

CT Region NSP Leadership and Advisors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 20, 2024
Zoom conference 1830-1915



Patrol Directors: Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Mike Smarz (Mohawk);

Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps: Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown, Snowboard);

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Greg Bruhin (ARD);

Advisors: Robert Clark (Assistant ROA); Rick Knight (Awards); Larry Hyatt (Sr. OEC Training Coordinator, Administrative Assistant); Melanie Muszynski (Safety Team); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Neil Glagovich (Sr Program Coordinator); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications);

Guests:

Absent: Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Randy McKee (Lakeridge); Ron Fenner (Southington); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic, MTR); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque); Walt Behuniak (Southington); Kenn Kostuk (Housatonic Section Chief); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief, YAP); Liz Fenner (Treasurer); Berni Fowler (ROA); Justin Regan (Certified, Sr OET Training Coordinator); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Div Safety Team); Roger DelGiorno (Bike Advisor); Steve Goldblatt (Medical); Michael Gajdosik (ID); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Paul Katz (Snowboard); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry); John Boorjian (Historian); Jonathan Ruhe (Legal); John Segretta (Website, Technology); Dan Miller (Elections); Andrew Schuch (ORM)

MEETING, REGIONAL, DIVISIONAL AND NATIONAL

- NSP members in good standing have the following – ICS100, Dues paid up to date, OEC or OFC are up to date. This standing is required for members to receive awards, become Senior, Certified or serve as an officer (region, division or national). Skip will check in Region for members not in good standing.
- Budget Items
 - Any outstanding Expense reports are due to Liz Fenner.
 - 990's will be coming up and need to get to Liz in July. Past history has been very good.
- OEC Training
 - As announced in the recent Beacon News, NSP is releasing an upgraded OEC Hybrid Course.
 - Southington is the only area in Region that will be using this course this year.
 - The new course has an online Final written exam. Question was raised if an in-person test would be available if needed.
 - Currently, candidates can enroll in the OEC course prior to paying their membership dues. This will no longer be true after July 1, 2024.
 - The JBL based course will only be available through the end of this year.

- Region Website
 - Request all look at their programs on the website and make sure information is up to date and correct.
 - Please try to forward information for the New Members page for any recent updates about new members and their obtaining certifications. Pictures are welcomed.

PROGRAMS

- Bike Patrol
 - The Closer to Free ride will be held in New Haven September 7. (Five routes: 10, 25, 40, 65 and 100 miles). Roger DelGiorno, CT Region Bike Advisor, is leading a CT Region team (not limited to patrollers). Safety will try to support the event. Riders must raise money to support the event. Volunteers are not required to pay or raise funds.
<https://www.rideclosertofree.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=6975>
 - Anyone interested in participating should contact Roger DelGiorno (whohay@comcast.net).
- Snowboard
 - This past season went well. The February seminar was well attended, and the quality of the instructors was very good. Tom is considering holding the event outside the region next season.
- OECMSP
 - Plan is to start the program late Summer / early Fall and have the skills and written requirements completed by the Fall OEC Refreshers. This would allow the focus during the season to be on the scenario portion. Will contact people that have shown previous interest as well as contacting Berni Fowler and Peter Bayer to get communications out to patrols.
- Senior Program
 - Plan to update the Region website with requirements to become a Senior.
 - Creating an electronic form that will track status of candidates.
 - Plan to support Greg in notifying patrollers of programs.
- Safety
 - Plan to continue more of the same type of events as were previously held.
 - Will communicate with area Safety Captains to have them host more events.
- Alumni
 - The CT Alumni Day for next season may be held in March.
 - The Eastern Division's Alumni Day event next season may be at Stratton.
 - Trying to avoid conflicts when setting events, such as the Patroller Schools.
- Awards
 - 3 Patrols (Powder Ridge, Sundown, Southington) have assigned a representative to work on awards with Rick Knight.
 - Some Outstanding Awards have gone without nominees. Gathering information takes a lot of time, so never too early to start. Information on the awards can be found in the NSP Policies & Procedures (Chapter 12).

- If people want to participate but don't know where to start, contact Rick Knight. Rick can help with research or even with the write-ups (sometimes knowing just what words to use may help the success of getting the award approved).

PATROLS

- Powder Ridge
 - Wednesday June 26 there will be a combined training between the Patrol, EMS, Fire and Lifestar starting at 18:00. The training will be on the hill getting a patient out of the woods. It is open to anyone who wishes to participate. If needed, participants can get a 2 hour Continuing Education credit through Hartford Healthcare.
 - The patrol hopes to host another “sit around the campfire” where instructors will discuss ideas and “pick each other’s brains”.

NEW BUSINESS

- OEC Instructor Refresher was changed from Sunday September 15 to Sunday September 8 at Sundown.
- Thinking of having next Leadership and Advisors meeting end of August / beginning of September. Will send out a survey.

Adjourned 7:15 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt