

**CT Region NSP Leadership and Advisors Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday October 15, 2024**  
**Zoom conference 1830-1935**



**Patrol Directors:** Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Randy McKee (Lakeridge); Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge);

**Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps:** Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge);

**CT Region Admin:** Skip Mudge (RD); Greg Bruhin (ARD); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief, YAP);

**Advisors:** Berni Fowler (ROA); Larry Hyatt (Sr. OEC Training Coordinator, Administrative Assistant); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Melanie Muszynski (Safety Team); Roger DelGiorno (Bike);

**Guests:** Peter Bayer

**Absent:** Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Ron Fenner (Southington); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic, MTR); Walt Behuniak (Southington); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown, Snowboard); Liz Fenner (Treasurer); Kenn Kostuk (Housatonic Section Chief); Robert Clark (Assistant ROA); Rick Knight (Awards); Justin Regan (Certified, Sr OET Training Coordinator); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Div Safety Team); Steve Goldblatt (Medical); Michael Gajdosik (ID); Neil Glagovich (Sr Program Coordinator); Andrew Schuch (ORM); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Paul Katz (Snowboard); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry); Jonathan Ruhe (Legal); John Segretta (Website, Technology); Dan Miller (Elections); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications);

## **MEETING, REGIONAL, DIVISIONAL AND NATIONAL**

- There are three open regional positions – please direct inquiries to Skip.
  - Election committee member
  - Historian
  - Assistant Awards Advisor
- Generic Recruiting Flier
  - Received some good input after presenting the idea of creating the Recruiting Flier. Have come up with a threefold plan as next step.
    - Details on the Region website.
    - Attention grabber sheet to be posted at events. This sheet will contain a QR code to link to website.
    - Handout sheet with a basic information and QR code to link to website.
  - This project is a work in process. Would like to get something out soon.
- OEC Refresher
  - Regional refreshers are Saturday October 19 and Sunday October 27 with stations starting at 8:30 AM both days. Stations are expected to be completed by 2:30 PM.
  - 125 patrollers have signed up for first session (out of possible 150 spots). Most people have completed the waiver online. Those who haven't will have to wait in line.

- Program information will be displayed at the sign in area.
- Station 6 will include information about all our programs, a discussion about awards as well as oxygen and airway skills.
- Melanie Muszynski has arranged for patrollers to signup online for sandwiches. Chips and drinks will be available for purchase (without pre-ordering) day of refresher.
- There will be 3 things for sale before sessions or during lunch, Safety Team pins, CT Region glasses or CT Region carabiner watches.
- A survey was taken online with the waiver process. The survey showed an overwhelming majority of patrollers preferring the Saturday and Sunday options vs 2 Sundays (152-10).
  - Next year, the refresher will be Saturday October 19 and Saturday October 25.
  - For future years, will consider Saturday – Sunday option in 1 weekend vs 2 weekends.
- Powder Ridge has a patroller that cannot make either of the scheduled refreshers, Mohawk and Southington may also have some patrollers unable to attend. Thought is to run a regional makeup refresher. Berni will send out questionnaire to patrol leadership and IORs if they know of people in this situation.
- Robert Clark will update website with list of out of region refreshers.
- Region Website
  - Advisors and Patrol Directors should review the website and calendar to ensure all information is up to date and correct. Contact Skip if there are any updates.

## **PROGRAMS**

- OEC
  - OEC Enhancements
    - The first one was held Sunday September 29 at Sundown. The second one was postponed, date to be determined. Peter will send e-blast and update website with new details.
  - Courses
    - Currently being run at Sundown (13 candidates), Powder Ridge (several candidates), Pahquioque (9 or 10 candidates), Southington (3 candidates).
    - All are in progress and going well.
    - Berni will be the focal point for any of the courses needing evaluators, patients or helpers for their final evals.
- Bike Patrol
  - Biking is expected to continue at Powder Ridge through around Thanksgiving.
  - The Closer to Free ride for cancer research has ended. Seven patrollers participated with the CT Region team. Mohawk, Sundown, Powder Ridge and Southington were represented. Riders participated in the 25- and 40-mile rides, raising over \$15,000. They are already working on next year's event.
  - Still working on website.

- Safety
  - While not actually a Safety Event, will have the Team's tent at the Refresher.
  - There were no Safety Bike events this year, hoping for some next year.
  - Hope to have a start-up meeting prior to the start of the Winter season.
  - Melanie Muszynski will be sending out an email to area reps looking for helpers or assistants to participate in addition to the area Safety Captains.
- YAP
  - Emails going out to PDs looking for names of new YAPs. Also looking to get a point person at each of the areas.
  - It is noted that many YAPs are busy and committed to many things (outside of patrol) often to enhance their academic resumes, and it is difficult to get them to participate in the YAP activities, such as the Division's Summit.
    - Southern Vermont has more YAP participation. When YAPs patrol in Vermont, they often are away from local distractions.
- OECMSP
  - The program currently has 2 active candidates who are doing well.
  - Feedback from current candidates and others indicates that they like starting the program early so that when the scenario clinics start during the season the focus can be on the scenarios.
  - Have received feedback that some patrollers are interested in attending the clinics to gain additional knowledge and experience, but not as candidates (at least for this year).
- Alumni
  - A couple of Mohawk patrollers have moved to Alumni. Bob Cassello reminded people that a form needs to be filled out and dues are \$60. PDs should pass on named of interested patrollers.
  - Region Alumni Day: tentatively March 4<sup>th</sup> at Sundown.

## **PATROLS**

- Mohawk – No report
- Powder Ridge
  - The new snow making equipment is expected to start operating in early November with a planned area open date of Black Friday. Initial use expected to be limited with race team support, and tubing, jib park on weekends
  - About 1600 people have been through the area's Halloween activity.
  - The area is posting for a new seasonal position for a full time (40 hours per week in season) Alpine Patroller.
- Pahquioque
  - No major improvements were done at the area.
  - They have a large candidate class.

- Lakeridge
  - There is an individual serving as temporary Recreation Director and they are looking for a permanent Recreation Director.
  - New snowmaking guns have been installed. They are using city water.

## **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- No reports

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 3 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourned 7:35 PM

Respectively submitted,  
Larry Hyatt