

**CT Region NSP Spring Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday April 16, 2024  
Zoom conference 1845-1935**



**Patrol Directors:** Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic, MTR)

**Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps:** Walt Behuniak (Southington);

**CT Region Admin:** Skip Mudge (RD); Greg Bruhin (ARD); Kenn Kostuk (Housatonic Section Chief); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief, YAP); Liz Fenner (Treasurer)

**Advisors:** Peter Bayer (Past ROA); Berni Fowler (ROA); Rick Knight (Awards); Justin Regan (Certified, Sr OET Training Coordinator); Larry Hyatt (Sr. OEC Training Coordinator, Administrative Assistant); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Div Safety Team); Melanie Muszynski (Safety Team); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Neil Glagovich (Sr Program Coordinator); Roger DelGiorno (Bike Advisor); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications); Dan Miller (Elections); Andrew Schuch (ORM)

**Guests:**

**Absent:** Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Randy McKee (Lakeridge); Ron Fenner (Southington); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown, Snowboard); Steve Goldblatt (Medical); Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); 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)

**MEETING, REGIONAL, DIVISIONAL AND NATIONAL**

- Neil Glagovich will serve as meeting Parliamentarian.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Dan Miller said that only one patroller, Sue-Ellen Repeta, received a nomination for the Pequot Section Chief position. No one else was nominated or had interest in the position, therefore, Dan, acting as secretary, cast a single vote for Sue-Ellen for the position of Pequot Section Chief.
- Remembrance of past patrollers who recently passed away:
  - Joseph A Rao - April 2023, Mt. Southington (about a decade), Patroller of the Year
  - