

Pacific Northwest Division
National Ski Patrol
Executive Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 8, 2008
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Place: Mirabeau Park Hotel
Spokane, WA

Names per sign in sheet:

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

Officers & Advisors Present: Al Richardson, Legal; Jim Whittaker, Assistant Division Director; Richard DeBenedetto, Controller; Shirley Cummings, Convention Planning Advisor; Anne Greenwood, Awards advisor; Brian Merryman, Ski and Toboggan advisor; Laura Schmidt, Mt. Bachelor Ski Patrol, 2009 Convention; Carol Fountain, OEC advisor; Eric Geisler, Avalanche advisor; Ann Werner, Secretary.

Others present: Pamela Louie, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol; Jeff Faust, Willamete Backcountry Ski Patrol; Don Elting, Willamette Backcountry ski patrol; Craig Thornely Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol; Blaine Price, Summit East at Hyak Ski Patrol; Roger Grosvenor, Silver Mountain ski patrol; Ed Gately, Look Out Pass Ski Patrol; Steve Cromer, Santiam Pass, ski patrol; Alan Werner, Summit Central ski patrol.

Agenda was presented and approved with the addition of Josie Elting presenting information on registration to the Region Directors.

Minutes were approved as sent.

Treasurer's report was presented by Rick DeBenedetto. A profit was made due to more income than anticipated from interest, registrations and profit from last year's fall meeting and expenses being less than anticipated on travel and many of the categories budgeted. Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Action Items:

2008-2009 Budget: Rick presented the proposed budget for line by line discussion. Additions were made to National Travel for Legal, S&T and the Director to attend meetings in Denver. Motion was made and seconded to present the approved proposed budget to the Board of Directors on Sunday.

2009 Convention: Shirley Cummings. Shirley presented the Convention Planning Manual which provides a history of contracts, comparison on expenses and other information to assist the convention planning members. A similar packet is provided to the Region Director. This is done 2 years in advance of the convention.

Shirley explained the purpose of the convention is primarily:

- the Executive Board Meeting,
- approval of the budget, and
- the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday.

Educational programs and socialization have been included as a reason for other patrollers to attend.

The site selection committee initiates the process by finding a cost effective location. The ski patrol is a poor buyer for locations in August as the resorts do not need our business to make money. It is important to remember the Division Director is the only person who can sign a contract for the Division.

Discussion was held on the 3rd proposed contract for the 2009 convention to be held at The Inn at the Seventh Mountain in Bend, Oregon. Liability for damage will be back to the Division as a group rather than individuals in the condos. The cancellation fee is \$5500. Usually the cost of the meeting rooms is determined by the number of individual rooms booked by the attendees. The hosting region, Oregon, and Mt. Bachelor are looking for corporate sponsors to assist with cutting the cost of attending the convention by the patrollers.

Discussion was held on the amount of time to plan the convention, set the contract and the cost for patrollers. Motion was made and seconded to table the discussion on the convention until a continuation of the Executive Board meeting on 8/9/08. Time of resumption of the E-Board meeting will be announced at the breakfast meeting. The Region Directors are requested to talk to their membership prior to the meeting about the cost of rooms (Condos) which would be approximately \$150 per day.

Josie Elting distributed packets on registration to the Region Directors to distribute to the patrol directors at breakfast.

Meeting was adjourned until 8.9.08.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Werner, Secretary
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