

## Western Michigan Region Meeting Agenda

Timber Ridge Patrol Meeting Room

May 5, 2018      2 PM

### Present:

Sue Brann	Kathy Brennan	Dennis Menke
Tim Kirsch	Jason Kovacs	David Menke
Jenn Squires	John Donnelly	Maddie Dodson-
Pat Livingston	Rog Brands	Garrett
Steve Peltz	Chip Hurley	Doug Mesara
Kevin Barrons	Jackie Bottomley	Jim Tuinier
Martha Nowak	Kyle Jones	Jim Woodrum
Michael Walenta	Doug Haase	

Not present but submitted material: Hal Froot, Chip Knappen, Erica Krol, Shawn Rhoda, Laurie Hurley, Adam Medema, Don Smith

- I. Call to Order  
John D. at 2:10pm
- II. Introduce Guests and New Section Chief  
NSP Board member will be attending and New Section I Chief Steve Peltz from Bittersweet Ski patrol introduced
- III. Minutes for 3-20-2018 meeting approved via email – need to be posted on Region website  
Minutes were sent via email and approved as presented
- IV. Agree on agenda or adjust as needed
- V. Treasurers Report - Adam Medema (presented by John D)
  - a. Current Financial Position – spending vs budget handout  
Spending was well within, if not below budget for the YTD, a short discussion was made on what is reimbursed by region for meetings
  - b. Year-end reporting preparations – review list of treasurers at next meeting  
Note any changes of patrol treasurers to Adam M.

- c. Communicate dues increase to Division/National (approved May 2017 for 2018-19 fiscal year)

The increase in region fees has been adjusted at NSP

- d. New P&P audit item approved at Division meeting.

The Division treasurer will be auditing the records of one patrol in each region each year

- e. Caution/alert to patrol treasurers– email frauds

It was noted that we all need to be aware of fraudulent email scams. Check anything that is questionable before responding.

Report motion to approve, Michael W. second Dennis M.

#### VI. Director's Updates:

- a. Spring Division Meeting

Helmets must be worn at all Alpine training events.

New scorecards for senior snowboard and tele have been developed.

Trying to develop a ski & ride training program later in the Ski season for those that cannot attend the division ASDW by the Division Ski School.

Discussing move to electronic waivers for classes and how long to retain documents, Liability issues will be discussed with PD's

Jim Woodrum presented a report about accident investigations. A

Proposal has been made to have a patrol director 101 course for what PD's need to do. NSAA has a program on incident investigations, why, communications, etc.

- b. Fall Central Division Meeting – Wisconsin Dells

Watch for emails about registration for this event

#### VII. Old Business:

- a. Recruiting Update – follow-up from March meeting

- b. Bike Patrol Update – New info from National (review)

A handout from Central Division meeting was given with information on IMBA members joining NSP. Process to form bike patrols is still evolving. NSP is to take over first aid training.

- c. Succession Planning – update on staff and planning for the future/current needs

VIII. Section Reports

a. Section I Martha Nowak

Thanks everyone helping with the region banquet and for the help she has received while section chief

b. Section II Kevin Barrons

See bike patrol and handout

c. Section III Laurie Hurley out of country and could not attend

IX. Patrol Reports

a. Crystal Mt. Chip Hurley/Jackie Bottomley

OEC starts in August

b. Caberfae Peak Dennis Menke

OEC starts in May

c. Canonsburg Don Smith

Don could not be here but reported that Cannonsburg sold 300 tickets for the Cinco De Mayo event

d. Bittersweet Doug Haase

Bittersweet is planning on expanding Chair six, 9 candidates for OEC that starts in August

e. Timber Ridge Jason Kovacs

3 OEC candidates and classes have started

f. West Mt. Nordic Mike Oliver No Report

X. Advisor Reports

a. ARD Pat Livingston

1. Instructor Development

2 classes 6/9 - 10 in Lake city and 6/11 - 14 or 6/19 in GR  
Senior evaluator recert concentrating on grading senior and not as much in taking a senior scenario

2. OEC Doug Mesara

IT assignments have been made, Need an outside IT for certify an instructor.

Backboard protocols are being reworked

Region Senior OEC had a 100% pass rate, division average was 60%

3. Women's Program – Jackie Bottomley

Date is being set and will be in calendar

4. Awards Rog Brands  
All awards are in and is working on a successor
5. Legal Steffany Dunker
6. Safety David Menke  
Will present a report next meeting on how we talk to people
7. Web Master - Jon Kelder
8. YAP – Maddie Dodson-Garrett  
Handout given developed from a meeting she attended in East Michigan and got some great ideas.
9. Alumni – Tony Wolfer  
Jim Woodrum made mention that this may be a good area for younger people that need a break due to school, family, etc and not lose credentials

b. ARD Chip Knappen

1. Senior Program Sue Brann  
PD's are to send initial applications to National office and copy Sue and coordinate with the IOR.
2. NSPC Ski School Erica Krol  
Dec 1 is deadline to apply to division for possible PSIA reimbursement money which is in addition to region monies. Erica has info on the steps needed to test with PSIA and get funding
3. OET Shawn Rhoda  
All hills need more toboggan trainers. special clinics were held for toboggan IT's at the ASDW.  
ASE program questions were discussed.  
New scorecards have been approved for snowboard and Telemark
4. Alpine Snowboard Kathy Brennan  
no update other than scorecard
5. Telemark John Mallett
6. Certified Hal Froot  
see previous meeting minutes
7. MTR/Avalanche Michael Walenta

Laurie at Crystal and Caberfae said the course went well.  
Push from division to hold course locally.

#### 8. Other

#### XI. New Business:

##### a. Review calendar for 2018-19

Handout with rough calendar of events  
edits go to Jackie B.

please forward to her items that need to be included

A quick mention was made by the new Senior MSP OEC IOR  
(we love abbreviations!) Jenn Squires about moving the  
Senior MSP OEC much earlier into the ski year

##### b. Review proposal/outline for Junior Patrols

Handout given , see previous notes above.

Still reviewing docs and application, adopted from Mt Brighton  
Patrol

sponsor cant be a parent/patroller. must be another patroller  
to sponsor / mentor

##### c. Items from Central Division update (TBD)

##### d. Fall Division Meeting – Details to follow

#### XII. Next Meeting is scheduled for October 23rd– exact location TBA. also a tentative date of January 15 2019 meeting

#### XIII. Motion to Adjourn at 4:30pm by Jackie B., second Kathy B.