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Northern Division Patrollers

Update from the April 29, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

Here are a few highlights from the Spring Board meeting held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Bucks T-4 in Big Sky. The full minutes will be finalized soon and sent out to all Patrol Representatives in August as we prepare for the annual meeting in September.

Our very own Mike Huber, newly elected National Board member, was able to attend and gave a brief update from his perspective. He is very impressed by the dedication of those who sit on the National Board as well as the knowledge and efforts put forth by the staff. Mike stated that work has already begun on the OEC 6<sup>th</sup> edition. The updated OEC manual is now scheduled for rollout in 2019. If you have any questions or Mike or concerns about the Northern Division or anything at the National level, feel free to reach out to Mike.

Here is a bulleted list of discussion points:

1. The annual Division fall meeting dates are **September 15, 16, 17. Location is Buck's T-4 in Big Sky Montana.** Please plan to attend.
2. The timing for Spring Board meetings is now permanently set for the last weekend in April every year. The group discussed whether the meeting needed to be face-to-face or if it could be accomplished electronically. The decision was made to continue meeting face-to-face for now. The location will vary. Currently, Jana Barns and Carl Shiner are looking in to possible venues for next year's meeting in our eastern region.
3. The Polaris deadlines are also permanently set. We now are planning on consistently publishing three editions per year. **Article due dates are October 28, March 28, and July 28.** Anyone can submit articles for publication.
4. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NSP Alumni Program. Through our Division Alumni Advisor, Marty Merwin the Division is extending an invitation for any Division Alumni member to attend the September meeting banquet and next morning breakfast at no cost. The Division will cover those costs. The Alumni must submit a meeting registration form including fees (so we can have a head count for meals) and then the meals expense will be reimbursed by the Division.
5. We all know now that Dr. Warren Bowman recently passed. Dr. Bowman was instrumental in getting what we now call the OEC program started. Judy Handstede suggested that the Division create an award in honor of Dr. Bowman. The Board created a committee consisting of John Fradette, Judy Handstede, and Erik Sakarissan to determine the requirements and bring a proposal to the Fall Division meeting.
6. The Board discussed two minor By-Law changes/updates with Brent Brooks. Brent will research the topics and bring suggestions to the Fall Division meeting.
7. Both John Fradette and Chuck Allen reported that at the National level the Spinal Protection/Backboarding use is a topic of discussion with possible new recommendations forthcoming.

8. In an effort to smooth the refresher process, there will no longer be two logins to access the on-line portion of the coming refresher. There will be a new link of the NSP website for the 2017-2018 Refresher. The My NSP Kit is no longer supported.
9. Bill Lay suggested that we pay both the Division and the National dues to National. This somewhat streamlines the process from last year. This change also means that it is very important for Patrol Representatives to approve rosters to ensure accuracy and help with the yearly registration process. Both the Division and National are not anticipating any dues increases for the 2017-2018 season. Dues are currently **National \$55, Division \$48 Total Dues \$103**
10. There will not be a Senior this coming season. Mike Marlow would like to retool the program to come up with a better way to get all the requirements completed. Better for both the evaluators and for candidates. More to follow in the next few months on this. **Winter Tip Off is now set for January 5, 6, 7, 2018.** Mike is looking into a location and accommodations. More information to come.
11. The division will continue to offer two \$500 scholarships for young adults that are 19 years old or younger. Vicki Motley will be sending information out soon.
12. The Northern Division Couse fee schedule is under review. Recommendations for any changes will be presented to the voting Board during the business meeting in September.
13. In an effort to increase attendance and affordability of attending the September Northern Division meeting the Division Board has elected to pay for ½ the meeting fees for 1-2 patrollers from each patrol within the division. This offer is only for someone who has not attended before. Look for further details in the August Polaris.
14. A new Board position was created. The position of Division Historian was proposed and approved. The Division Historian would be responsible to assist each patrol in writing its own history. Articles would be published in the Polaris. The Historian will provide patrols assistance with archiving important information.
15. The Board discussed revising the September meeting format slightly. Currently the format is as follows:
  - Friday afternoon/evening: Golf tournament, meetings for new Directors, and evening meet and greet.
  - Saturday morning: Business meeting
  - Saturday afternoon: OEC Refresher
  - Saturday evening: Banquet
  - Sunday morning: Workshops
 The proposal is to shift the agenda a little to give attendees a little more flexibility and make things a bit more exciting. The proposed agenda is:
  - Friday Afternoon/evening: Golf tournament, evening meet and greet.
  - Saturday morning: Mini workshops and trainings.
  - Saturday afternoon: OEC Refresher
  - Saturday evening: Vendors / Demonstrations, banquet.
  - Sunday morning: Business meeting.

These are the highlights. We are always open to questions or comments.

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