

CT Region Advisor Meeting
Meeting Minutes—Wednesday, March 03, 2021
Zoom conference 1900-2005

Attendees

Advisors: Michael Gajdosik (ID Advisor); Justin Regan (Certified & Sr OET Advisor); Sue-Ellen Repeta (YAP Advisor & Pequot Section Chief); Austin Hochstrate (Assistant YAP Advisor); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety Team Advisor); Larry Hyatt (Sr OEC Advisor); Melinda Mingus (Medical Advisor)

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

Absent: Michael Lapierre (MTR Advisor); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry Advisor); Jenny O'Donnell (Assistant Safety Team Advisor); Cally Regan (Woman's Program); Tom Kim (Snowboard Advisor); Paul Katz (Assistant Snowboard Advisor); Peter Bayer (ROA); Mike Bafuma (Awards Advisor);

CT REGION ITEMS

- The Spring Officers' Spring Meeting has been set for April 15 at 6:00 PM, has been put on the Region calendar.
- A walk-through demo using shared screen was done for some financial items on the CT Region website.
 1. Because of the pandemic shutdowns of many of the programs, there are not many expected expenses this year, but in the Budget & Other Things Financial section (under documents), the Expense Report and Expense Reimbursement Policy were reviewed. Since many programs were under-budget this season, region funds may be available for one-time expenses, such as capital investments to improve programs. These should tie directly to 2021-22 Goals.
 2. Annual Program Reports must be submitted by the end of this month (March). A review of the report elements highlighted certain key areas such as:
 3. Mission Statement: short, on point and what the program is known for, keeping mind of the 3 elements of course, action and impact.
 4. Executive Summary: brief overview of season's accomplishments tied to season's goals.
 5. SMART Goals: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Bound.
 6. A Succession Plan: allows the program advisor to be promotable leaving the program in a strong position for continued growth.
 7. Budget sections: check the math, explain variances, tie to season's goals.
 8. Skip offered to help advisors develop/fine tune their reports.
- Mike Gajdosik gave a status on the national ID program updates. National got a little ahead with their previous announcements and while the ID program is being changed, the updates won't be occurring at the original pace. The learning styles is being transferred to enriched learning environment for now (it looks like the six-pack will remain for a while). Updates are being made to the ID textbook and hybrid course modules. Original plan was for a rollout around the end of spring but it could be a little longer. New instructors will need to take the latest courses available. The latest material is available in the Instructor Development section under Documents on the Region or NSP (Forms and Documents/Education) websites. All instructor Continuing Education clinics must include an Instructor Skills Review (ISR) in addition to the discipline-specific information. Extending IT certification from

annual renewal to a three-year cycle is under consideration. In CT there are now 3 ID ITs, and 4 ID instructors. Mike would like to see more instructors, with at least one on each patrol. Having one ID instructor on each patrol would make it easier when bringing on new instructors. Anyone interested should contact Mike.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – Safety Program

- Safety Event is scheduled this Sat, 03/06, at Powder Ridge.
- As a result of the pandemic, the Safety Team may consider doing things differently going forward. One example might be to have a shop show up to a mountain promoting and selling helmets. Also, working with ski shops and promoting programs could extend the “season” to pre- and post- snow season.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – OET Program

- Tomorrow, 03/04, there will be a Zoom OET clinic for new instructors. 22 people have signed up. All have completed their ID class and mentoring. This should be the last step these people need. This course has been delayed for 2 years with 2019 date being rained out and pandemic in 2020.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – YAP Program

- Nothing at this time.

Next meeting – not scheduled at this time

Adjourned 8:05 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt