

Eastern Pennsylvania Region Stated Meeting Minutes November 11, 2018



SECTION CHIEFS AND REGION STAFF MEETINGS FROM 8:32 AM to 9:19 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Friedel, Region Director, called the regular meeting of the National Ski Patrol Eastern Pennsylvania Region to order at 9:33 AM on November 11, 2018 at Blue Mountain Ski Area. Thank you to Blue Mountain for hosting this meeting. Sharon recognized all the veterans in attendance on this Veterans Day and thanked them for their service.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Greg Mohr and seconded by Brent Watts to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2018 meeting; motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS/STAFF CHANGES

Chuck Fernald - Southwest Section Chief

AWARDS - Steve Buzzard

National Appointments:

Bob Wohlschlegel #12066, Roundtop
Mark Kendrick #12064, Roundtop
Steve Papanastasiou #12065, Jack Frost
William Bock #12063, Big Boulder
Lou Marchi #12076, Roundtop

Eastern Division and National Outstanding Patroller:

John Senick, Roundtop

Eastern Division Patriot Star:

Roundtop:

Bob Davies, Chuck Long, Carl Urich, Ed Hirshman, Fran Polliard, George Hannon, George Treisbach, John Masarccia, Jack Peck, Lou Martin, LeAnn Spurlin, Mike Gaizaouskas, Phil Matte, Dick Bensel, Bob Bernatos, Rick Maley, Steve Buzzard, Tom Buckwalter, Walt Zapotoczny, Charlie Zavarel

Big Boulder:

Russell Cramer, Joseph Bannon, James Agasar, Joseph Palaia, Frank Casale, Jr.

Jack Frost:

Scott Fabian, Justin Asher, Christopher Asher

Elk:

Kenneth Hannon, William Giovanoni

Eastern Division Outstanding Paid Patroller (National Yellow Merit Star):

Dennis Zercher, Roundtop

Eastern Division Patroller Achievement Award:

Cathy Long, Corey Dein, Hideout

Purple Merit Star:

Bernie Ferris, Jack Frost

Blue Merit Star:

Michael Bond, Jack Frost

Yellow Merit Star:

Mark Leukus, Roundtop

Patroller's Cross:

Ed Bovell, Spring Mountain

National Ski Patrol Lifetime Member:

Wolfgang Boernert, MIST

Keith Winot, Camelback

Ken Gable, Bear Creek

John Doherty, Elk

William Wasserman, Jack Frost

SECTION CHIEF REPORTS

Northern - Bobby Morgan

Montage: Six candidates using OEC hybrid; great OEC refreshers

Elk: Bob Bluff is new Patrol Director; 104 ski days last season; five new patrollers; provided support for the Steamtown Marathon

Hideout: Purchased a new tiller for their groomer; need patrollers

Upper Delaware Nordic: New Patrol Director

Pocono - Tony Alber

Saw Creek: Ideal patrol for patrollers attending college; invested \$200,000 in snowmaking equipment

Big Boulder: Two candidates but one left for Montana; four students in the OEC class; F1 tornado caused some damage

Camelback: Updated radio frequency; 12 candidates; 14 patrollers training for Senior; removed Alpine slide; moved terrain park; new snow guns; 30' tailropes; removed fences; have questions about sit-ski chairlift evacuation process

Shawnee: Nine candidates; new compressor; new carabiners for the chairlift evacuation are difficult to remove

Ranchlands: New property manager; six patrollers

Jack Frost: Three candidates; OEC online course started in June completing two chapters/week; all candidates passed written exam; practical test 11/18/18; no plans to recruit due to full roster; Peak Resort Risk Management presented training on importance of accurate incident reports in regard to lawsuits; Peak Pass now includes Whitetail, Liberty and Roundtop; thanks to Steve Buzzard for all his help with paperwork for the patrol's awards ceremony.

Southwest - Chuck Fernald

Roundtop, Liberty, and Whitetail are all managed by Peak Resorts; not many changes this season. Roundtop and Liberty each have six candidates; Whitetail has seven candidates. Whitetail is using EMTs and has new Risk Manager. Discussed lift evacuations and equipment being used; discussed On-the-Hill process and advanced clinics. Using 1Risk patient care reporting system.

Central - Inese Jardine

Spring Mountain: Continuing to use electronic recording; seven new candidates; running senior OEC classes on Wednesday evenings

Blue Mountain: Instituted helmet policy requiring all employees and patrollers to wear helmets; ten candidates; incorporating mountain employees in to class; new trail open during daylight only (no lights)

Valley Forge: No changes

Bear Creek: Eight new patrollers; new water pipes; mountain host program works well with patrol

Eagle Rock: Not opening this year; patrollers are keeping their credentials current and may contact other patrols about secondary registration; tubing park will be open using security guards with EMT credentials

RISK MANAGEMENT - Ed Kupillas

Ed has been the Risk Manager at Blue Mountain for 18 years and the Risk Management - Lift Evacuation Advisor for the Region for 12-15 years. He will speak to Sharon about a position solely for a Lift Evacuation Advisor and nominees for that position.

Discussed requiring helmets for professionals and volunteers in the ski industry.

Resorts should have a procedure for uploading digital photos and videos taken by patrollers and guests to incident reports. Discussion ensued about practical procedures for uploading digital content, anti-virus programs, cross-referencing photos/videos to incident reports, importance of uploading all photos from phone and whether it was OK for patroller to keep photos on phone afterwards.

PROGRAM/ADVISOR UPDATES:

Treasurer/Finances - Jack Bogdon

Operating account balance @\$4,100 and investment account balance @\$57,000 through 10/31/18. Dues being received from Division over the next few months.

Use the expense reports that are on the website and submit to both Sharon and Jack. Bills are being paid electronically. Can expect reimbursement 7-14 days after expense report submission.

990s -- Did not complete the submission of the 990s until July. The deadline for 990s will be by/before the 2019 Spring Meeting. Use the 990 forms off our website in excel format. Region 990s will be submitted to Division by May 2019.

A motion was made by Greg Mohr and seconded by Tony Alber to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Avalanche & MTR- Lou Marchi

Avalanche course on 2/9/19. MTR course on 11/17/18 through 11/18/18. Both courses at Blue Mountain.

Certified - Sharon Friedel for Brant Maley

The Certified program was held at Killington this past season. It will be at Jay Peak this season. Patrollers are invited.

Instructor Development - Brent Watts

Course being held 12/2/18 at Spring Mountain. If your area can host a class, please contact Brent.

Legal - Tim Kelly

Nothing is new. Contact Tim with questions/concerns.

MIST - Wolfgang Boernert

Advisors should update their webpages regularly. Wolfgang won't create content but will post it.

OEC - Dennis Zercher

Yesterday was the last OEC refresher of the season. Dennis thanked all mountains that hosted refreshers. Most of them have consented to hosting next year, and dates are being scheduled.

OEC Refresher numbers: 1,214 patrollers completed; 19 patrollers from out of region; 16 patrollers were alumni; 212 patrollers did not take OEC refresher from our Region. Some patrollers have not registered for the OEC refresher with National. Patrol Directors will be notified.

Many patrollers at refreshers expressed appreciation to Dennis and the instructors for the outstanding refreshers. Sharon asked for a round of applause for Dennis and his team.

PA License Plate Program - Howard Rosenthal

There are about 400 NSP license plates in PA. Discussion about starting license plate program in other states such as New Jersey and extensive negotiations involved. Howard is looking for a volunteer to assist him in this program with the intention of passing this program to someone new. Contact Howard if you have any questions.

Patroller School - Matt Nebzydoski

Patroller School 1/26/19 through 1/27/19 at Elk. Registration is at www.patrollerschool.org. Patrollers must also register on the National website to get credit for the Patroller School.

West Point has 25 candidates each year. Patroller School for those candidates is being held on a different weekend so more EPA Patrollers can participate at Elk.

Additional Toboggan Enhancement Clinics will be offered.

Patroller Schools are Division events using Division instructors and top level PSIA instructors. Toboggan Enhancement Clinics are separate from Patroller School events.

NSP members can now participate in PSIA events/clinics. Sharon will email a list of the PSIA clinics in the Eastern Division. These clinics are great for any patroller who wants to improve their skills.

SOEC - Sharon Friedel for Mark Leukus

Events are posted on the EPA Calendar.

Telecommunications - Greg Mohr

Greg handed out information on FCC licensing that should be filed in the patrol rooms. The list of allowed uses was discussed. Also discussed was interference on frequencies/fines and prioritized traffic (FirstNet).

YAP - Megan Eckhart

Please let Megan know if your patrol has any YAPs. Megan has access to resources such as training events and scholarships. This year's Division event is at Jiminy Peak. Megan will transport YAPs to the event. If you want to start a YAP program at your patrol, contact Megan.

Women's Program - Inese Jardine

Being held at Whitetail on 1/12/19. Registration limited to 21 participants.

Alumni - Jim Cahill

Jim is the new Alumni Advisor and is excited about this position. Alumni make up a large group of patrollers who can help patrols on various levels. Some patrollers already volunteer helping disabled skiers. Jim expressed the value of using Alumni patrollers.

