

Pacific Northwest Division
National Ski Patrol
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Aug.15, 2010

Time: 8:41 a.m.

Place: Embassy Suites

Bellevue, Washington

Names per sign in sheet:

Board Members Present: **Dave Ulrich**, Division Director; **Chris Stern**, Inland Empire Region Director; **Sharla Lynn**, proxy, Loup Loup PD; **Gary Deaver**, proxy, 49 Degrees North; **Jill Hoff**, Mt. Spokane PD; **Rick Wagoner**, Lookout Pass PD; **Steve Martinez**, proxy, Silver Mountain; **Jim Trett**, Mt. Hood Region Director; **Jeffrey Weitz**, Ski Bowl PD; **James Schuler**, Timberline PD; **Steve Eversmeyer**, Mt. Hood Meadows PD; **John Gastineau**, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol PD; **Cleo Howell**, Summit PD; **Jodie Jeffers**, proxy, Cooper Spur PD; **Jaye Miller**, proxy, Mt. Hood Nordic PD; **Liz Dodge**, Northwest Region Director; **Tim Heffron**, proxy, Summit at Snoqualmie, Central PD; **Rosalind Liston-Riggs**, Summit East PD; **Denise Schroeder**, proxy, Summit West PD; **John Partch**, Hurricane Ridge PD; **Kent Nelson**, Mt. Baker PD; **Peter Schwartz**, Crystal Mountain PD; **Kit Metlen**, White Pass PD; **Craig Thornley**, Oregon Region Director; **Jeff Faust**, Willamette Backcountry PD; **Gino Grimaldi**, proxy, Willamette Pass PD; **Al Klascius**, proxy, Mt. Bachelor PD; **Steve Cromer**, Santiam Pass PD; **Alan McCreedy**, Mt. Ashland PD; **Phil Dixon**, Southern Idaho Region Director; **Joe LaGue**, Bogus Basin PD; **Greg Tate**, S. Idaho Nordic PD; **Mike Barron**, proxy, Soldier Mt. Pro Patrol PD; **Thomas Baldwin**, Soldier Mt. Volunteer PD; **Carol Fountain**, proxy, 705 Backcountry PD; **Tom Fellows**, proxy, Spout Springs PD; **Mike Gooderham**, proxy, Anthony Lakes PD; **Ralph Miller**, Payette Lakes PD.

Officers & Advisors Present: **Al Richardson**, Legal; **Dolores LaLiberte**, controller, pro tem; **Shelley Urban**, Nor'Wester editor; **Connie Fellows**, Registrar; **Shirley Cummings**, Convention coordinator and Historian; **Walt Langkit**, Transportation Advisor; **Rich Maris**, Awards Advisor; **Ann Werner**, Secretary

Others Present: **Clark Noble**, National Board; **Rob Owens**, Mt. Ashland; **Frank Ratti**, Willamette Pass; **Sarah Aitkin**, Willamette Pass; **Josie Elting**, National Alumni Advisor; **Don Elting**, Willamette Backcountry; **Terry Kneen**, Willamette Backcountry, **Patty Gooderham**, Anthony Lakes; **Cindy Fenick**, Lookout Pass; **Dave May**, Mt. Baker, **Jeff Boyd**, Mt. Baker; **Alan Werner**, Summit Central.

Agenda was approved as presented.

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

Minutes: *Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as sent.*

Audit Report: Craig Thornley. Four Region Directors, the Division Director and the Controller met to review the Division's financial records for the fiscal year ending May, 2010. All accounts were reviewed
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and found to be in proper order with relatively minor posting errors that do not affect the Division's reported financial results. The following recommendations were made:

- The OEC fund account deposits should include the NSP course number in Division deposit transaction documentation.
- The United Way Fund deposits need further review as there was not enough related documentation to satisfy the Audit Committee
- The OEC fund account should have a detailed audit for courses completed as related to fees paid.
- The Division's reimbursement policy should be reviewed and updated as necessary and re-published.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Audit Committee report.

Treasurer Report: Dolores LaLiberte. The report was distributed. Dolores reviewed the Profit and Loss statement and explained the changes. There was no deficit spending for the previous year. *Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report as presented.*

Budget: Dolores LaLiberte. The proposed budget was presented. Dolores reviewed the changes in the budget, which include increasing the Nor'Wester to 4 issues, redistribution of money to the patrollers and donation of money to NSP for a specific education program. Mike Gooderham asked if the executive board approved the proposed budget. The answer was affirmative. *Motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented.* Discussion followed with the statement that changes possibly made in this budget would not reflect the approved budget. Discussion continued with changes:

- Nor'Wester budget increased to accommodate 4 issues and a possible change in postage rate.
- Donation to National of \$5000 to be used for an educational program to be decided at a later date by the executive committee. Liz Dodge presented her reason for the proposal which would send the money to a specific program rather than spreading the money over several disciplines making more of an impact on one area. There is precedence to supporting programs across the nation from the Eastern and Southern divisions.
- Redistribution of funds was addressed by Chris Stern. Chris explained the proposed distribution and use of the money by the Regions. The intent is for the money to be used by the Regions to support training within the patrol or use the funds to pay for the new OEC book. Pete Schwartz stated the increased money is also net income accumulation over the last 3 years with under spending of the budget accounting for the ability to reimburse funds and the money available to be sent to National. He proposed a plan for a budget deficit contingency with a proposed reduction in dues since 30% of the Division budget is dedicated to training as is many of the patrols and regions. Chris spoke to the reasons for the decision made by the executive board and the use of the money. Discussion continued on monitoring the money use by the regions and the patrols. A dues reduction would take out the question of monitoring and the use of the money.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to make money redistribution with a dues reduction of \$3.00 for one year to achieve a balanced budget. Discussion continued. The amendment was withdrawn. Motion was made and seconded to approve line items as stated. Question was called to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion was defeated. Motion was made and seconded to have the dues reduce the income by \$7,000 at approximately \$3.00 per patroller for one year. Line items 1 and 2 were approved. The redistribution fund was reduced to \$0. The money to the National would continue. Discussion continued. Motion was made and seconded to amend the proposed budget to reinstate the redistribution fund at \$23,120. Question called for the amendment. Motion passed. Question called for the motion on the budget as amended. Vote was held on the entire budget on the board as presented. Motion passed. A deficit budget is accepted.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to temporarily to reduce the Division dues from patrollers by \$3.00 for one year.

Announcements: Shelley Urben, new Nor'Wester publisher, stated the next issue will be September. She wants articles in ASAP with the deadline, Sept 1, 2010. The issue will be online early in Sept.

National Board meeting: Dave Ulrich, Division Director, explained the decision from the executive board meeting. Each Division is asked to rate candidates. PNW has decided patrol directors should list 3-5 attributes for a good candidate and send this to their Region Director. The Region Directors will decide on 15 attributes and return these back to patrol for use in making a decision on a candidate. The aim is better participation by the patrollers in the National Board election from 8.6% in 2009.

One NSP logo or brand. Dave states the idea is one logo for members and one logo for the organization. NSASS (National Ski Owners Association) would like to see one logo.

New vendors and sponsors are listed on the national website.

Memorandum of understanding with the forest service is moving forward.

EMS: Certification of ski patrollers is a state by state issue with a National task force working on each issue as it comes up. Washington is exempt, Idaho exempt as of now after ruling by attorney general, Pennsylvania has an opt out clause. Regulation is being drafted to change the rules. California is meeting with EMS personnel. Issues from each state are forwarded to the National task force.

Old Business

Division By laws and P&P are on the Division website. Questions should be passed on up to the Region Directors for executive board discussion

Discussion Items

Nuts and bolts will be combined with an all discipline conference at Mt. Hood June 3, 4, 5, 2011. The all discipline conference in Sept. has been cancelled.

Registration Connie fellows explained the registration process. Region Directors and Patrol Directors will receive an email and a power point with directions. Connie needs to know the one person from each patrol who will have access to the online registration. The flow of information needs to go from

patrol to region registrar to division registrar and she will send to it on to National. Thanks also to Josie Elting for past service as registrar.

Safety. Gary Deaver states PNSIAA is producing a safety video using a current popular athlete from the Northwest with safety, code of conduct and skier education. He is asking the executive board to look into the project and possible monetary assistance.

Communciation. Bernie Goddard states narrow band for mobile radios is projected to be 2013 for radios. If buying new radios, you need to be sure they will be compatible. Those purchased within 5 years may be capable of receiving and transmitting on narrow band. An article will be coming in the Nor'Wester.

New Business (Action Items)

2011 Convention. Tom Baldwin. Tom thanks the Northwest Region committee for this year. Next year will be in Twin Falls, ID. Activities will include white water rafting and golf. Please encourage basic patrollers to attend. Registration forms are available.

Liz Dodge thanked all for coming and gave recognition to the staff for assistance.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Werner
PNWD Secretary