

Northern Division NSP Fall Division Meeting
9/16/18

Called to Order: 8:10

Roll Call: Antelope Butte, Beartooth, Beaverhead, Bighorn, Eagle Creek, Flathead Nordic, Great Divide, Great Falls, Huff Hills, Lost Trail, North Absaroka, Snowbowl, Turtle Mountain

Board Members Present: Karl Uhlig, Dan Schaefer, Jana Barnes, Bruce Amrine, Matt Radlowski, Erik Sakariassen, Steve Thompson, Jeff Motley, Brent Brooks, Charles Allen, Dan'l Moore, John Fradette, Bill Lay, Mike Marlow, Troy Walker, Vicki Motley, Rusty Wells, Ron Wiggins

Spring Eboard Meeting Minutes reviewed. Shawn Iverson made a motion to approve minutes. Todd Sivertson seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Patrol Representative Discussion: Karl presented an outline for discussion. Everyone agreed that this discussion was helpful.

Historian: Steve Thompson gave a power point presentation: How did we get from ARC to OEC?

Northern Division Website Update: Justin Data is doing great. Have been discussing creating a Facebook page. Justin is not getting updated schedules – we all need to make sure that events get on the calendar on the Northern Division Website. Announcements/emails for the division can be made on the Northern Division website, send an email to Justin (cc Karl Uhlig). Chuck Allen made the comment that many young people do not use Facebook, we may need to use other platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram.

Mike Huber: Election Cycle for board members is coming up. Please vote in this election so that the Northern Division has representation. Please encourage all of your patrol members to vote. Troy Walker handed out some information from Bill Sinykin who is running for the National Board.

Advisor Reports:

Director: Karl Uhlig

Meegan Moszynski gave an update on where National is headed in the future. OEC 6th Edition is scheduled to be released 2020, in review right now. Next board meeting is January 10-11, 2019. Please let Karl know if you would like anything brought to the board.

Assistant Director: Dan Schaefer

Honored to serve the patrol. No business.

Administrative Assistant: Jana Barnes

No new business.

Alumni: Bruce Amrine

Replaced Marty Merwin. Has talked with numerous people. The Alumni program in the ND does not have much of a platform. Will try to carry things forward that Marty started. Requests that patrols discuss the Alumni program with members that no longer want or are able to be an

active ski patroller. There are 100 Alumni registered with National from Northern Division. Bruce will be attending an Alumni event at the Pacific Division Alumni event and will be teaching "An Old Dog New Tricks" at the event.

Erik suggested that individual patrol directors do not have access to Alumni records for Alumni that live in their area. This would be helpful.

Meegan: another opportunity is with younger patrollers who get busy with life and no longer patrol. This is a way to keep some of these people in the organization.

Avalanche Report: Matt Radlowski

Continues to donate to Rocky Mountain Snow and Avalanche workshop. Other budget funds provide travel expenses for instructors. Have some instructors teaching in Ravalli County. Level One Curriculum is being revised and should be done this year. Waiting to hear back from several of the pro providers on whether the level one course will satisfy requirements for qualifying for the pro-track.

Renewed all instructors until 2020. If they are not keeping up on their instruction and recertification, then they will not be recertified in the future.

As of the end of this season, Matt Radlowski will be stepping down from the Avalanche position and ski patrolling. Will be working to find a replacement this year.

Trying to put on a Level 2 this season at Lost Trail. Also trying to put on a level 1 course at Snowbowl. Need to increase budget for the courses planned this season. Will work on getting dates locked down over the next couple of months.

Registered a N029180004 course for continuing education credits for the avalanche workshop that he put on this weekend.

Awards: Erik Sakarriasen

Jerry Sherman: New National Awards director. Trying to get more nominations for the Hall of Fame.

New Dr. Warren Bowman Award: John Fradette first recipient.

Purchased 10 additional award plaques and bought the mold for the plaques this year.

National Awards Committee: considered two requests for action.

Erik is stepping down after next year. Colleen Finch has agreed to take over and will be working with Erik this coming year.

Consider putting the Hall of Fame people in the National Magazine.

Always looking for people to join the committees. Consider Alumni members for this.

Critical Stress: Seth Larson – John Larson gave report

Nothing new to report.

Will put power point from presentation from the division meeting on Northern Division website.

Past Director: John Larson

Thank you for the award received last night: Distinguished Service Award

Please get incurred costs back to the Treasurer.

Please call/email with questions.

Historian: Steve Thompson

Good season last year. Please see attached for the complete report.

Instructor Development: Jeff Motley

Slight increase in budget this year for face to face meeting at Powderfall. Patrol reps – if you have people that are helping to teach, get them certified as instructors. Do online ID course – get credit for what they are doing!!! Encourage patrollers to participate in programs.

Legal: Brent Brooks

Boyd Sivertson sent an MOU that Brent reviewed. He would be happy to review any of these for other patrols.

Encourage each patrol to make sure that duties and responsibilities are defined and that you are covered by ski area insurance carrier every year. Even if this is a one line email, that is fine.

Joe Lustik is working on a document for all patrols regarding liability on the mountain and at ski areas. Flathead Nordic is self-insured.

If you are doing any outside activities, the event must have a policy for volunteers. And have written proof. \$1,000,000 minimum.

Encourage you to get a personal liability umbrella policy for yourself for any activity on the hill or off the hill.

Medical: Chuck Allen

Nothing changed from spring meeting. Meeting unofficially at Powderfall this coming season.

Would like to attend one refresher on the east and one on the west. Please put dates out there so that he can plan on attending.

MTR: Troy Walker

Work with online or telephone meetings/courses if not able to do face to face. He is willing to do one on one training at home and then bring them individuals out for weekend training. Trying to get a couple of instructors through the training program. Face to face meeting at Powderfall.

Nordic/Backcountry: Dan'l Moore

Nothing much changed over the summer. Refresher in November. Like doing the morning sessions that we have done the past two years. OEC patrollers from Flathead Nordic worked as volunteers for the National Park Service as bike patrol this summer, OEC credentials were accepted.

OEC Supervisor: John Fradette

Nothing to add to report.

Instructors and ITs do not get credit for teaching at refreshers. If they have not refreshed, they need to actually participate in a refresher.

If an IT is planning on attending a refresher and using that as their refresher, just make John the IT and report to him.

OET Supervisor: Mike Marlow

Division purchased a bike liter. (Split cost with John/OEC). This is available for use by anyone in the patrol.

Some are still not registering a toboggan refresher. Need to create a course and get everyone registered. Must register a course for the instructors to get credit as instructors as well.

Snowbowl wants to host a 350 clinic for toboggan handling this year.

Winter Tip-off at Great Divide on January 11-13. Instructor refresher on 11th, 12-13 will be tip-off with PSIA instruction.

Polaris: Joann

Still on board. Information got in and out in a more timely manner this year. Winter Tip off registration will come out before the next Polaris.

Registration:

National will continue to collect Division dues for us. National sends check to the division. As soon as you feel that patrollers are registered, patrol director needs to edit the roster for accuracy and batch payments for dues.

If patrol wants to collect all dues and pay one check to National, that works. Contact Bill Lay with any questions about this. Can have one other person besides the patrol director that can access the patrol roster.

National dues are \$55, Division dues are \$48.

Young Adult Program: Vicki Motley

Bradley Harvey and Claire Helle from Beaverhead Ski Patrol received these scholarships.

Will Flynn from Winter Park Ski Patrol – I almost dropped out of ski patrol because he couldn't afford it. Fees were waived for him so that was able to attend. Increase budget to \$2000 to help out with these kinds of situations.

New National Young Adult Advisor – first conference call this coming week.

Website: Justin Data

\$360 per year to post to all social media sites – might be handy to let Justin have a tool to post more easily. These things can be scheduled. Mike will contact him about this.

Region I Director:

Full OEC courses in 4 patrols in the Division. Hosted Thompsons for Flathead OEC final test.

Please contact me with any questions. Two-way communication is nice, appreciate a reply from patrol reps when emails are sent.

Region II Director: Ron Wiggins

Exciting things – Antelope Butte will be turning bull wheels this year. Turtle Mountain is starting a bike patrol. Will be running at least 3 OEC classes this year, Bighorn, Antelope Butte and Casper Mountain, Sleeping Giant. Looking forward to travelling around to see everyone.

By-Laws Amendments:

Fiscal Year: was discussed last year. July 1– June 30. Moved to approve by Shawn Iverson, Second Ron Wiggins. This does change tax information requirements for patrols. Tax information will be due in June instead. Clarification on budget requests – the approved budget for this year will be for the short year, now through June 30. Motion passes unanimously.

Jeannette will put information out to Patrol directors regarding changes to budget and tax information.

Bylaws Section 3 and 4 change: Give the executive committee authority to transfer funds between budgets (line items), increase or decrease budgets, by a 2/3 vote, but the total budget remains the same. Motion to change section 3 and 4: Ron Wiggins, Seconded Andrew Niemantsverdriet (Beartooth/Red Lodge). Motion Passes unanimously.

Course Fee Schedule:

Reviewed. Several line items were removed and fees were reduced. This is a much simpler course fee schedule. Motion to pass the new course fee schedule: Shawn Iverson, Jereme Babb seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Division Budget:

All line items were reviewed and amended as suggested by board members and program advisors.

Annual Meeting: \$6300 for this budget year, will work on getting accurate numbers for the next year.

Vehicle: Do not have a car for this next year. Vehicle was turned in, but the windshield had to be replaced. Will add a budget for the coming fiscal year to cover the costs of the windshield. Will reimburse John Larson for the cost of the windshield that was replaced before turning the car back in to Subaru.

Spring E-board meeting: proposing \$1000 budget.

Motion to approve the budget: Jereme Babb, Don Skarr seconded. Discussion: None. 2018/19 Budget passed unanimously.

Account balance as of June 30:

Checking: \$57,528.67

Investment: \$137,132.19

New Business:

Montana Ski Area Association: \$250 per year to be a member. Meegan Moszynski and Karl Uhlig attended the MSAA meeting just prior to the Division meeting this year. They invited NSP to become members this year. This helps to solidify relationship between NSP and Ski Area Management. Motion to join MSAA, \$250 per year and maintain membership made by Jereme Babb, Shawn Iverson seconded. Discussion: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Anderson: A highway patrolman and Level 3 PSIA Instructor had a family tragedy this summer. ND paid for and sent flowers for services. Proposal to make a donation to the Anderson GoFund Me site. Shawn Iverson made a motion to donate \$1000, that can come out of the annual budget, Keith Talley seconded. Discussion none. Passed unanimously.

Register for Powderfall if interested!! Capping registration at 750 this year.

John Fradette: Need to plan for next year's senior. Recruit people to take Senior test next year. Substantial costs for OEC for Senior Trainers/Instructors, Same for OET. Need to have at least 20 people to make it worth the time and money. Between now and next April, get ahold of John and Mike with patrollers interested in taking the Senior test. Cost per candidate is \$250. Will make more plans for the Senior test at the April Executive meeting. Do we want to do a training event this coming winter? Can do this at Winter Tip. Is there a write up that can be posted on the Division website and a sign up on the website for interest so that this can be planned.

Dissolution of Five Valleys Backcountry Patrol: Joe Lustik

Propose that the Division look into dissolution of 5 Valleys Backcountry Ski Patrol. Why would we do this? Removes the presence of an alternate patrol that is not in existence. Would affect the quorum for Division meetings. They have been totally inactive. They have assets that would need to be dispersed. If they dissolve, the northern division absorbs the assets unless they get rid of the assets before dissolving – need to go to another 501(3c). Not getting called out in S&R now, don't have a roll in the community. Merging with Snowbowl, 1 member has done 4-5 duty days with Snowbowl. Appear to want the title and badge, but not doing anything. Need a written letter/paper trail. Karl will send this. Need a bylaws amendment, as there is nothing in the bylaws to dissolve a member patrol.

Amazon Smile: Can pick NSP in MT and a portion of the money can come back to NSP.

Consider purchasing another Toboggan for bike events (\$2500) that would be available for the Eastern side of the Division. Will put this on agenda for April 2019.

Karl Uhlig has a new email address, please use this for further communications:

karlskis210@gmail.com

Motion to Adjourn: Shawn Iverson, Seconded by Ron Wiggins. 1 vote opposed, Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:03