

Old Business: Southern Idaho Proposal. Dave Ulrich, Southern Idaho RD. Read the proposal as: The PNW Division will require all patrollers for senior complete either avalanche fundamentals and rescue or the avalanche 1 class. Discussion followed. Motion made and second to amend the proposal to match National wording with a change to Sr. Alpine patroller to read: *PNW Division will require all alpine patroller candidates for senior complete either avalanche fundamentals and rescue or the avalanche 1 class.* Amendment passed. Discussion followed on the original motion. As the motion was tabled from last meeting; the motion is on the floor. Motion defeated after second vote.

New Business:

2008 Convention. Ken Hoffmann, chairman and Bob Garner, Treasurer; granted signature rights for all financial transactions, i.e. checking and registration; presented information and plans for the Division Convention to be held in Spokane Valley. Date is August 8-10, 2008, at the Mirabeau Park Inn.

2009 Convention Lisa Phillips and Mike Skeels are granted signature rights for convention financial transactions, i.e. checking and registration for the 2009 Convention to be hosted by the Oregon Region.

Audit Committee. At the request of the Pacific Northwest Division Director an audit committee (comprised of the Pacific Northwest Division Region Directors) met with Division Controller, Rick DeBenedetto and Division Director, Dolores LaLiberte on Saturday August 11, 2007 to review the PNWD financial statements and year end financial report for June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007.

The following RD's participated in the review session under the direction of Rod Legg, Mt. Hood:

Liz Dodge, Northwest
Josie Elting, Oregon
Dave Ulrich, Southern Idaho
Chris Stern, Inland Empire

The following areas were reviewed based on the financial documentation provided by Dolores:

- Checks
- Expense receipts
- Bank statements
- Ledger accounts

The PNWD is in good financial health and no discrepancies were found in the financial records. In addition, the audit committee recommends the procurement of a software accounting package (such as Simply Accounting) capable of splitting expense reimbursements across general ledger accounts codes to improve the speed and accuracy of the audit process.

Motion made and seconded to approve audit report. Motion passed.

2007-08 Proposed Budget. The proposed budget was published in the April Nor'wester. The Executive Board meeting on August 10, 2007 discussed the proposed budget with in changes to the Division Director account and the Treasurer's report. Dolores LaLiberte, Division Director, and Rick DeBenedetto, Controller, presented the revised proposed budget. Discussion was held on various budget items. Motion was made and seconded to reduce the Nor'wester budget to \$1500. Discussion followed. Motion was defeated.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the deficit budget of -\$7320. Motion passed.

By Laws Proposal. Liz Dodge. Liz stated the committee goal was to clean up the By Laws, make corrections and adjustments in the By Laws to match the wording in the National By Laws as much as possible. Liz initiated the session with presentation of some section and their changes. Motion was made and seconded to accept the document as proposed. Motion passed.

Polices and Procedures will be reviewed during the coming year.

Rachel Montgomery, Southern Idaho region stated a patroller from Bogus Basin has been recently diagnosed with leukemia. Rachel requested patrollers consider becoming a bone marrow donor to assist those with leukemia.

Randy Harrison, Southern Idaho Nordic and Earl Esson, Bogus Basin presented information on the Special Olympics events being hosted at Bogus Basin. They requested assistance from patrollers of other regions with hosting during last two weeks of February, 2008 and February, 2009. Those interested should contact Randy Harrison or Earl Esson at bbsp.org or the website for the Special Olympics.

Steve Eversmeyer will chair a committee to review the Nor'wester distribution committee.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for the Division Convention August, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Werner, Secretary
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