

Date: April 26, 2006

To: Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Membership

From: Dave Smith, Regional Secretary

Subject: Draft Minutes, Spring Meeting, National Ski Patrol - Eastern Division –
EPA

Region - Blue Mountain April 8, 2006

**These minutes are not final until voted on by the officers at the next
Eastern Pennsylvania Region Meeting in fall of 2006**

Pre-meetings

The meeting was preceded by five one-hour meetings between the Staff Officers and Advisors of the four Sections and a meeting of the Regional OEC Staff.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gerit Lewisch, Regional Director at 10:25 AM. There were 54 members in attendance. Gerit's opening remarks included the following:

- Introduction of guests
- Introduction and recognitions of past officers
- A special comment of recognition and an award to John Pellicciotta for service to NSP and EPA Region
- Introduction of new EPA Region officers

Secretary's Report

A call for question relating to the previous meeting's minutes was made. No discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the minutes from the previous meeting passed without changes.

Dave Smith gave a brief self-introduction as Regional Secretary and provided a brief synopsis of his organizational plans for the office that included:

- Publication of minutes on website
- Creation of a Region Line Officers Database
- Maintenance of confidentiality of members' personal information

Section Chief Reports

Section Chief's and Specialty reports followed Gerit's opening remarks. Section Chief reports are attached as part of these minutes:

John Stinsman – Central
Bobby Morgan – Northern
Sue Ballek – Pocono
Jack Peck – Southwest
Megan Eckhart – Student Program Advisor

NSP & State EMS System

Gerit delivered a brief summary of an informal meeting he had with officials of the State's EMS System. The EMS Systems, suffering from a decline in the number of volunteers, is evaluating all forms of emergency medical service delivery and is considering bringing all those services, inclusive of NSP under the umbrella of the EMS System. Per Gerit, the State recognizes NSP's potential to be a valuable resource and is in favor of an open discussion as to how NSP might be integrated. The general consensus of the group was to empower Gerit to continue those discussions with the State's EMS representatives. A motion to continue those discussions under Gerit's direction was proposed, seconded, discussed and passed by the majority of the members.

Dues Increase

Gerit delivered a brief report and comments on the recent National dues increase from \$ 35.00 to \$55.00 voted recently by the Board of Directors in Denver, CO. A discussion about the timing and necessity of an increase took place and the members expressed deepest dissatisfaction about this issue. Since the dues increase has passed, no motions for action on rebuttal were proposed; only that Gerit should keep the membership up to date on the situation as it evolves.

EPA's Partner in Industry Award

Gerit reported that Eric Flynn, General Manager of Ski Liberty Resort and Chief Operating Officer and Board member of Snowtime Inc. and the National Ski Areas Association has been selected to be the recipient of the Irving Naylor Industry Award for his contributions to the ski area industry. Eric and several others will be inducted into the Industry Hall of Fame at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on May 20, 2006.

The group adjourned for lunch at 11:45 AM and the meeting reconvened at 12:25 PM.

Eastern Division OEC Programs & Structure

Ed Hirschman, Division OEC Supervisor for EPA, Western Appalachian and Southern New York Regions, gave a Power Point Presentation and Overview of the Division/Region OEC Structure and Program. An overview of the PP Presentation is available in electronic format directly from Eddie. A discussion followed and a motion was received and seconded to charge a fee for members outside of EPA Region participating in EPA Region refreshers. No question was called and the group decided to table the issue until the next meeting.

New EPA Logo

George Hannon, Alternate Regional Director, presented the new EPA Logo to the membership. A discussion concerning trademark ensued but it was noted that the NSP cross logo is not the sole domain of National Office but the Eastern Division and its Regions also have rights to the use of the national Ski Patrol name and NSP cross. The trademark issue is moot. Marketing of the logo was suggested; however no one stepped forward to accept responsibility for the concept. A motion to accept the logo was received, seconded and a vote carried to accept the logo.

Website

Wolfgang Boernert provided a report on the Region's website. Wolfgang is the new web-master and will be responsible for the maintenance of the site. The site is open to the public so care and good judgment are recommended as to content and postings on the site.

Treasurer's Report

Fred Tim gave a brief treasure's report. No detail was provided pending closure of the books and an audit. Members were asked to refrain from submitting expense reports and fund reimbursement requests until June 2006.

Hall of Fame Inductions

Walt Larkin provided detail on the Hall of Fame inductions to take place at Seven Springs:

11:00 AM
May 20, 2006

Invitations via Ellie Jessum
Rooms available
Future nominations will be via web-site
Standardized nomination procedure to be established

Patrollers to be inducted:

Eleanor B. Jessum
Gordon Bell
W. Peter Benson
John (Jack) W. Shaffer
Victoria F. Shaner

Other Inductees:

Dr. John Dematte
Herman K. Dupre
Harry E. Griffith, Sr.
Harry E. Griffith, Jr.
Frank Lavin

EPA Alumni Meeting

Gerit reported that the next EPA Region Alumni meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2006 at Blue Mountain.

Gerit and Dave Smith requested that all members of the group complete and return contact information.

Awards

Gerit and Doug Howlett presented the following awards to NSP EPA members:

Scott Wilkerson – Ski Roundtop – Outstanding Alpine Patroller
Ed Kupillas – Outstanding Pro Patroller
Keith Winot – Outstanding Instructor
Nils Johnson – Ski Liberty – Outstanding Patrol Representative
Keith Winot – Ed Hirschman Award
Greg Wasson – Ski Roundtop – Certificate of Appreciation –Outgoing
Patrol Director

Senior Program

Jeff Marks and Greg Johnson provided a report on the Senior Program. Greg will be the incoming Sr. Program Coordinator. The Sr. program experienced

growth over the previous year and the Senior in a weekend event at Seven Springs was a success. Statistics from the program were presented and are available from Jeff Marks or Greg Johnson.

Dates for next season's events are as follows:

January 7, 2007 – Clinic at Montage Mountain
January 20, 2007 – Clinic at Ski Roundtop
February 11, 2007 – Evaluation at Bear Creek
March 3-4, 2007 – Senior in a Weekend

Regional Fall Refresher Recap

Flo Rutherford, Dennis Zercher and Bruce Holmberg provided a recap of the 2005/2006 season Fall refreshers. The performance based format is to continue for the 2006/2007 season. Instructor refreshers are scheduled as follows:

September 10, 2006 – Ski Roundtop
September 16, 2006 – Camelback

A planning session will occur in June. Place, time and date to be announced. The dates for the 2006/2007 season patroller refreshers to be announced.

Divisional & Regional Elections 2006-2008

Bob Davies reported on the reelection of new section chiefs whose terms will run for two years

Sue Ballek - Pocono Section
John Stinsman - Central section

The next elections will be in March 2007 for Northern and Southwest Sections.

Closure:

The Fall Line Officers meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2006 at Bear Creek.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM.