

**Minutes of 5/16/15 NSP Western Michigan Region Meeting
Bittersweet Ski Resort**

Attendees: Chip Knappen, Matt Chapman, Sue Brann, John Donnelly, Pat Livingston, Randy Slater, Rog Brands, Shawn Rhoda, Chip Hurley, Dan Goldberger, Jackie Bottomly, Lourie Hurley, Michael Walenta, Martha Nowak, Cassie & Larry Prockter

Meeting called to order: 2:49PM by Chip Knappen

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the March 31, 2015 Region Meeting Minutes: (Livingston/Walenta). Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

- John presented a report of the region finances to date. Noted sponsorship money for the Division Meeting has been coming in resulting in higher revenues than normal. Sponsorship monies for the Division meeting are restricted funds until all meeting expenses have been paid. Remaining funds will go into the region general fund.
- Anyone with outstanding expenses needing reimbursement should contact John ASAP.
- We will be operating with a deficit this year as expenses exceed revenues by approximately \$1,700. John thanked all program advisors for working hard to reduce the expenses of region events.
- We are currently down to 473 active patrollers in region and may have to discuss raising region dues at some point to cover costs and eliminate the deficit.
- Financial reports from all units are due on 8/1/15. Transactions over \$5,000 need to be listed separately. Notify John immediately if your unit treasurer has changed.
- Motion to approve Budget as currently presented: (Brands/Hurley). Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Chip Hurley asked if there was any update on changing the timeline for region awards based on discussions at previous meetings. The Division awards advisor said the timelines would not change and we need to continue to push Patrol Directors to submit awards for each season. The group decided patrol directors should appoint committees to write up awards over the summer before we get busy during the season.
- Chip Knappen expressed his disappointment with the lack of awards written up for our Region this year and noted how important it is to recognize our volunteers.

New Business:

- Michael Walenta discussed cleanliness of patrol rooms and the cleaning of equipment. Dan Goldberger suggested a good practice is to wipe down the beds with a simple diluted bleach solution after each patient and wash hands before and after working with a patient.

Division Meeting Report:

- Lourie Hurley is leading the committee planning the Division meeting in September.
- Major logistics like the hotel rooms, conference center, and food have been completed.
- Merchandise items will be sold as an additional way to generate revenue. (Vest and Stormy Kromer Caps)
- There are many sponsorship opportunities available. Almost \$7,000 in sponsorship commitments has been secured so far. Talk to Lourie about additional sponsorship ideas or opportunities.
- Anyone interested in volunteering with event logistics September 9-13 should contact Lourie Hurley at lmbhurley@yahoo.com.

Motion to close the May 16 Business Meeting: (Walenta/Brands) Motion Passes. Meeting adjourned at 3:20p.m. in order to establish the 2015-2016 Region Calendar.