

CT Region NSP Spring Officers Meeting (SOM)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2023
At Southington, 1800-1843

Patrol Directors: Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Jeff Barter (Sundown); Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque)

Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps: Walt Behuniak (Southington)

Advisors: Peter Bayer (ROA); Justin Regan (Certified, OET, Sr OET); Michael Gajdosik (ID); Rick Knight (Awards); Larry Hyatt (Sr OEC, Administrative Assistant); Bob Cassello (Alumni, CISM Liaison);

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

Absent: Ron Fenner (Southington); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic, MTR); Randy McKee (Lakeridge); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque); Tom Kim (Sundown, Snowboard); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); Dan Miller (Elections); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety); Berni Fowler (Asst ROA); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications); Melinda Mingus (Medical); John Segretta (Website/Technology); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Becky Mudge (Sr Program); Andrew Flint (Outdoor Risk Management); Jonathan Ruhe (Legal)

Rick Knight, Awards Advisor and former National Board Chair, agreed to serve as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

REGION (RD) INFORMATION

- Skip thanked all for filling in during his absence.
- Request everyone only discuss changes to the submitted annual reports. Those that haven't submitted reports yet, please do so ASAP. Officers, PD /Reps, and Program Advisors are required to turn in reports, per our bylaws.
- Would like to stave off Region dues increase as long as possible.
 - Program Advisors were urged to consider charging minimal fee to help offset program expenses, as discussed during 2022 SOM.
 - Thanks to Jeff Barter and Tom Kim for the Fund Raiser that was run at the OEC Refresher. Justin Regan said he might be able to get a pair of skis to raffle this year.
 - Thanks to Sue-Ellen Repeta for running the YAP Fund Raiser.
 - All Program Advisors were urged to set realistic goals that support the programs' mission. Budget requests should support these goals.
- Region leadership contact information has been loaded in the Google Drive along with all program reports. Please make sure this information is correct and contact Skip with any changes.
- We are looking for nominations for Region Awards (Patroller of the Year, Instructor of the Year, Mentor of the Year, YAP of the Year). If you know of someone how deserves recognition,

please write up a paragraph or two explaining why this patroller deserves the award. We will meet in June, most likely via Zoom to discuss and vote on these.

HOUSATONIC SC ELECTION

- Two people, Tony Philpin and Kenn Kostuk are running for the Housatonic SC position. Kenn was elected, effective immediately. Tony was thanked for his hard work on behalf of the region.
- Two mountains, Mohawk and Ski Sundown, have PDs present and are eligible to vote.

PROGRAM REPORTS

- Annual reports have improved every year. Virtually every report was accepted without edits or modifications.
- Peter Bayer had an update to his ROA report. Non-CT Region patrollers that attended the Fall Refresher contributed \$95.
- The financial reports will be available on Google Docs. The 2022-23 Actual v. Budget report is current as of the meeting, but the fiscal year does not end until 6/30/23 and will be finalized at that time.
 - It should be noted that the \$916 received from the OEC Refresher Fund Raiser helped towards balancing the budget.
- The number of patrollers are increasing in the Region, so the dues income next year should be higher (currently expecting about \$200 higher), which should decrease the current \$691.50 deficit.
- Walt Behuniak made a motion to accept the currently proposed budget for next year, seconded by Jeff Barter, and vote was unanimously approved.
- The current 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 budgets will be attached.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Joint Statement Understanding (JSU) has expired. National is reviewing this, but no target date has been announced. This document was helpful during policy discussions between patrol and management at Ski Sundown.
- Peter Bayer said that this coming year will be his last as ROA. Berni Fowler, currently Asst. ROA, will take over as the new ROA for 2023-2024 (as of the SOM in 2024).

Motion to adjourn the meeting seconded and passed at 6:43 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt