

Western Michigan Region Meeting Agenda

May 6, 2017

Chip Knappen	Jackie Bottomley	Doug Haase	David Menke
Sue Brann	Kyle Jones	Erica Krol	Michael Walenta
John Donnelly	Kevin Barrons	Pat Livingston	Maddie Dodson-
Randy Slater	Scott Waddell	Dale Seadorf	Garrett
Rog Brands	Tim Kirch	Dennis Menke	
Chip Hurley		Shawn Rhoda	

I. Call to Order

2:00pm by C Knappen

II. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion made by E Krol and 2nd by T Kirch to

Hold off until next meeting to vote as no one had copies for previous minutes (passed)

III. Treasurers Report - John Donnelly

a. Current Financial Position

Doing well do to \$10000 donation. Still need to look at ways to increase revenue to keep region in the black for the future

b. Year End reports (due dates) – update contacts

Due to J Donnelly by 8-1-2017

c. Audit due to change in Director (attention to documents at year-end)

As per P & P

d. Renew Certificate of Deposit – selecting term, balances return versus flexibility
Doing well, will keep an eye on to make sure it is doing the best it can

Motion to except the treasures report made by M Walenta and 2nd by R Brands (Passed)

IV. Old Business

Update on the Region Funding Committee's efforts.

No Report

- a. Revisions to P&P to carry over to new RD - Steffany Dunker continues to work on updating the Region P&P. Need small committee to review prior to October Region meeting to recommend final changes.

J Donnelly still working on this in his transition to RD

- b. Follow-up on Veterans program suggested

M Walenta reported the event is 9/23/17 at 5/3 ball park, he is going to check with park staff to see if we can help with first aid station and contact national for propaganda material to have available for hand out

- c. Follow-up on Boy Scout Venture Group association

M Walenta reported they are open to work with local patrols with 14-21 year old scouts however the patrols need both a male and female to work with this group

V. New Business

- a. 2017-18 Calendar discussion

All present work to set the 2017-18 region calendar and fit in all wanted and needed activities planned and dates set

VI. Preliminary 2017-18 Budget – outline and next steps

J Donnelly asked to come to the next meeting with budget and he is working to get his cabinet set so they can get their respective budget set

VII. Web Master - Jon Kelder

No Report

VIII. Section Reports

a. Section I Martha Nowak

No Report

b. Section II Kevin Barrons

No Report

c. Section III Scott Waddell

No Report Scott wanted to personally thank all for serving on the board

IX. Patrol Reports

a. Crystal Mt. Chip Hurley/Jackie Bottomley

Closed 4/1/17 with good snow with great thanks to Crystal's great snow making crew as we had less than 90" of natural snow

b. Caberfae Peak Tim Kirch

OEC Candidate Class

- We will be starting our summer OEC class in approximately 2 weeks, May 20th and 21st
- Currently have between 6 to 8 candidates registered for the course, possibly more
- This will be an interesting course since we have a couple of EMT's and a surgeon in the class along with more "traditional" students with little medical experience

Caberfae Peaks

- Caberfae decided to close a couple of days earlier than planned. Planned closing was Sunday, 26th. However, due to rain, crappy weather across the state and low attendance, Caberfae decided to close on Thursday, March 23rd for the season.
- Work started on renovating hotel balconies, so be careful going in if you come over for golf!

Patrol Representative

- Due to retirement from Dow and no defined plans for the immediate future, I have decided it is also time to retire from the patrol representative position at Caberfae. I may still be around Michigan for another year or so as Britt finalizes her plans and takes some undergraduate classes at CMU in preparation for med school.

- Dennis Menke has volunteered, or been drafted, to assume the Patrol Representative job at Caberfae
- We have started the transition and will continue over the next few months. Dennis plans to assume the leadership role at our Patrol Meeting in October

Tentative Dates and Planned winter Schedule

- This is the plan sent to Jackie and Dan G. for Caberfae's fall and early winter schedule:
 - OEC
 - o May 20 & 21 - class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice
 - o June 24 & 25 - class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice
 - o July 22 & 23 - class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice
 - o Aug. 19 & 20 - class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice
 - o Sept. 16 & 17 - class room instruction, quiz review and scenario practice
 - o Oct. 22 - Written Final
 - o Oct 28 - Final Practical practice & review
 - o Oct 29 - Practical Final Exam
 - Patrol & Region Events
 - o Sunday, September 24th , 2017 - Instructor's Refresher –
 - o Saturday, October 7th, 2017 - CPSP OEC Refresher
 - o Sunday, October 8th, 2017 - CPSP Chair Evac and BLS/CPR
 - o Oct. 21st, 2017 – CPSP OEC Enhancement Seminar
 - o November 24th, 2017 - Planned Opening Weekend for Caberfae Peaks
 - o Dec. 9-10, 2017 – CPSP Senior OEC Candidate on snow scenarios (will verify)
 - o December 16, 2017 – WMi Region Toboggan and Ski Clinic & certification
 - o January 20, 2018 – WMi Senior Evaluator's Calibration Clinic
 - o January 21, 2018 – WMi Senior Candidate Hill Session

c. Cannonsburg John Donnelly

Had a great Jibs & Salsa event on 4/22/17 which drew over 300 to the hill and even had some gate racing on the 23rd

d. Pando Randy Slater

Gave history of the life of the Pando Patrol

e. Bittersweet Doug Haase

Thanks for all the help for the MSP, There will be some improvements coming to the hill and many of the inactive patrollers are coming back to active status that helps with our roster numbers

f. Timber Ridge Shawn Rhoda

Nothing new

g. West MI. Nordic Mike Oliver

Planning many events for next season

X. Advisor Reports

a. ARD Pat Livingston

1. Instructor Development

Hybrid class a Crystal 6/10/17

Face to face 5/24, 5/31 in local area for participants see P Livingston for details

2. OEC Pat Livingston

-IT meeting was held and all IT assignment were made

-Work has begun on OEC 6th edition, Ty Damon is the committee chair for national board

-Looking for patrollers to be on the review committee

-surveying ski areas for input on OEC 6

-In general doing a better job teaching OEC as there is a 92% pass rate for basic test. Thoughts are that it is due to teaching to the objectives. Senior pass rates are 63% for 15-16 season and 52% for 16-17 season. Better molage and patient performances would help with pass rate.

3. Awards Rog Brands

Coming at Dinner meeting

4. Legal Steffany Dunker

No Report

5. Safety David Menke

National forced to create safety program with no real direction. Have not had much activity. Looking to work with J Donnelly to promote safety issues and model the divisions program in our region

b. ARD Sue Brann

1. Senior Hill

Passing to torch to Kyle Jones

2. NSPC Ski School Kevin Fultz

No Report

3. OET Erica Krol

No Report

4. Certified Hal Froot

No Report

5. Telemark John Mallett

No Report

6. MTR/Avalanche Michael Walenta

Provided a SKED demonstration and announced that MTR version 3 is coming

7. Alpine Snowboard Kathy Brennan

No Report

8. Other

Dues Increase

C Knappen brought up dues increase of \$5, C Hurley asked if that was a good amount and recommended \$10, M Walenta suggested \$1/ year on going, and T Kirsh asked if we could tell patroller what and when, with a date and ongoing explanation of financial status of any increase.

Motion made by S Rhoda and 2nd by C Hurley to increase the Western Michigan Region dues \$5 for the 2018-19 season and again \$5 more for the 2020-21 season with reporting of where the monies are used. 8 yea, 0 nay, 0 obtain **Motion Passed**

a. Other

T Kirsh introduced Maddie Dodson-Garret as the new region YAP adviser. C Knappen recommended her to get with J Donnelly to get the program up and running

XI. Next Meeting is 6:30pm Tuesday, October 10 at Brann's on Division (Grand Rapids/Wyoming).

XII. Closing comments

C Knappen thanked everyone for working together to make our region great and it was his pleasure to be region director the past three years. All in attendance returned the thanks for all of Chip's hard work and effort he put in as RD.

XIII. Adjourn – ***4:38pm motion made by R Brands and 2nd by S Rhoda all were in favor.***