

Western Michigan Region

Meeting Minutes

10/13/2015

Attendees:

Chip Knappen	Chip Hurley	Martha Nowak	Steffany Dunker
Sue Brann	Dan Goldberger	Kyle Jones	Erica Kroll
John Donnelly	JackieBottomley	Kevin Barrons	Hal Froot
Pat Livingston	Lourie Hurley	Scott Waddell	John Mallett
Randy Slater	Michael Walenta	Don Smith	David Bolliet

Meeting called to order:

6:34pm by C. Knappen

Secretary's Report: From Meeting on 5/16/2015

Approved as written (M. Walenta/D. Smith)

Treasurer's Report (John Donnelly):

Current financial position

- See reports submitted by J Donnelly
- Some discussion to thank everyone involved with Division meeting to get the Region in the black

Budget for 2015-2016 year

- Dues income down due to lower numbers of patrollers
- Division support down also for similar reasons
- Discussion on going to electronic elections to save postage
- Large portion of budget is housing at Region events
- \$8150 budget was approved (D. Smith/C. Hurley)

Web Master (Jon Kelder)

- Web site needs updated with new staff/positions

Changes in Region Staff

Kyle Jones is our new Secretary

- Welcomed

Matt Chapman is in charge of writing our Blue & Gold Newsletter

John Mallett is our new Tele Advisor

- Welcomed

Section Reports:

Section I (Martha Nowak)

- proposed a motion to go to bi-annual awards banquet (M. Walenta/R. Slater)
- C. Knappen called the question and motion FAILED
- Was asked of patrol reps to find out what their patrols would prefer for Region banquet
- C. Knappen will find out if there is any Division or National calendar conflicts

Section II (Kevin Barrons)

- see provided report
- Finished refresher and all went well
- OEC class has 6 candidates

Section III (Scott Waddell)

- Things are going well at Crystal

-Caberfae poured footings for new lift to be open 2016/17 ski season

Patrol Reports:

Crystal (Jackie Bottomley/ Chip Hurley)

- Refresher went well
- Started a Mountain Host program
- New Backyard slopes on schedule to open this season
- Will be 58 runs/100 skiable acres
- Inn construction will limit parking

Caberfae (Tim Kirch)

- No report

Cannonsburg (Don Smith)

- Refresher went well
- Working on zip line evacuation plan
- Remodeled patrol room

Pando (Randy Slater)

- Refresher went well
- Patrol upset from comments made at refresher

Bittersweet (Martha Nowak)

- J Tuinier IOR for OEC Class with 12 candidates

Timber Ridge (David Bolliet)

- 5 OEC candidates with final on 11/14/2015

West MI Nordic (Kevin Barrons)

- See provided report

Advisor Reports:

ARD Pat Livingston

Instructor Development

- 6 teaching candidates just finished Instructor Development class
- 3 Instructor Development teaching candidates so if having an Instructor Development class let P Livingston know so these three can get teaching time in

OEC (Dan Goldberger)

- Patrols saying they like the hybrid refresher better than traditional way
- Having trouble with National or registering refresher or classes
- Let D. Goldberger if you are having roster problems as related to OEC

Awards (Chip Knappen)

- WRITE AWARDS
- E. Kroll reported a good session at Division Meeting on writing awards

Legal (Steffany Dunker)

- To review policies and procedures on voting per doing that electronically

Other

Elections

- Nominations for Section II Chief open 12/1/2015, close 12/3/2015 and go to P Livingston

ARD Sue Brann

Alpine Proficiency

- Many difficulties between ASE and PSIA II for hill trainers, we have 6 ASE in the region
- Senior applications due 1/1/2016

Senior Hill Coordinator

- S. Brann needs PD's to let her know who this is at their respective resorts

Senior Hill Graders

- Need More

NSP-C Ski School (Kevin Fultz)

- No Report

OET (Erica Kroll)

- Reported on upcoming training events that are on the region calendar

Certified (Hal Froot)

- Application due 1/1/2016

Alpine Snowboard

- No report

Tele mark (John Mallett)

- Planning to have Tele clinic at SES on 2/6/2016

MTR/ Avalanche (Michael Walenta)

- Planning on having Low Angle Rescue, Avalanche, and MTR classes to coincide with Nordic events date to be forth coming
- WGVU produced a spot with attendees of Division meeting that is on WGVU.org web site and may be put up on National site

Other

- Women Division Clinic will be held at Crystal Mountain this year 1/30-1/31/2016

Old Business

- Begin writing awards

New Business

- Division Ski Trainers Workshop Region Director must register attendees this year
- Discussion was raised on increasing region dues by \$7 next year (2016-2017) to total \$17 total, as it is currently \$10
- A motion to increase region dues to \$17 for the 2015/2016 season was made by (C. Hurley/R Slater) motion was withdrawn to allow PD's to get the feeling of their patrols and report back at next region meeting
- Division to audit all patrols to see how they are spending their funds

Next Meeting

January 12, 2016 at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned 9:26pm (S. Waddell/E. Kroll)