

MEETING MINUTES

Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Spring Line Officers Meeting



November 12, 2006
Bear Creek Mountain Resort and Ski Area
Central Section

8:30 – 8:55 AM: Registration

Fifty-two (52) attendees were registered for the meeting.

9:00 – 9:55 AM: Section Chiefs and Patrol Director's Mini Sessions OEC Regional Staff Mini Meeting

10:00 AM: Regional Meeting

Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order by Gerit Lewisch at 10:05 AM.

Gerit Lewisch, Regional Director delivered welcoming and opening remarks and introduced guests:

Eric Flynn – CEO Snowtime Inc. & Pres. Ski Liberty
Richard Wiseman – VP & GM Camelback
Chuck Tacas – Guest Services Manager Bear Creek
Chuck Hirsh – Bear Creek
Bob Scarlett – Acting National Legal Counsel
Ed Riggs – National Instructor Development Advisor
Jim Parish III – Ski School Dir. Bear Creek

Secretary Report:

The Minutes from the Spring Meeting as posted on the EPA Region web-site were submitted for approval. A motion to approved and seconded; a vote of the members approved the Minutes as posted on the web-site.

Section Chiefs Reports:

Each Section Chief proved a report on the happenings and new in their respective Section:

Central – Hank Jensen
Northern – Robert Morgan
Pocono – Susan Ballek
Southwest – Jack Peck

S&T Report:

Bob Bernatos (Ski Roundtop) provided a report on S&T

Special Awards:

Gerit Lewisch & Edward Hirshman presented awards from Llenarch Fire Dept. for participation in EMS DDAY where NSP personnel demonstrating NSP Skills. Awards were presented to the following:

Fred Tim
Matt Zucker
Rick Shandler
Jeff Beckers
Kim Stauffer
Dave Seth

Additional Awards were presented to the following:

Bob Conroy – Newsletter Editor – Certificate of Appreciation
Nils Johnson – Outstanding patroller – Yellow Merit Star
Ed Kopillas – Outstanding Pro Patroller – Yellow Merit Star
Faye Gable – NSP Angel Pin
Gerda Lewisch – NSP Angel Pin

Ski Industry Roundtable Discussion – George Hannon – Moderator:

Eric Flynn – CEO Snowtime Inc. & Pres. Ski Liberty
Richard Wiseman – VP & GM Camelback
Chuck Tacas – Guest Services Manager Bear Creek
Jim Parish III – Ski School Dir. Bear Creek
Robert Scarlett – Acting National Legal Counsel, NSP

Topic discussed included:

On slope vehicle usage
Promotion of safe skiing
Terrain park expansion
Lift evacuation techniques and training
National Ski Patrol Internal Issues

Lunch Break @ 1:00 PM

Instructor Development:

Edward Riggs, National Instructor Development Advisor, gave a presentation on Instructor Development Distant Learning, an on-line programmed instruction program.

Committee Reports - Coordinators and Advisors:

Updates: Reported by Gerit Lewisch

Budget and Financial Matters: Reported by Gerit Lewisch, Jack Bogdon

Regional OEC Fall Refresher Recap:

Bruce Holmberg provided a recap of the fall refresher program. It is available from Bruce in Powerpoint Format.

Division & Regional Elections 2007:

Bob Davies provided a report on the pending elections which include the following:

Southwest Section Chief
Northern Section Chief

S&T:

Kurt Adam provided changes/corrections and contact names for the 2006/2007 S&T event schedule. Changes to the schedule will be on line.

Medical Advisor Report:

Report was delivered by Bob Hall. Mike Millen is Regional Med Advisor. Report is available directly from Bob Hall.

Awards Program:

Report delivered by Doug Howlett on how to go about the process. A summary of the awards procedure is on line.

Historian Summary:

Ellie Jessum provided a summary of the Hall of Fame with some guidance on how to make recommendations.

Region Web-Site:

Wolfgang Boernert is the Web-Master. Changes, corrections and additions are to be address to him.

EPAQ/NSP EMS System:

Report by Gerit stating that NSP will probably become part of the Commonwealth's EMS System in 2007 with bridge courses being made available for Patrollers to become full blown EMTs.

Treasurer's Report:

Jack Bogdon gave a financial report inclusive of bill and expenses procedure.

Last Chance Refresher:

Big Boulder on 12/17/06. Sue Balleck is the contact person.

Newsletter:

Newsletters will be distributed at the Region Meetings to eliminate mailing and reduce cost for region.

Non-Profit Status:

Individual Patrols are encouraged to get Form 990 completed in a timely and correct manner to protect not-for-profit status.

Closing remarks:

NEXT MEETING - April 14th, 2007 Spring Meeting @ Blue Mountain
REGIONAL 2007 – 2008 EVENT CALENDAR - If you want to host an event advise the Region
WWW.NSPEPA.ORG has the latest information. Help promote "grass roots news" at the section and patrol levels.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM