

## **1996-97 CERTIFIED PROGRAM REVIEW**

This past winter was another successful season for the Certified Program. The new program format is working very well and the Central Division Staff is pleased with the overall results. We added five new candidates and four patrollers completed all of the program requirements to obtain Certified Status.

This year we had four clinic sites in attempt to draw additional candidates into the program. These clinics also serve as training for members who have the goal of becoming a Certified Patroller. The clinic sites included: Boyne Mountain, Mount Frontenac, Marquette Mountain and Perfect North Slopes. The following information outlines the participants at those clinics.

### **JANUARY 18 - RECERTIFICATION CLINIC - BOYNE MT.**

One staff member, James Koelzer successfully passed recertification. Staff members Cobie Bland, Dan Somalski, Hal Froot and John Keating evaluated.

### **JANUARY 19 - QUALIFICATION CLINIC - BOYNE MT.**

There were a total of five applicants who participated in the clinic. Tim Gaffney, Luanne Logan and Chris Hopper were accepted into the program as candidates. Staff members that participated included: James Koelzer, Cobie Bland, Dan Somalski, Hal Froot and John Keating.

### **JANUARY 25 - QUALIFICATION CLINIC - MOUNT FRONTENAC**

There were a total of three applicants who participated in the clinic. Staff members who participated included: Jim Andrews, Bill Hubbard and Terry Spohn.

### **JANUARY 25 - RECERTIFICATION CLINIC - MARQUETTE MTN.**

Three staff members Mike Husar, Tim Weinand and John Keating successfully recertified. Staff members who participated included Sean Bennett, Eric Kaye and Chris Wedekind.

### **JANUARY 26 - QUALIFICATION CLINIC - MARQUETTE, MTN.**

One applicant, Mike Taylor was accepted into the program. Staff members who participated included: Sean Bennett, Eric Kaye, Chris Wedekind, Mike Husar, Tim Weinand and John Keating. Also participating were Bob Meyers (Administration), Mike Longfellow-Jones (Candidate) and John Major (Candidate).

## **MARCH 6-9 - RECERTIFICATION & EXAM - MARQUETTE, MTN.**

The following staff members recertified: Brian Cobble, Dale Mihuta, Dan Somalski and Sean Bennett. Staff members that participated in this years event included: Brian Cobble, Dale Mihuta, Dan Somalski, Sean Bennett, Tom Anderson, Lori Coble, Guy Day, Bill Hubbard, Eric Kaye, John Keating, Charles Martschinke, Bill McCullough, Chris Wedekind, Tim Weinand, John Wiley. Administrative support was received from Bob Moe, Bob Meyers and Beach Day.

There were four candidates who successfully advanced to certified status by completing all of the program components.

### **1997 New Staff Members:**

**#492 Patrick Perlman - Wilmont**

**#493 John Major - Marquette Mountain**

**#491 Mike Longfellow-Jones - Mt. Brighton/Boyne Highlands**

**#494 Tim Gaffney - Mt Holly**

## **1997-98 PROGRAM LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES**

The Certified Program promotes an advanced level of active patrolling in which there is excellence in skiing, emergency care management techniques, patrol management and administration, and leadership. We are seeking member that are looking for the ultimate challenge in ski patrol. The program has a new look and many new members. If you are interested here are some of the requirements:

### **Prerequisites:**

NSP membership status: Senior

18 years of age

Current Outdoor Emergency Care certification

Positions of leadership in the NSP advisory or officer capacity

Substantial contributions to the sport of skiing

Complete course work in Certified workbook

Highly recommended that you discuss the program with a current staff member

Send in application prior to January 1st.

Program fee is \$25 for the first year, \$15 for 2nd & 3rd years.

Purchase Certified Manual (will either be available from the National Office or from John Keating, call for details)

All interested candidates must attend a qualification clinic prior to being accepted into the program.

**\* Applications are available from your Region Director as well as all Certified Staff Members.**

## **1997-98 CERTIFIED SCHEDULE**

**January 1** - Application Deadline (**John Keating** - 906-249-3593 - [jkeating@nmu.edu](mailto:jkeating@nmu.edu))

**January 24-25** Qualification Clinic - Perfect North Slopes (**Dale Mihuta** 513-574-3230 or **Tom Worley** 513-860-4411)

**January 11** - Qualification Clinic - Cascade (**Chris Wedekind** 608-742-3404)

**January 17** - Qualification Clinic - Mont Ripley (**Sean Bennett** 715-359-2076)

**January 17** - Qualification Clinic - Mount Frontenac (**Jim Andrews** 612-476-0933 - [jandr@millcomm.com](mailto:jandr@millcomm.com))

**January 17** - Recertification Clinic - Nubs (**Dan Somalski** 517-892-0244)

**January 18** - Qualification Clinic - Nubs (**Dan Somalski** 517-892-0244)

**March 5** - Recertification - Nubs (**Dan Somalski** 517-892-0244)

**March 6-8** - Certified Exam - Nubs (**Dan Somalski** 517-892-0244)

Call one of the of the event hosts for more information about what to expect. If you are looking for a staff member that is a little closer to home, give me a call or check with your Region Director or Region Advisors. We should be able to direct you towards a current staff member in your area.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Minutes of the 3/6/97 Central Division Certified Meeting - Marquette Mountain, MI

Attendees:

Staff:

Brian Cobble 262, Loretta Cobble 383, Guy Day 381, Bill Hubbard 148, John Keating 425, Chuck Martschinke 460, Bill McCullough 379, Dale Mihuta 424, Dan Samalski 426, Chris Wedekind 384, Tim Weinand 361, John Wiley 263

Assistant:

Bob Meyers, Beach Day

Candidates:

Tim Gaffny, Chris Hopper, Mike Longfellow-Jones

Review of minutes of the of the Mar 96 Certified Meeting. During review the operation of the Sounding Board, headed by Chris Wedekind, was clarified. This board is to be another access point the Central Division certified program in the absence or unavailability of the Division Certified Advisor.

Motion to approval minutes as read - Dan S/Bill McC - Passed

Next was a review of the New Proposed Certified Manual.

The was a lot of discussion about the Lifetime certified classification. The classification was suggested so that certified members who could not, for whatever reason could remain active and recognized in the certified program, The discussion included a review of how the position was initiated, why and that to date all attempts have failed to establish the recognition. During this discussion a specific case of a non-rectified member was reviewed. In reviewing the case it was suggested that the re-certifying member did not get a bad evaluation, but perhaps experienced a bad evaluation process. He did have the option to return the next season but did not. Members close to the person agreed that it appears we have lost him from the program.

During the case review and re-certification discussion, the question was raised as to whether Central runs a "typical" re-certification process. It was mentioned that, yes we do run a typical re-certification. But, it is always good to re-examine processes and perhaps the re-certification could be directed to one of more educational. No action was taken on this. Just food for thought.

Back to the idea of a Lifetime certified, The proposal was made that:

The Central Division Certified Advisor, explore with the certified advisors of the other division the idea of a "Certified Alumni" as an alternative. Dan S/Bill McC - Passed 8/2

There was some discussion, brief, about the idea of change to level numbers from named levels. Level numbers would represent current registered skill classifications, displayed on registration cards only, use named positions (Senior, Certified, etc.) as recognition of highest achievement, displayed on pins like we currently have, and remove any designators from the parkas, just a plain NSP patch. No clear feeling was presented and no suggestion for recommended action was directed from the group. However, Chuck M. did indicate he would be review the concept with others in the system.

Comments on the manual by section:

Area Management: John K. has reviewed and believes the section is well written and very useful.

Avalanche: Chuck M. has reviewed and likes it's direction. The section has importance for the Central Division as one of awareness verse direct application to our patrolling. He will be using it reviews with candidates to stress travel, and personal safety in avalanche terrain. Also, search techniques and application to our personal activities.

OEC: Chris would like to see the senior package and it was clarified that it is available from the national of.

Rope Rescue and Lift Evacuation: Looks good and is what we have been doing. The only real change is not removing anyone from a chair.

Skiing: There was some discussion about the delaying of evaluations due to the lack of specific types of conditions, eg. Crud. There was also a review of the definition of Crud and it was reported by John W. that the definition was intentionally left vague to allow latitude to the evaluators to find conditions that worked for the situation.

It was also suggested that with five mandatory skiing categories, there will always be concerns of being able to do all the evaluation in one weekend. However, we do have option of multiple evaluations and moving single events to different venues to meet the criteria.

The conclusion of the discussion was that all the currently used evaluations are relevant and we must be able to use what we can find. We must also keep risk management foremost in our minds. In the future some portions of an evaluation maybe delayed to a future date and/or moved to another location.

In the 97 evaluations, three non-graded drills will be used to assess balance, stability and control skills. They will be the side slip pivots, wrong foot skiing and ????. After use in this evaluation these and other drills will be reviewed to assist in the skills portion of future evaluation.

As a reminders for tomorrow's events; one failed module, fails the event on the evaluators card. A simple majority of the passed cards are necessary to be successful in the event.

During the review of the new toboggan section it was proposed by Dale M and seconded by Brian C., passed by the committee, that the toboggan recovery events be removed from the manual.

Recognition of Certified members:

Bill Hubbard pass his PSIA Level evaluation

Chuck M. recognized Bill H. and Dale M. for work as Division Advisors. Bill for Proficiency, 1994 - 96 and Dale for Toboggan Phase 2, 1993-96.

Next years evaluation will be at Nubs Nob the First full weekend in March 98. Beach D. and Dan S. will clear the date with area management.

Moved by Guy D. and seconded by Bill H., to adjourn - passed.