

MEETING MINUTES

Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Spring Line Officers Meeting



April 14, 2007
Blue Mountain Ski Area
Central Section

Registration - 8:00 to 8:30 AM

Forty-six (46) attendees were registered for the meeting.

Section Chiefs & Patrol Director's Sessions -8:30 - 9:25 AM

OEC Regional Staff Meeting 8:30 – 9:25 AM

Regional Meeting - 9:30 AM

Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order by Gerit Lewisch at 9:35 AM.
Welcome and opening remarks featured announcement of the deadline for the Region Newsletter and the changes in and introduction of new Line Officers:

Jack Peck (Ski Roundtop) - Assistant Regional Director
Dennis Zercher (Ski Roundtop) – Regional OEC Administrator

Gerit proceeded with self-introduction of all attendees.

Secretary Report:

Copies of the Fall Minutes were distributed and posted on the Region Website.
The Minutes from the Fall Meeting were submitted and were approved IAW standard procedure.

Division & Regional Elections 2007:

Bob Davies provided a report on the **elections held and discussed the** upcoming elections:

Southwest Section chief 2007-2009
Northern Section Chief 2007-2009
Regional Director 2008-2010

Pennsylvania Department of Health Proposal - EMS –Ski Patroller Classification:

Richard Hampel provided a comprehensive presentation on the proposal which, if adopted, could bring Ski Patrollers under the State Dept. of Health's EMT umbrella.

Section Chief Reports:

Providing reports for their respective sections were:

Bob Bernatos – Southwest Section
Bobby Morgan – Northern Section
Sue Ballek– Pocono Section
John Stinsmen– Central Section

Sexual Harassment:

Tim Kelly, EPA Legal Advisor, provided a presentation on the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace and it's applicability to Ski Patrol.

New Technology:

Physician Patrollers Jeff Marks and Bob Hall presented data on a new coagulant, CELOX, for catastrophic bleeding. Datasheets were supplied to attendees.

Lunch

Standard of Care – 2007:

Edward Hirshman, Region OEC Supervisor provided a brief presentation and clarification on Standard of Care and Local Protocol as applicable to Ski Liberty Patrol And Liberty Mountain Resorts.

National- Division- Region:

Gerit Lewisch provided information as follows:

Updates - New Staff Positions:

Bob Bernatos – SW Section Chief
Rick Hartman – Mountain Travel & Rescue
Dennis Zercher – OEC Administrator

~~Jim Daily~~ Kenney Kelly – S&T Administrator (Replacing Curt Adam who will phase out by Dec. 12. 2007)

2007-08 Draft Event Calendar:

To Be Developed. We have started our REGIONAL 2007 – 2008 EVENT CALENDAR. If you want to host an event, let us know today

Pennsylvania Ski and Winter Sports Museum @ Camelback – Hall of Fame and nominations reported by – Ellie Jensen, Ed Hirshman, Doug Howlett and Walt Larkin Co-chairmen:

Bill Bendel
Greg Confer
Dave Fowler
Peter Snyder

Diane Roffe
Elliott Woodbine
George Hannon

Web-site:

Wolfgang Boehnert, webmaster, reported on the Region web- site inclusive of a Region database and questionnaire. WWW.NSPEPA.ORG has the latest information. It is there for your use – lets promote “grass roots news” at the section and patrol levels.

Newsletter:

Deadline for the Fall 2007 EPA REGIONAL Newsletter is June 1/2007
Submit articles to Linda Doell email: lddoell@verizon.net

2006 – 2007 EPA Awards Presentation - Gerit Lewisch- Doug Howlett:

Courtney Seremula - Outstanding Student Patroller
Jack Peck – Outstanding Adm. Patroller
Ski Roundtop – Outstanding Large Patrol
Rick Hartman – Annual Service Award
PSIA - East -Partners in Industry

The awards process takes a minimum of 4-5 months so Patrollers are encouraged to start the process early in order to have awards available for Fall Meeting.

Budget and Financial Matters – Gerit Lewisch, Jack Bogdon:

Recommendations regarding policies for expenses and mileage reimbursement for region events is solicited by the Region Director via the following routing:

Committee/Program Head
Advisors
Section Chiefs
Regional Director

MT&R – Rick Hartman:

Rick is soliciting help on the MT&R Program for 2007-2008.

Fall Meeting:

Sunday November 11th, 2007 Fall Meeting @ Bear Creek Mountain Resort.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 PM.