

CT Region NSP Leadership & Advisors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 30, 2022
Zoom conference 1902-1942



Patrol Directors: Ron Fenner (Southington); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Mike Smarz (Mohawk)

Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps: Walt Behuniak (Southington); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown, Snowboard Advisor); Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque)

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Mark Pahmer (Alternate Region Director); Tony Philpin (Housatonic Section Chief); Liz Fenner (Treasurer)

Advisors: Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry Advisor); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety Team Advisor); Berni Fowler (Assistant ROA); Michael Gajdosik (ID Advisor); Larry Hyatt (Sr. OEC Training Coordinator, Administrative Assistant); Rick Knight (Awards Advisor); Becky Mudge (Sr Program Coordinator)

Absent: Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic/MTR); Randy McKee (Lakeridge); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief, YAP Advisor); Peter Bayer (ROA); John Segretta (Website/Technology); Melinda Mingus (Medical Advisor); Paul Katz (Assistant Snowboard Advisor); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Justin Regan (Certified & Sr OET Training Coordinator); Andrew Flint (Outdoor Risk Management Advisor)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Voting for the NSP Board positions ends tomorrow, 12/1 at 4PM Mountain time. The Eastern Division is endorsing Paul Kelly, Bob Scarlett, and Richard Pietrafesa.
- There were 2 fund raisers at the Fall OEC Refresher. The Region hosted a raffle for a snowboard and a portable propane heater—thanks to Tom Kim and Jeff Barter. The raffle profited \$916. The region's \$562.50 deficit now shows a positive balance of \$353.50. The YAP fund raising netted \$410.40.
- There is interest in electronic accident reporting. Jason Duan has developed a system which he will be demonstrating on 12/14 at 1830 (via Zoom).
- CT Region's logo was in violation of the NSP Brand & Style Guidelines which prohibit enclosure of the shield within a shape (in our case, shape of the State of CT). The new, redesigned logo is shown at the top of these meeting minutes. Soon to appear on our website, awards, etc. Please discontinue use of the old logo. Image files may be requested from Skip.
- Please forward the names of recently graduated candidates to Skip for inclusion in the "New Patrollers" page on the website. Indicate which program completed (OEC, OET) and their current/updated status (e.g., Patroller, Alpine Patroller, OEC Technician). "Graduation" dates and photos would also be helpful.
- During recent website updates, the budget information was inadvertently substituted by the annual reports. John Segretta is working on getting that restored.
- IORs and ITORs: please send the following course information to Skip:
 - Course Name
 - Creation Date
 - Start Date
 - End Date
 - IOR and ITOR names

- Once reporting capabilities are added to the new LMS, this will not be necessary.
- Leadership Development Program for those interested in becoming RD, ARD or SC should be announced (website, emails to PDs) within the next week.

OPEN TOPICS

- Rick said if anyone has people in mind for outstanding awards to start working on collecting and doing the write-ups now since it usually takes a while to complete. Rick is happy to offer guidance.
- Berni is working on an early December Newsletter. If anyone has items please forward them to her. Also, she can provide “writing” support if anyone wants to submit rough draft copies.
- Tom Kim will check with Jeff regarding how much the Rossi snowboard contributed to the fundraising efforts.
- Kathy discussed upcoming Safety events.
 - Lakeridge’s “Think Snow” event (and Safety Day) will be on 12/10 from 5:30-7:30.
 - The 2nd Annual Safety Day at Sundown will be on 1/7.
 - Kathy is working with Cally and the Women's Program to hold a joint event at Sundown on 3/8 6-10PM. There will be a tent for the Woman's program, the Safety Tent, a DJ and a Tea Cup raffle. Kids are encouraged to attend. Kathy and Cally are looking for help for the evening if anyone is interested.
- Justin Lonergan thanked all that helped set up the Fall Refresher, and especially Peter and Berni for the work they did making the Refresher run so smoothly. He also wanted to thank Berni for her help with their OEC training program. Powder Ridge has just hired 2 full time, year-round patrollers.
- Eric Schmidt wanted to thank those who drove to New York to help with Pahquioque’s OEC Evaluations. They now have 4 additional patrollers. They hope to host an OEC Enhancement Clinic this season.
- Gadi researched some of the inexpensive radios. Those listed on the NSP site do have Part 90 Certification. Be careful, not all radios are certified—look inside the battery compartment.

Next meeting is planned for Wednesday December 28 at 7PM

Adjourned 7:42 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt