


Western Michigan Region Meeting
November 1, 2016

Attendees:

Chip Knappen	Dan Goldberger	Kyle Jones
Randy Slater	Hal Froot	Britt Kirch
Sue Brann	Jackie Bottomley	Scott Waddell
John Donnelly	Michael Walenta	Tim Kirch
Pat Livingston	Martha Nowak	Don Smith
Chip Hurley	Erica Krol	Dave Corey

- I. Call to Order
6:30pm C. Knappen
- II. Approve Minutes from May 14, 2016
Moved M. Walenta, 2nd H. Froot
- III. Treasurer's Report – John Donnelly
 - A. Current Financial Position
\$10000 is in CD @ 1% maturing 5/17 and is liquid able
A \$10000 anonymous donation was made for use for anything
 - B. Budget for 2016 – 2017

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 1. Motion to Approve
Moved D. Smith, 2nd S. Waddell
- IV. Additions to Region Staff
 - A. David Menke – Region Safety Advisor

Will get with PD's for educational slide shows
 - B. Open Positions
 1. Alumni Advisor
 2. YAP(young adult program) Advisor
T. Kirch asked if an 18yr old could lead and recommended Maddy Dodson-Garret to lead. She will be in contact with C. Knappen to see how to proceed.

- V. Web Master – Jon Kelder
Report given by J. Donnelly- would like to see more financials, awards, national appointments on web site. H. Froot asked to send info to legal to have it reviewed before putting up on site

- VI. Advisor Reports
 - A. ARD - Pat Livingston
 - 1. Elections
WM Section 3 Section Chief and WM Region Director are open for nominations until 12/31/16 to submit resume. Ballots to go out 12/23/16, Postmarked by 2/13/17, results announced 2/22/17
 - 2. Instructor Development
Have had 2 new classes, one new ID instructor, P. Vellum, two candidate ID instructors J. Blith and K. Jones
 - 3. OEC – Dan Goldberger
All OEC classes going well although numbers are down, many having trouble with national and Preason website, D. Hasse is put on a few senior evaluator clinics, senior calibration and test dates have been changed to 2/19/17 calibration and 3/19/17 test
 - 4. Awards – Rog Brands
Given by C. Knappen Thanks for writing all the awards
 - 5. Legal – Steffany Dunker
No Report
 - 6. Other
 - B. ARD - Sue Brann
 - 1. Alpine Proficiency - Division STW
17 attendees all registered, Updated 6th edition senior manual with a few changes, and new skiing score card all new information on division website under senior drop down tab
 - 2. Senior Hill Coordinator
 - a. Candidates
C. Hurley expressed if any senior candidates would like to practice at Crystal to get with C. Hurley or J. Bottomley to do so.

- b. Senior Hill and Toboggan Graders
 - Some new graders are in the mentoring process and have to be calibrated at division STW, Ski graders need to be PSIA II and be calibrated at division STW
- 3. OET - Erica Krol
 - Explained the steps to become an OET instructor
 - a. Scheduled TES's
 - Division STW 12/9/16- 12/11/16 at Boyne Highlands, Region STW 12/18/16 at Caberfae Peaks
 - TES's 1/8/17 at Timber Ridge, 1/29/17 at Cannonsburg, 2/12/17 at Crystal
- 4. NSP-C - Kevin Fultz
 - No Report
 - a. Scheduled SES's
 - SES's 1/7/17 at Timber Ridge and 2/11/17 at Crystal
- 5. Certified - Hal Froot
 - Applications due 1/1/17 with recommendation, test 3/2-4/17 in Marquette
- 6. Snowboard - Kathy Brennan
 - Planning on working at SES and TES
- 7. Telemark - John Mallett
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- 8. MTR/ Avalanche - Michael Walenta
 - a. Events Scheduled
 - If anyone wants a class get with M. Walenta to schedule, low angle rescue 11/3/19 at Timber Ridge
- 9. Safety - David Menke
 - No Report
- 10. Other
 - Region Woman's Clinic 1/27-29/17 at Crystal, approx. cost \$40

VII. Section Reports

A. Section 1 - Martha Nowak

No Report

B. Section 2 - Kevin Barrons

Given by M. Walenta- at Ski Swap, Nordic events are on region calendar

C. Section 3 - Scott Waddell

Planning banquet at Caberfae Peaks for 5/6/17

VIII. Patrol Reports

A. Crystal Mtn. - Jackie Bottomley/ Chip Hurley

5 OEC Candidates, 8 Mountain Hosts, 56 Patrollers, need help 11/20/16 and 12/4/16 for testing OEC and OFC finals, selling Tee shirts for fundraiser designed by one of our patrollers

B. Caberfae Peaks - Tim Kirch



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C. Cannonsburg - Don Smith

Zip lines to run this winter, refresher went well, few more people need refreshers

D. Pando - Randy Slater

18 members, lost 4, 10 or 11 secondaryed at Cannonsburg, Not happy with region meeting happening at the same time as ski swap

E. Bittersweet - Dan Walberer

9 OEC Candidates, 5 senior OEC candidates, Doug Hasse will be new PD starting in the '17/18 ski season

F. Timber Ridge - Shawn Rhoda

Report for C. Knappen, 11/12 OEC Final, 5 Candidates, told staff to look at Pine Knob for any remaining person to take their refresher

G. West Michigan Nordic - Mike Oliver

Report given by E. Krol, Congratulations to this patrol for national Outstanding Nordic Patrol and Kevin Barrons for getting all information together

IX. Any Other Business

Warren Miller film at Grandville High School 12/3/16 at 3 & 7pm and we will have an information table there

Next Blue and Gold to be out around the end of November articles due to M. Chapman by 11/21/16 all leaders expected to give reports on their areas.

Next meeting 1/10/17, 6:30pm at Brann's on Division

Motion to adjourn moved T. Kirch, 2nd D. Smith