

Western Michigan Region Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

Chip Knappen	Chip Hurley	Tim Kirch	Michael Walenta
Sue Brann	JackieBottomly	Don Smith	Erica Kroll
John Donnelly	Kyle Jones	Doug Haase	Kathy Brennan
Shawn Rhoda	Dan Goldberger	Dennis Menke	John Mallett
Rog Brands	Scott Waddell	Martha Nowak	Jon Kelder

I. Call to Order

II.

6:31pm C. Knappen

III. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

*-Motion to approve made by M. Walenta, 2nd by R Brands, Discussion to remove last sentence for 1/10/17 section I report from M Nowak, 2nd by J Donnelly-**Passed***

IV. Treasurers Report - John Donnelly

a. Current Financial Position



3.27.17 \$ report.pdf

V. Web Master - Jon Kelder

-Working with R Brands to get awards information on web site

-Working with J Donnelly or replacement to get finical information on web site

VI. Section Reports

a. Section I Martha Nowak

-We have been a benefit to the community and the patrols, both Bittersweet & Timber Ridge have benefited as well to have had fundraising events in the past. We have done a lot of good deeds in the past and have enjoyed it all. But now as

we have evolved we no longer have these functions together. So, it is with a touch of sadness and lots of appreciation that I say that we no longer do fundraisers together.

We have not had a function together since . . . 2010 which was our last ski swap. Bittersweet management had given us permission to hold ski swaps at Bittersweet but that idea really didn't fly real well.

I understand that the Timber Ridge patrol hold cook outs or BBQ's for their current fundraisers at their area.

In lieu of a fundraiser, Bittersweet patrollers have decided to donate a dollar amount to not do a fundraiser. I will tell you that amount at the end. I would like to tell you why we have decided to donate a dollar amount and not have fundraisers.

We do not want to walk, swim or run in any activity that has the word triathlon or "thon" in it. Here is the money I would have to spend on a "free" t-shirt.

Again, this is jest. I don't want to offend anyone so to inform all, this perspective is from Martha Nowak who understands how overwhelming these undertakings can often be. A lot of people have had these thoughts at one time or another. One "simple" fundraiser is rarely simple and seldom just one. This is not to discredit the work that fundraisers do, because I do know that there are many worthy causes. This is just another option that we choose to do. The dollar amount is \$25.00 that each patroller donates for not doing a fundraiser at Bittersweet. Thank you in advance for your support. Also, at times we have waived this fee.

b. Section II Kevin Barrons

No Report

c. Section III Scott Waddell

-Banquet planning going well First 112 gets in as seating is limited

-J Bottomley updated agenda and made applications available and also donation letters for prize giveaway procurement

- Season is going well
- Thanks to all senior evaluators and candidates for great events
- Send any pictures for banquet displays to L. Hurley

VII. Patrol Reports

a. Crystal Mt. Chip Hurley/Jackie Bottomley

- 2 new basic and 1 senior alpine patroller and 5 new mountain host that can bring an empty toboggan to an accident and/or pack and return to the top of the hill
- Closing 4/2/17 with 87% open
- 2 new OET Instructors
- Received many good complements for SES, TES and Women's Clinics held this year which all were well attended
- Plan to hold and ID class late summer/early fall
- Hope to hold OEC and OFC classes this fall also

b. Caberfae Peak Tim Kirch

Caberfae Peaks:

Planned closing date is Sunday, 26 March at 4:30 pm. Caberfae Peaks was open 101 days this season, with the CPSP NSP volunteers covered 44 days that includes 52 shift rotations. As we all know, this was a strange season and Caberfae had 1 day where we closed a portion of the hill due to high winds which caused empty chairs to strike the towers and 1 additional day where we were forced to close early due to a severe lightning storm.

Once again, we have had a year of injuries with several patrollers not skiing but covering the patrol room and providing transportation by snowmobile across the base. Injuries included a torn rotator cuff/shoulder, 2 backs with badly pinched nerves, a toe/foot injury, continuing issues with an ACL replacement and a high ankle injury. Hopefully, our injuries have run their course and we are all recovering!

Senior:

All the Caberfae Senior Candidates and Staff would like to thank Bittersweet for the outstanding hospitality, great weather and test day! We would also like to

Thank all the evaluators, Region advisors, Division QA, patrol members, patient, area staff and patroller helpers who stayed very late and helped completed Justin's retest!

2 of our 3 Senior candidates have now completed all requirements and become Seniors. Our new Seniors are Justin Kaib and Brian Thurston. Brent Putman was not successful in his first attempt at OEC but did complete Hill at Crystal. Brett fully agreed with the evaluator's regarding his performance and plans to retest next season. These are Caberfae's first Seniors since Dave Worfel completed his program.

We still have 3 patrollers working on their ski, toboggan and OEC skills who are planning to begin the evaluation next season. In addition, Dennis Menke, who completed hill at Crystal, plans to complete the OEC program next season.

Candidates:

We graduated 8 patrollers from our summer OEC candidate class. 6 joined CPSP, 1 went to Crystal and 1 went to Cannonsburg. Of the 6 CPSP candidates, 4 have completed Patroller 101/Hill Training and are now registered as Alpine Patrollers, 1 plans to serve as a Patroller and 1 has decided to resign from CPSP & NSP. The resignation was caused by a non-reconcilable different in opinion over why the NSP volunteers train to a high level of performance in both OEC and Patroller 101/Hill training. This candidate felt NSP should lower our training standards so they are the same as Caberfae's paid staff training levels but this is not an option.

We are completing plans for a summer OEC Class at Caberfae Peaks. At this time, we are expecting 12 candidates with many originating from the Caberfae paid patrol staff. We also have a doctor that is interested in joining patrol who is a surgeon who spends 2 weeks in the US and 2 weeks in Sweden, we also are expecting a US Marine who was impressed by our medical response when his friend was injured and wants to become part of the NSP team. We also expect at least one EMT in the class. We will use our 1 weekend per month training plan, similar to past classes.

Schedule:

Caberfae Peaks is considering requesting to hold our OEC Refresher, CPR/BLS and chair evac on the weekend of October 7 & 8 for the upcoming season to avoid issues with hunting season at the request of several of our members.

April class may be added

May 20 & 21 class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice

June 24 & 25 class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice

July 22 & 23 class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice

Aug. 19 & 20 class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice

Sept. 16 & 17 class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice

Oct. 22 - Written Final

Oct 28 - Final Practical practice & review

Oct 29 - Practical Final Exam

Instructor's Refresher – Sunday, September 24th , 2017

CPSP OEC Refresher – Saturday, October 7th, 2017

CPSP Chair Evac and BLS/CPR – Sunday, October 8th, 2017

Oct. 21st – CPSP OEC Enhancement Seminar

November 24th - Planned Opening Weekend for Caberfae Peaks

Dec. 9-10 – CPSP Senior OEC Candidate on snow scenarios (will verify)

December 16, 2017 – WMi Region Toboggan and Ski Clinic & certification

January 20, 2018 – WMi Senior Evaluator's Calibration Clinic

January 21, 2018 – WMi Senior Candidate Hill Session (Ski & Toboggan)

- c. Cannonsburg Don Smith
- Had good Christmas
 - Hill test cancelled due to weather
 - Working on new contract to run the ski shop
 - 3 new PSIA level I instructors

- Patrol banquet next week
- 2 people in YAP 1 going to Powderfall
- Made comments for all patrol reps. to look at NSP profiles to make sure that they are correct
- Announced the Wednesday party at powderfall and will send out address of house at later date

d. Pando Randy Slater

No Report

e. Bittersweet Doug Haase

- Closed 3/19/17
- Many weather issues this season
- Big Thank you to all involved with Senior OEC test

f. Timber Ridge Shawn Rhoda

- Closed 2/20/17
- Weather affected all hill training
- TES went well
- 3 new OEC seniors, 1 new senior alpine Patroller (on Tele's), and 2 new PSIA level I instructors (on Tele's)

g. West MI. Nordic Michael Walenta

- New SKED equipment
- Refresher went well
- All races were shorted due to weather issues

