

CT Region NSP Leadership & Advisors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 27, 2023
Zoom conference 1905-2047



Patrol Directors: Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Ron Fenner (Southington); Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic /MTR); Randy McKee (Lakeridge)

Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps: Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown, Snowboard)

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Mark Pahmer (ARD); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief, YAP); Liz Fenner (Treasurer)

Advisors: Peter Bayer (ROA); Berni Fowler (Assistant ROA); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety Team); Justin Regan (Certified & Sr OET Training Coordinator); Michael Gajdosik (ID); Larry Hyatt (Sr. OEC Training Coordinator, Administrative Assistant); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Steve Goldblatt (Medical/Safety); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications); Neil Glagovich (Sr Program Coordinator)

Guests: Ken Joyce

Absent: Walt Behuniak (Southington); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque); Kenn Kostuk (Housatonic Section Chief); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Rick Knight (Awards); Paul Katz (Snowboard); John Boorjian (Historian); Jonathan Ruhe (Legal); John Segretta (Website/Technology); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry); Dan Miller (Elections)

REGIONAL, DIVISION AND NATIONAL ITEMS

- A discussion took place about the National Board elections. The Eastern Division and CT Region is supporting 5 candidates running for board seats. These candidates represent 5 different divisions.
- Neil Glagovich has replaced Becky Mudge as the CT Region Sr Program Coordinator effective immediately.
- The CT Region is still looking for an ORM Advisor. Information on the position is available on the Region website. If anyone is interested or knows of someone interested, please contact Skip.
- The Region is still waiting on 3 Annual Reports. Skip has sent info out to those involved.

PROGRAMS

- YAP
 - A profit of \$302 was raised at the OEC Refreshers from the pizza and water sales.
 - The program expects to run an event jointly with WMASS at Sundown the weekend of March 3 which is the weekend before the Summit. Jason Tamulen, the National Advisor, is expected to be there. The Summit will be held again this year at Smuggs on the weekend of March 8-10. Smuggs is offering the same accommodations this year for same price as last year.
 - A YAP, Jasmine Euston, is now an OEC instructor.
- Woman's Program
 - Multiple events are being planned for this season, and most should be listed on patrollerschool.org
 - Cally and Berni may run an event at Thunder Ridge / Pahquioque, `January 28 or February 11.
 - They wanted to run an online survey for the Women's Program, but Survey Monkey is a bit expensive. Peter mentioned that OEC had used Google Forms and was switching over to MailerLite, as a more cost-effective service. He offered to provide info if needed.
 - The Division is looking to make woman-specific apparel merchandise available for the

program.

- The Division has scholarships available for attending upcoming or previous woman's events out of Region for anyone looking to work on leadership or teaching skills.
- Alumni
 - There are about 135 Alumni members in Region and some 3000 in Division which could be a large block of votes for the National Board election.
 - There might be 5 or 6 new Alumni in the Region.
 - An Alumni Day is still tentatively scheduled for February 28 Ski Sundown. They are also still working on a national Alumni Day in February (maybe the 11th thru the 16th of February) at Mt Snow, more info to follow.
- Awards
 - Reminder if anyone needs info or guidance writing up awards to contact Rick Knight. As of earlier today no new nominations have been submitted.
 - Berni wanted to thank whoever had a part in her receiving her Eastern Division Achievement Award.
- Certified
 - The Certified exam will be held at Sugarbush. Two Patroller School pre-tests will be held at Sugarbush and Killington.
 - Rebecca Moran-Rubin is in her last year as a Certified candidate.
 - Cally Regan is in her first year of the program and is about to take her pre-test.
- OET
 - Dates for the Sr OET events are on the Region website. The dates should be good, some locations to be confirmed. Many areas now have restrictions as to being able to be used.
 - Sr TEs can now be recertified locally. Staff will come down and work with patrollers at their local areas. Initial TE certifications will continue to be done at Patroller Schools.
- ID
 - No new updates since last Division meeting.
 - The new face to face update to the program is sitting at the National level for further review.
 - If anyone is interested in taking the ID course, they can do the online portion and reach out to Mike Gajdosik to set up the in-person portion.
- Medical
 - Looking for MD's who are actively patrolling in the Region. They might be able to provide support for questions that might arise.
- MTR
 - The dates for the MTR I are February 17 – 18 at Winding Trails. Dave Albino will be the IOR. Course information can be found on the Region website.
 - The MTR course is hybrid, with much of the academics provided in an online course allowing the in-person portion to focus on skills.
- OEC
 - OEC Refresher has successfully finished. Need to run the delinquency report to identify patrollers who haven't successfully completed all parts of the refresher.
 - OEC courses in the Region are finishing up. Mohawk Skills Evals are this Wednesday, Scenarios Evals are Saturday December 2. Southington had the Skills Evals. Scenarios will be Monday December 4. Sundown currently has Skills and Scenarios Evals scheduled for Saturday December 9.

- Need to schedule OEC Enhancements.
- Safety
 - Patrol Stress Awareness training is a focus for this year. Powder Ridge had a setup with a video on the topic at their station during the refresher. PDs will have the opportunity to use it for their patrols this season.
 - CT Region hopes to be a leader in the Eastern Division this season running safety events. Plan is to run an event at each area in the Region.
 - There are 2 new Safety Captains at Mohawk - Andrew Schuch and Nick Pulcini.
 - On December 2, the Safety Team will be attending the Think Snow event at Lakeridge.
- OECMSP
 - TE training was held at Southington on November 11 where some current TEs were recertified and 4 new patrollers became TEs – Corey Clukey, Andrew Flint, Neil Glagovich and Rob Schumann. The training also presented parts of the updated OECMSP program including LDP (Leadership, Decision-Making, Problem Management). This LDP focus was presented to the candidates, either at the first clinic or through a zoom session.
 - Orientations were held after each of the Refreshers. The first clinic was held at Sundown on November 12. Will be looking to schedule a zoom class on doing the written scenarios. Will also be looking to schedule more clinics trying to avoid as many conflicts with other programs as possible. Have started to reach out to patrols to host. Waiting for snow.
 - At this point there are seven potential candidates from Mohawk, Southington and Sundown.
- Senior
 - Neil Glagovich was introduced as the new Sr Program Coordinator. He is examining the program and getting up to speed.
- Snowboard
 - The Snowboard Clinic for this season has tentatively been set for February 4. Currently it's scheduled for Sundown but looking at possibly moving it up north, maybe to Magic in VT.
- Telecommunications
 - The big topic last year was the automatic fall detection applications on some phones that were making automatic 911 calls. Most of the issues have been worked out between local EMS providers and patrols.
 - Some entities were issued same radio frequencies, but to use in different locations. If an entity attempted to use the frequency in a different location than they were assigned, it could cause issues so be aware of frequencies issued and where to use. There's also a site available to lookup some of the assigned frequencies, contact Gadi Bourla for more details.
(<https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchAdvanced.jsp>)
 - There are items available in the NSP Pro Section on the website. The First Net offering is available to individuals and can also be used by patrols as a backup hot site. There are also some radios (Powerwerx), which have some good features and may be useful to some people but are not the highest quality available.
 - The Center for Learning (NSP website) has a lot of information on the telecommunications program. Search “telecommunications” in Browse Catalog.
(https://learning.nsp.org/topclass/topclass.do?CnTxT-7789184-contentSetup-tc_student_id=7789184-item=543477&view=1)
 - Contact Gadi for more information.

PATROLS

- Lakeridge
 - They are ready to go for this season.
- Mohawk
 - Plan to open this weekend during the day on December 2 & 3 with 2 lifts and 3 trails.
- Nutmeg Nordic
 - Waiting for snow.
- Pahquioque
 - Had annual CPR and lift evac training, waiting for snow.
- Powder Ridge
 - The new snow factory equipment is online being used mostly in tubing and the learning area. Last weekend using the snow made from the new equipment they had a rail jam in the Jib Park area. The new system can not be run concurrently with the regular snowmaking equipment.
 - Plan on late December opening.
 - Have a patroller gathering on 12/3 at about 5PM, anyone is welcome to join.
- Southington
 - The snowmaking equipment was started up for an initial test. There's some new piping (some going from 6" to 8").
 - The new lift in the learning area is ready.
 - The new snow sports building is pretty much complete with just some finishing touches left to do.
 - Waiting for snow with possible opening of weekend of December 16-17.
- Ski Sundown
 - Last year there were new snowmaking pipes and this year there are some new pumps.

TREASURER

- Thanks to Justin Regan for obtaining the skis that were raffled off at the OEC Refresher. The Region received a profit of \$912 from the raffle.

SECTION CHIEFS - No Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Powder Ridge uses the Mountain Host program as a feeder to its OEC trained patrol. Questions were asked of others about use of OET approved candidates, maybe with the OFC training but have yet to take OEC. Some mountains allow OET trained candidates to transport sleds but without patients on them, with the thoughts that there should be OEC trained patrollers in charge of the care and transportation of patients.

Next meeting will be Thursday January 11 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourned 8:47 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt