

Eastern Pennsylvania Region Stated Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2009



I. **Section Chief Meeting from 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.**

II. **Section Reports**

- a. Southwest Section - Robert Bernatos, Section Chief
- b. Central Section - John Stinsmen, Section Chief
- c. Pocono Section - Susan Ballek, Section Chief
- d. Northern Section - Robert Morgan, Section Chief

III. **Call to Order**

Gerit Lewisch, Regional Director, called the regular meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region to order at 9:30 A.M. on April 18, 2009 at Blue Mountain Ski Area.

IV. **Moment of Silence**

- a. Ellen Dorley
- b. Jim Gibbons
- c. Doc Sam Amuso
- d. Mike Searly
- e. Dick McAdams
- f. Bruce Holmberg
- g. Gary Seeburger

V. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Fred Tim and seconded by Roeb Gravel to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2008 meeting as published. The motion carried.

VI. **Gold Watch Program at Ski Roundtop**

Edward Hirshman replacing David Sonner.

VII. **PA DOH EMS/NSP**

John Henderson, Liaison.

VIII. **Awards**

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

- a. Outstanding Student Patroller - Andrew Lonagacre, Blue Mountain
- b. Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller - Becki Stuhlemmer, Blue Mountain
- c. Outstanding Instructor - Robert Bernatos, Ski Roundtop
- d. Outstanding Alpine Patroller - Larry Hassman, Ski Roundtop
- e. Outstanding Patrol Director - Howard Wyandt, Elk Mountain
- f. Patriot Star and Service Award - Bruce Holmberg
- g. Crystal Bowl Service Award - Ed Hirshman for Life Long Services to EPA

IX. **Elections - Bob Davies**

- a. Southwest Section Chief - Bob Bernatos re-elected
- b. Northern Section Chief - Bob Morgan re-elected
- c. Central Section Chief - 2010-2012 to be elected in January 2010
- d. Pocono Section Chief - 2010-2012 to be elected in January 2010
- e. Region Director - 2010-2012 to be elected in fall of 2009

X. **Awards Program**

Presentation by Steve Buzzard

Meeting was suspended at 12:05 P.M. for the lunch break. Meeting was reconvened at 12:35 P.M.

XI. **National - Division, Region**

- a. National dues will have to go up; stay tuned
- b. Eastern Division representation at National Board: Bela Musits, Jim Decker, and Burton Mitchell
- c. OEC 5th edition - Planned release date: Sep/Oct 2010

- d. May 2nd voting for elected officials in Albany, NY
- e. Division Budget and By-Laws available on website
- f. Division Director Rick Hamlin looking for a replacement to fill the post
- g. Region By-Laws
 - i. Tim Kelly will re-visit Regional by-laws and Divisional 5 year rules for a vote adjustment.
 - ii. A motion was made by Gerit Lewisch, seconded by Fred Tim, to change our Region by-laws so ARD can vote on Divisional level. Vote was unanimous.
- h. Every program in our region shall be run openly and user friendly.
Reminder: The patroller is our client.
- i. Nancy Mayberry has been appointed Region Secretary, Steve Buzzard Awards Coordinator, and Dick Bensel Assistant Awards Coordinator.
- j. All program fees have to be paid through the EPA website.
- k. 990's are due May 1st

XII. Announcements:

- a. Alumni Program - Bob Barette
- b. YAP Advisor - Wayne Eckelmann
- c. Avalanche - Senior elective: 1st day in PA, 2nd day at Powder Mountain, Utah
- d. Brent Watts - Instructor Development classes will be on the road again
- e. Sharon Friedel - Certified Program: Two EPA participants successful
- f. Next Regional Meeting November 15, 2009 at Bear Creek Mountain Resort

XIII. Adjournment:

Motion made by Gerit Lewisch, seconded by Ken Gable, to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Fay Gable

Minutes approved by: Gerit Lewisch