

Pacific Northwest Division
National Ski Patrol
Executive Board of Directors Meeting
Continuation of E- Board meeting

Date: August 9, 2008
Time: 10:00-11:55 a.m.

Place: Mirabeau Park
Spokane, WA

Names per sign in sheet:

Board Members Present: Dolores LaLiberte, Division Director, Liz Dodge, Northwest Region Director; Rod Legg, Mt. Hood Region Director; Chris Stern, Inland Empire Region Director; Josie Elting, Oregon Region Director, Proxy; Dave Ulrich, Southern Idaho Region Director;

Officers & Advisors Present: Laura Schmidt, Convention 2009; Jim Whittaker, ADD; Brian Merryman, Ski and Toboggan Advisor; Shirley Cummings, Convention Planning Advisor; Ann Werner, Secretary.

Others present: Peter Schwartz, Crystal Mountain Ski Patrol; Ed Gately, Lookout Pass ski patrol; Heather VanHouten, Bogus Basin Ski Patrol;

Dolores reconvened the meeting. Peter Schwartz, patrol director at Crystal Mt., was introduced to give an opinion to the board. Peter has corporate background and the responsibility for setting up meetings. He provided thoughts from a business perspective which would be to give the Inn at the Seventh Mountain 2 choices, either say we shall have to renegotiate the contract to one each will be able to use, or we shall walk away. This approach would need someone from Division to take control. Discussion continued with other options. One of the major problems is the cost of the rooms (condos) at about \$150 and the cost of set up for meeting rooms at \$500/day if the projected room and meal numbers are not meet. There may also be an insurance issue in which the Division is responsible for any damage to the condos.

Options other than a convention were discussed. Some of these were as follows:

- Not to have a full convention. There could be a conference call for the E-Board, the budget presented to the patrol directors by email and then vote.
- Find a location in Oregon with a change of date if needed and have business meeting and evening function with a few awards presented.

The decision was made to have Peter Schwartz assist with the renegotiating of the contract with Inn at the Seventh Mountain. If they are not interested in renegotiating, the Division will walk away from the contract, paying the penalty with a split between the Division, Oregon Region and Mt. Bachelor. In the meantime, another venue will be explored.

A one month time limit to complete the negotiations was decided.

Laura Schmidt, Peter Schwartz and Shirley Cummings will conference on the contract and bring recommendations back to Dolores to be given to the E-Board.

Enhancement seminars: A definition of enhancement seminars is needed for PNWD. The policies and procedures from National states any registered member of NSP may take courses available to members.

Discussion was held on the meaning of enhancement versus clinic. Safety is the major object of training. An enhancement seminar is for those patrollers with basic skills rather than no skills to bring those skills to a higher level.

Motion was made and seconded a patroller going into an enhancement seminar must have completed the basic course of the discipline. An amendment was made and seconded the patroller must have completed the basic course of the discipline or have written authorization by the patrol director to participate. Amended motion was passed.

PNWD lifetime membership. Dolores stated in 1997 a motion listing dues of \$100 for lifetime membership in PNWD was passed. She has been unable to locate the minutes. This was apparently to be piggybacked to lifetime membership with National dues which are \$750, \$550 after 30 years and free after 50 years of patrolling.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the PNWD lifetime membership until further discussion and the information on the dues can be located. The Board needs to determine a realistic cost for these dues. Motion passed.

Bylaws are ready to be presented to the general board on Sunday.

NSP dues will increase by \$6. Information on reasons is located on the NSP website. National is looking at fund raising projects for additional money for projects.

Women's Programs Task Force: Program initiated by NSP falls under the planning committee with Dave Ginley and Tim White taking the leadership. Meetings will be held at the National Educational Conference. Recommendation was made to add money to the budget to fund Suzette Krebs to attend the conference as the PNWD representative. The amount of the funding is to be decided at the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday.

Legal issues and the youth patrol: The states of Washington and Idaho have no laws against persons under 18 patrolling on their own as long as they are well trained and have completed all training. This falls under programs such as the Boy Scouts, etc. Area management must agree to allow these persons to patrol.

PNWD needs a Young Adult Advisor. NSP states the age of young adult is 15 to 17. Dolores would like to have the advisor include those below the age of 30.

The NSP Legal advisor meeting in Denver is available for Region legal advisors to attend.

Mileage reimbursement for Division Board members was increased to 25 cents per mile effective June 1, 2008.

2010 convention will be hosted by the Northwest Region. The Region is looking at many places and will have a decision soon. Location will probably be in the Seattle area.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting. Next meeting will be April 25, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Werner
PNWD Secretary