ELECTIONS - Sharon Friedel

Region – Section Chiefs due:

Northern – Bobby Morgan 1st Term

Southwest – vacant (Chuck Fernald filling in)

National – NBOD has 4 open positions

EPA Endorsing:

Bob Scarlett

Brian Rull

Julie Stone

Richard Yercheck

NATIONAL, DIVISION, REGION UPDATES - Sharon Friedel

National Office/NBOD

Moving in right direction. Very cohesive group and getting things done. Customer service also improved with answering phones and questions by members.

NSP Code of Conduct Awareness

Harassment/Sensitivity Training – put together by EDIV Code of Conduct Committee

NIMS

In April 2017, the NSP board voted to "strongly encourage" members to complete the Incident Command System (ICS) 100 course offered through **FEMA**, which is required by the federal government if they are responding to specific incidents as described by

the Department of Homeland Security. This course, along with ICS-200 and IS-700, is used in a variety of ways in some NSP education programs.

The NSP BOD has now adopted a policy requiring ALL patrollers to become certified in ICS 100 by the end of 2019. All candidates enrolling in new OEC courses will be required to complete ICS 100 as part of the OEC curriculum.

The course and other information may be found on this website: <https://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/TrainingMaterials.htm.FEMA.gov>

Search for ICS 100

Sign up for FEMA SID (Student ID)

Can complete in modules

Takes about 1 hour

To document completion of these courses on your NSP record, an NSP Instructor needs to register the course on the NSP website so the members can enroll. Any currently certified instructor in any discipline is able to register the course. The IOR documents the member's completion of the course by reviewing the course completion certificate, then closes the course.

Members can also enroll and take ICS 200 and 700 in the same manner.

NBOD and RFA'S

There were 31 Requests For Action this year. Usually < 10.

NSP and BOD are getting things addressed more this past year than ever before.

OEC

6e is progressing – 11 chapters drafted (7 in review). Not going beyond EMT level and able to read at 8th grade level. Publisher will be J&B.

Looking at possibly doing an OEC card annually vs every 3 years.

OET

Standardizing training. Sled handling videos available on E-DIV site "Snow Pro Tips"

Planning Committee

Membership survey – last one done was 2012. Several questions asked – this is your time to be heard on various issues. Please encourage all patrollers to complete the survey. They did add a section regarding membership cards.

Organization Chart – looking at consistency across divisions with ARD vs Section Chief – more to come....

IT – now being handled by the National Office. No more committee.

Education

New Avalanche courses – Companion Rescue (doesn't require snow pack and is available for senior credit).

ID Manual – approving shortly, if not already.

Looking at online ID Con-ed course which would be global for all disciplines. Will still need program specific con-ed.

Senior Aid Room Module – approved (non skiing patroller).

Leadership Program (PD, Section Chief, RD, etc.) – ready sometime in April

- Online course
- Valuable for any leadership position
- Plug & Play with links

Ski Patrollers Manual

Just started working on the revision – adding programs (ie Women's Program)

National Program Directors – getting together in November to discuss all programs to help make programs better for the membership.

EMT to OEC – approx. 30-40 received credit.

Pro/Geographic Division – when teaching, pros are not included on the dropdown menu to IT a course. Send a note to National and they will enter the Pro manually.

Candidate Registration – Candidate creates an account, PD adds them to their roster, candidate goes back to nsp.org and pays dues.

Bike Patrol

Invited as a “host” or a “patroller”

As of August – 7 members as bike patrollers, 7 host patrols (59 members)

Host – non voting members, OFC certified

Bike Patrollers – traditional members

E-DIV Administration

Donna McGraw stepping down. 7 candidates for replacement

Our very own Nancy Mayberry was selected and will be working with Donna as she phases out of her position.

Awards

New forms for 2018 – see Steve Buzzard or myself for current form

Patriot Star – now available for all veterans with an honorable discharge (214 with REI code). Previously was only for active combat.

Memorial Fund – 3/31 is the deadline for all scholarship applications. Adults are eligible – there is no age limit. Must be an active patroller.

Direct Line

Comes out every 3rd Thursday of the month. Distributed to PD's and Section Chiefs. Forward as necessary to Asst. PD's, etc.

YAP

Looking to possibly change the name. Looking at decreasing dues for YAP members. Some young patrollers are not registering due to costs. YAP event this year was changed to Jiminy Peak due to costs.

Finance

Investment is a little down from last year but overall in good shape.

Safety

Program is alive and well. Looking to put together a new committee to move forward. Incorporating a marketing team with it to promote the NSP Brand and Subaru.

Patroller School.org

www.patrollerschool.org -

Going live November 22 for sign-ups for this season. Piloting Patroller Schools and Avalanche courses. Fees, expenses, receipts will all be handled right through the program.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The EPA Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Blue Mountain Resort. Thanks to Blue Mountain for hosting today's meeting. Thank you to everyone for attending. Motion made by Chuck Fernald and seconded by Bobby Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 AM. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by Nancy Mayberry