VIII. Advisor Reports

a. ARD Pat Livingston

1. Instructor Development

J Bottomley plans to hold a class this fall

2. OEC Dan Goldberger

- 5/10 passed Senior OEC
- Thanks to D Hasse for all the work to put on the Senior OEC test
- OEC 6th committee has started with plans to roll out in summer of 2018
- Doug Messara will be the new OEC adviser

-Cancelled the OEC IT that was going to be held before the region banquet and all IT's are asked to send availability to D Massera so he can get a meeting together and make assignments for refresher QA's

3. Awards Rog Brands

-59 service awards, 1DSA, 50 years of having a patrol Caberfae Peaks

-Looking for someone to make a patrol resume` to help with writing awards

4. Legal Steffany Dunker

No Report

5. Safety David Menke

No Report

b. ARD Sue Brann

1. Senior Hill Exam – results

-Tried new way to put on hill test, worked OK will still need to work out kinks and division QA returned with good report to us on our execution

-12 candidates took test 7 passed some or all parts and all equipment was represented

-Thanks to Caberfae Peaks and Crystal Mountain for host all senior events

-5 New Senior Alpine Patrollers: Robert Freed, Cam Hopper, Justin Kaib, Tori Steely, Bryan Thurston CONGRADULATION!!!

2. NSPC Ski School Kevin Fultz

No Report

3. OET Erica Krol

-TES were held in all sections

	Section I	Section II	Section III
Instructors	9	3	10
Total participants	24	6	28

-2 new instructors

-All reminded that TES are senior elective

4. Certified Hal Froot

-1 new Certified in our Region CONGRADULATION Don Smith, and four in the division from Pine Knob, Perfect North Slopes, Swiss Valley and Cannonsburg

5. Telemark John Mallett

-2 New Seniors Chris and Cam Hopper- Chris was already a senior on alpine and now is also on Tele's Great job guys!!

6. MTR/Avalanche Michael Walenta

-Working with central division and national for Avy classes. For terrain that is acceptable

-4-5 LAR courses held

-MTR candidate need to take FEMA course as part of the curriculum

7. Alpine Snowboard Kathy Brennan

-Good participation in all SES, TES, and senior test

-Coached 1 new AASI level I

-3 passed senior hill test, Tori Steely, Will Osterink, Brent

8. Other

-Still need Alumni adviser if interested talk to J Donnelly

-Maddy Dodson-Garrett is new YAP adviser and will work with J Donnelly to get the program up and running

IX. Old Business

a. Kevin Barrons wondered if the Region could combine their training efforts for OEC. Coordinate Sections for training. Is this possible and do Sections want to look into it?

-Being done but logistics are difficult

-J Donnelly recommended sending to the OEC IT group for discussion

b. Don Smith is having a party in his condo in Snowmass on Wednesday before Powerfall (April 5).

-Don will forward address to all

- c. Has anyone applied for the \$100 YAP Grant to attend Powerfall?
 - One for Cannonsburg

- d. Steffany Dunker continues to work on updating the Region P&P. This will probably carry over to the new Region Director.
 - J Donnelly will continue to work on this with legal

- e. How is the Region Funding Committee coming along in their search for ongoing Region monetary gifts to offset a dues increase? Report due at next meeting.
 - Has met, Report due at May region banquet and J Donnelly will follow up

X. New Business

a. Any?

- M Walenta is involved at WGVU on veteran Film/Show and the committee would like a representative of the NSP. S Brann agreed to fill this request
- He also reminded all to look at area Boy Scouts for recruiting efforts

XI. Next Meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 6, 2017 at the Evergreen Resort in Cadillac, MI to set our calendar for next year. This meeting starts at 2:00 PM.

Dan Goldberger has requested a space to have an OEC IT meeting prior to the scheduled Region Meeting

- OEC IT meeting cancelled and will be rescheduled

Following the Region meeting is the Region Awards Banquet.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by M Walenta, 2nd D Smith