

Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Stated Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2008



I. Call to order

Gerit Lewisch, Regional Director, called to order the regular meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region at 9:45 a.m. on April 12, 2008 in the Valley Lodge of Blue Mountain Ski Area.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Joanne Policelli read the minutes from the November 11, 2007 meeting. Sue Ballek made the motion that the Minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

III. 2007-2008 EPA Awards Presentation

Gerit Lewisch, RD, Dick Bensel, Awards Coordinator and Steve Buzzard, Asst Awards Coordinator, presented the following awards:

- a) Outstanding Patrol Representative (William Ballek Award)—James Dailey, Blue Mountain
- b) Partners in Industry Award (Irv Naylor Award)—Victoria and Bob Shaner
- c) Outstanding Student Award (Dave Crouthamel Award)—Cora Domsky, Whitetail
- d) Outstanding Professional Patroller—Chuck Long, Ski Roundtop
- e) Hirshman Annual Service Award—Lee Thonus, Big Boulder

IV. EMS First Responder Classification

George Hannon moderated this presentation and discussion.

- a) Official recognition of registered NSP patrollers by the Pennsylvania DOH (Pennsylvania Department of Health) as a First Responder. It is a contract between an individual patroller and the State.
- b) EMS Committee formed to roll-out this program to the EPA Region: Regional EMS Liaison – John Henderson, EPA EMS Coordinator-Wolfgang Boernert; Area Outreach: Northern-Andy Belcher; Central-Larry Jones, Jr. III, Pocono-Tom Lurz, Southwest-David Hayes.
- c) Discussion points: registering with EMS is voluntary; registering will put the patroller under the EMS liability umbrella; online registration and check con-ed credits through DOH online; you are to offer aid to the extent you were taught by your training agency; local mountain protocol. The 5th edition of OEC manual to be published in 2010.

V. Motions

- a) A motion was made by Andy Belcher that the Regional officers, on behalf of the EPA region, should voice their objection to the proposed sale of the building in Lakewood, CO and the issue of using region dues to help fund the division programs at the next Eastern Division meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.
- b) A motion was made by George Hannon to approve the following resolution:

The EPA officers hereby endorse the First Responder-Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) reciprocity provisions recently established between the EPA Region and the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The EPA Officers also endorse continuance of future efforts to establish an OEC to EMT-B bridging process and incorporation of the term “Ski Patroller” as an EMS status within the framework of a revised Pennsylvania EMS Act (revised Act 45).

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Participation in the reciprocity program is acknowledged as voluntary at the option of each individual patroller, and is not required by EPA or the National Ski Patrol. However, Patrol Directors/NSP Representatives and program advisors are urged to communicate with their patrollers and emphasize the advantages of registration as a First Responder within the EMS program for those who are not EMT's, etc..

Discussion followed. Motion was amended to add "one-way" before the word "reciprocity." The Amended Motion was seconded and carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- a) Sue Ballek made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as distributed. Motion was seconded and carried.

VII. Alumni and Young Adult programs

- a) Alumni Day will be held at Camelback on February 14, 2009.
- b) Alumni Day will be held at Bolton Ski Area on February 21-22, 2009.
- c) Matt Abadessa has been appointed the National Coordinator for the Young Adult (formerly Student) Patrol Program.

Meeting was suspended at 12:15 for the lunch break. Meeting was reconvened at 12:55

VIII. Reports

- a) Northern Section—Robert Morgan, Section Chief
- b) Pocono Section—Sue Ballek, Section Chief
- c) Central Section—John Stinsmen, Section Chief
- d) Southwest Section—Robert Bernatos, Section Chief
- e) OEC—Dennis Zercher, Region OEC Administrator
- f) 2008-2009 Season Calendar—Jack Peck, Assistant Regional Director
- g) Website overview—Wolfgang Boernert, Communications Advisor/Web Administrator A motion was made and seconded to sell advertising into the newsletter and onto the website. Motion carried.
- h) SEMM—Greg Johnson, SEMM Program Coordinator
- i) Hall of Fame and EPA historical perspective—Ellie Jessum, Historian
October 18, 2008 there will be a Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Camelback Ski area.
- j) Safety Presentations & Activities—Jim Policelli, Safety Advisor
- k) Division OEC Administrative Supervisor Bill Devarny covered a few OEC subjects.

IX. Adjournment

Upon motion, the Regional Director adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Joanne Policelli, Secretary

Minutes approved by: