

Pacific Northwest Division
National Ski Patrol
Board of Directors
Executive Meeting

Date: April 25, 2009

Place: Boy Scout Headquarters
Kennewick, WA

Names per sign in sheet:

Board Members Present: **Dave Ulrich**, Southern Idaho; **Bernie Goddard**, proxy for Liz Dodge, Northwest; **Chris Stern**, Inland Empire; **Michael Skeels**, Oregon; **Jim Trett**, proxy for Rod Legg, Mt. Hood;

Officers & Advisors Present: **Dolores LaLiberte**, Division Director; **Jim Whittaker**, Asst. Division Director; **Rick DeBenedetto**, Controller; **Josie Elting**, Registrar; **Al Richardson**, Legal; **Ann Werner**, Secretary

Others present: **Harold Heacock**, National Board Member; **Robin Ulrich**, **Alan Werner**

Agenda was approved as presented.

All present were introduced and a quorum of voting members was established.

Minutes were read; motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasure's report. Rick DeBenedetto presented the profit and loss statement as of April 22, 2009. Most of the Division money is in a money market account. The income is more than anticipated due to a profit from the convention and spending less than budgeted by several advisors and officers. Rick anticipates we should finish with a surplus rather than a deficit. Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report. Motion passed.

Rick led a line by line discussion of the 2009-2010 proposed budget. The income is planned to be the same as last year. Discussion was held on the split of convention profit between the coordinating Region and the Division.

Administration Expenses were discussed. The Division Director asked for an increase in travel to the spring PNWD Executive Board meeting anticipating the Division Director elect would be attending and should be reimbursed for expenses. Division Director national travel was increased as there will be increased expense to attend the patroller education conference. The recommendation was made to budget \$1200 for attendance of a Division representative to attend the conference. A new line item was added to the budget for attendance of a Division representative to the patroller enhancement conference. National Legal advisor may be changing meeting times for legal supervisors to every other year. The national travel total is \$3000.

Line item. Travel Fall Budget Meeting was increased \$500 for the Assistant Division Director.

Advisor expenses were then discussed. Certified/senior advisor was reduced to \$500. The all discipline Education Conference was budgeted at \$4000 anticipating a reimbursement of up to \$250/person for non OEC instructors or instructor trainer patrollers. OEC instructors and instructor trainers will be reimbursed through the OEC budget.

Nor'wester expenses. Discussion was held on having on-line newsletters between Nor'wester issues which may make some dates and articles more timely. Dolores reported on the on-line vs. hard copy survey. The results were that only 92 patrollers responded with 40 choosing on-line and 43 wanting hard copy. After some discussion it was assumed that those who did not respond would want hard-copy. Discussion was also held on cutting issues to 2 times per year, possibly in January and June. The recommendation was to post all dates for the Division on the web page. Due to previous discussion at the Division conventions, an article should be presented in the Nor'wester giving past and present information, costs, options, and recommendations. The Board decided to increase the budget for the Nor'wester to \$7500 and continue with 3 editions per year.

Region Ski & Toboggan Travel line item will change to Region-to-Region Education travel and include all disciplines. The intent is for cross training within regions and disciplines.

Motion was made and seconded to have the controller purchase a Division owned LED Projector up to \$1200. Motion passed.

Motion was made and seconded to purchase a digital tape recorder to be used by the secretary to enhance the ability to take minutes. This recorder with accompanying software allows dictation and transfer by email. Motion was approved with \$250 for office equipment added to the budget for the secretary.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed deficit budget. Discussion was held. The Division has large reserves and will be able to support a deficit budget this next fiscal year. Motion passed.

Reimbursement for motor homes is 0.35/mile as approved last year.

Excess money from the Nuts and Bolts clinic was returned to the Division.

Action Items.

Dolores La Liberte initiated discussion of By Laws Article IV, 4.1, E. of the Board of Directors as stated "(Without limitation, to do those things necessary to accomplish the goals of the PNWD stated in article 1)". In revising other Region By Laws, it was determined there is always a limitation. It was decided by the Board to rewrite the article as follows: "To do those things necessary in the opinion of the board to accomplish the goals of the PNWD as stated in ARTICLE I." Dolores will take this change in the By Laws and publish for voting at the Board meeting in August, 2009.

Article 4.5 quorum was discussed with no change to be made.

The Policies and Procedures for Pacific Northwest Division need to be rewritten. Bernie Goddard volunteered the Northwest Region to take on the project since Liz Dodge, NW

Region Director, had already started the new version. Dolores would like to have a copy on July 15 for approval at the Friday, August 7, 2009 E-Board meeting.

A PNWD patroller permission document has been reviewed and approved by the Region Directors. This document may need to be completed before a patroller can attend patroller enhancement seminars. A copy of the document will be posted on the Division website.

Don Galloway, previous Division Director, has passed away after a battle with cancer. The IRS states a non-profit organization may not purchase flowers; however, they may make a donation to an organization in the name of a person. Motion was made to donate \$200 to the Hutchinson Cancer Center in the name of Don Galloway. Motion seconded and passed. Dolores LaLiberte will instruct Rick DeBenedetto to make the donation. Private donations from member present were received and flowers will be sent to the funeral.

Nuts and Bolts clinic in June. Walt Langkit, Division Transportation Advisor, is planning the event. Lodging at Mt. Hood Inn may be scarce due to a prior commitment by Mt. Hood Inn.

Women's program task force. The Women's Task Force surveyed the women of the National Ski Patrol. The survey showed the two things women wanted most was toboggan training taught by women and clothing in the National catalog designed for women. Women prefer to be taught by women but do not mind having men in class. Jeanne Thorn presented a dynamic program at the Patroller Education Conference. The topic was on how equipment changes can help improve a women's skiing ability and information on why men and women approach toboggan handling and skiing differently.

Oregon Women toboggan seminar. Bernie Goddard asked why Division money was spent to train only 2 instructors. Two instructors from Division traveled to Oregon Region to teach at the scheduled WTEC; however, they ended up helping with Senior training as there were no seminar participants. Apparently, since there was no preregistration required, no one preregistered and the seminar wasn't cancelled. Discussion was held on responsibility of regions to provide training. There was minimal snow coverage, poor weather and many activities on the same weekend. The two women who were to teach the toboggan enhancement taught for Sr. training and were paid by the Division. One suggestion was to provide an incentive to attend, which would be the attendee pay prior to going and receive a reimbursement for the payment back if they attend. This should be discussed at the all discipline conference.

Region Director Job Description. National will not be publishing a new edition of the Ski Patrollers' Manual. A description of the Region Director responsibilities needs to be developed. Dave and Robin Ulrich will gather material from the 13th and 14th edition of the patroller manual and the Oregon region description published on the webpage. Mike Skeels will send the Oregon description to Dave Ulrich.

Registration. Discussion was held on registration of patrollers across Division Lines. There are several patrollers particularly in the Southern Idaho Region that ski in multiple divisions. It was decided patrollers with secondary registration from another division will not have to pay a second division dues; however, they may pay region dues such as in

Southern Idaho to have Life Flight benefits. This needs to be added to the policies and procedures.

A request was made to consider a reduction in dues for the Young Adult Patroller (15-17). Discussion was held with information noting the registrar does not have access to age information for those registering. It was felt without the age information reduction of dues would be difficult and the request was not approved.

Lifetime membership. This was removed from the table from the last meeting. Dolores read the Executive Board minutes of August, 1997 which approved a lifetime membership in PNWD. The dues schedule for National is \$750, \$550 after 30 years and free after 50 years of patrolling. Currently there are 35 active national life time memberships in the Division. Current division dues are \$13. Discussion was held. The previous motion was to follow the national structure of age bracketed lifetime fees and offer a division lifetime membership at 50% of whatever the then current national lifetime fee would be. The division lifetime membership is available only to those who also have national lifetime memberships.

Motion: The Pacific Northwest Division will offer a lifetime membership based on national requirements at 50% of the national lifetime membership cost. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion: A patroller must have a national lifetime membership to become a division lifetime member. Motion seconded and passed.

National and Division lifetime membership information will be posted on the Division Website.

Paid patroller dues. There are some paid patrols in the PNWD that do not belong to the Pro Division and do not pay dues to the PNWD. According to NSP, patrollers who are paid and do not belong to the Pro Division should pay geographic division dues. Paid patrols in the PNWD may register with the volunteer patrol, in which case the area will most likely pay the geographic division dues. They may also register secondary with the volunteer patrol. If the pro patrols choose not to pay geographic division dues, they should be registered with the Pro-Division. Dolores LaLiberte is looking into this situation and hopefully can have a resolution by next Fall.

Late Fee for delinquent patrols. Josie Elting, Division Registrar, stated late registrations cause many difficulties. Josie would like to charge a \$25 late fee for patrols not sending registrations postmarked by Dec. 15 unless special circumstances have been requested and allowed. Chris Stern, Inland Empire Region Director, amended the motion to make the corresponding region responsible for the late fee. Motion died for a lack of second. National charges late fees of \$10 per person for patrols. Discussion followed focused on the need for education of patrol directors. Motion was made to charge a \$25 late fee for patrols not sending registrations postmarked by Dec. 15 unless special circumstances were allowed. Motion seconded and passed with Dave Ulrich, Southern Idaho Region Director, objected stating, "This is a penalty to the patrollers."

Publication of Minutes. Division minutes are not published until they have been approved at the next meeting of the board. Minutes of the Executive Board meeting may be approved electronically by the Region Directors. Approval of the minutes through

electronic publication and voting will lead to earlier general publication and communication within the Division.

Conference Calling. Dolores LaLiberte is exploring using www.freeconferencecall.com. This is a free service for all except the call to the phone number. Names of those joining the call are also announced and the receipt gives the number of persons attending the call. Mike Skeels, Oregon Region Director, will provide Dolores more information on this service.

2009 convention report. Josie Elting. Program was distributed. There have been very few early registrations. The Holiday Inn is remodeling and there has been some difficulty with changes to telephone numbers and hotel information. Those patrollers having trouble getting rooms need to get in touch with Josie. Miniature golf has been receiving much interest. The credit card machine has a charge for each month it is activated, so they are planning on activation in July.

2010 convention. Bernie Goddard. The convention will be held at the Seatac Marriott in the same section of the hotel as the previous time NW Region hosted. Good rates are available as the hotel has no reservations at that time of the year. The schedule should be ready to be distributed at the 2009 convention. The scheduled time is the second weekend of August.

Region Director Reports

Oregon. Mike Skeels. A written report is not ready at this time. There are three new senior patrollers in the Oregon Region.

S. Idaho. Dave Ulrich. Twelve have completed the Senior clinics. Senior clinics will be changed with EMM the first full day and the 2nd day will be skiing and toboggan. The next year will be S&T on Sat and EMM on Sunday. Region meeting will be July 18. There will be a business meeting in a.m. and 1:00 meeting for a region instructor conference and changes in EMM. Dates for most OEC refreshers have been set.

Inland Empire. Chris Stern. They did not make the 500 patroller number. By-laws have been written and dues have increased. There was not a Women's Toboggan Enhancement Seminar. However, there was a S&T and OEC clinic for the region's southern patrols. Senior evaluation was held at Mt Spokane on a very busy patrolling day. Many merit stars are in the works from that day. Good division convention was held.

Northwest Region. Bernie Goddard. There were 400 participants in CPR and 70 new OEC participants. There were 450 at the OEC refreshers held at the Summit at Snoqualmie. Hurricane Ridge was open this year. One ski area had a slide and closed at the beginning of the season; many are still open. A high speed quad is at the Silver Fir run at Central, Hyak is to replace a chair. Currently, Mt. Baker is open, Crystal is undecided and Alpentel is on a weekend by weekend basis. Education was a key goal. There are three new senior patrollers. Avalanche classes were held for the public. White Pass has expanded their area adding 2 new chairs and they will need more patrollers next year. There was a fatal acute MI on the Nordic trail at White Pass. The Region Sr. Advisor completed a Sr. Manual.

Bernie stated he felt charging new candidates for a new OEC book when a new book is expected soon was unfair for the new patrollers. Dolores explained National is behind in their work. They have completed a contract for the publisher of the new edition which will not be ready until the fall of 2010.

Mt. Hood. Jim Trett. The year started slow and then they began to get snow. Membership was down and they did a lot of recruiting with 40 new patrollers being trained. The Mt. Host program is going well and is considered part of the patrol. A web based dispatch system is being used. An Avalanche class was held. The first ski swap was successful. Next October will have another ski swap for the coming year.

Advisor Reports

Reports should be sent to Dolores LaLiberte, Division Director, as she needs to complete a report for National from the Division.

Alumni Advisor. Josie Elting. Most alumni want to be involved with their patrols. Josie is planning a session to be held at the convention for the alumni on how to become more involved in patrol activities.

Dolores LaLiberte states the Intermountain Division is working on a change in name for the Auxiliary patroller. Discussion was held. Suggestions were to have categories such as: Patroller, Alpine patroller, and Nordic patroller.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be August 7, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Werner, Secretary
Pacific Northwest Division