

CT Region NSP Leadership Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Zoom conference 1930-2040

Attendees

Patrol Directors:

Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps: Walt Behuniak (Southington); Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge)

Advisors: Melinda Mingus (Medical); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety); Peter Bayer (OEC); John Segretta (Website/Technology); Bob Cassello (Alumni)

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD) Larry Hyatt (Administrative Assistant); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief); Tony Philpin (Housatonic Section Chief); Mark Pahmer (Alternate Region Director)

Absent: Randy McKee (Lakeridge); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic); Scott Dawick (Ski Sundown); Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Ken Joyce (Pahquioque); Ron Fenner (Southington); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Kenn Kostuk (Ski Sundown)

OPEN ITEMS

- Two Regional positions are still open (ORM Advisor and Historian); Directors should talk to their patrols and try to get interested people to step forward. There is a desire to get both of these positions filled, so please check with your patrols.
- Spring Meeting date has tentatively been set for Thursday April 15.
- The National Ski Area Relations Committee: the current JSOU between NSP and NSAA, which was not signed by all ski areas, will expire October 2021. The National Legal Committee is reviewing an updated document which will be signed by all ski areas.
- Everyone in the Region who wanted to get a Coronavirus vaccination has now done so. Sue-Ellen did a good job getting the YAPs their vaccinations, all but one YAP have received theirs and that one is in process making arrangements (maybe as soon as this week).
- Pahquioque patrollers who reside in NY have been getting their vaccinations, but it has not been easy, some traveling 2+ hours for an appointment.
- Training updates
 - Most areas have completed their OEC training; Sundown will run their hands-on evals March 3rd and 11th; Mohawk has completed the written, and practicals will be held in April.
 - OET training is still in progress; due to the cancellation of our last two Instructor Clinics (2019 due to rain and 2020 due to COVID-9), a number of instructor candidates have been in the pipeline for a couple years; Justin Regan, Jeff Barter and Paul Katz will run a two-hour online (Zoom) clinic for these people on March 4. They have developed a plan to safely conduct on-hill observations.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE (John Segretta)

- John is always looking for ways to automate tasks that are currently awkward, tedious or prone to human error.
- He is currently evaluating software for scheduling which can also work on phones. He offered to demo the software if people are interested. A number of patrols expressed interest in learning more. There are several options available such as subscriptions per group or per individual. In addition, there are a number of excellent deals for nonprofits, such as techsoup.com. John will provide more information as he continues to work on the project.
- Another area is that of accident/incident reporting. Reports can be designed so that they can't be saved until all required fields are filled in. One challenge he's working on is how to handle the situation in which a patient is transferred to EMS before all required patient information is collected. Insurance companies generally dictate what data must be collected.
- Powder Ridge used to have an online incident reporting system that was brought in by their insurance company, but it was unknown if that or another system was being used.
- Accident/injury information is not tracked by many patrols (or nationally). There might be advantages if information is tracked and compiled.
- Sundown had to replace their computers use for the swap so they now have repurposed three laptops for scheduling and reporting.
- John mentioned possible updates to the CT Region site; discussed the use of different media to target specific demographics—e.g., email, text, Instagram, TicToc, etc..
- Discussed the possibility of regional and/or patrol-based recruiting. The recruitment could focus on specials skills or for targeting certain personnel such as women. May also look to get OEC as a recognized course in some schools or as a recognized home school program.

ROUND TABLE ITEMS

- A question was posed how areas were doing this year as far as incidents. Southington said it appears they are ahead in numbers compared to normal. Mohawk said they are very busy, no hard data. Pahquioque noted that this year their rentals did not rent helmets so there are more people skiing and boarding without helmets.
- Bob Cassello requested that if anyone knows of people that are interested in going to Alumni to let him know and give him a heads up. Southington noted they have about 7 people that went Alumni and about another 7 who have chosen to opt out this year.
- Melinda said that the Division's COVID-19 Task Force (COOPED-UP) and Safety committees are thinking of doing a study of how COVID-19 affected mountains this year.
- Sue Ellen said that YAPs very successfully ran the virtual Scavenger Hunt and will continue on Instagram; next up will be the virtual seminar.

- Mohawk candidates have successfully completed their written exams. Mark plans to run their practical evaluations sometime in April.

A next meeting was not scheduled at this time.

Adjourned 8:40 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt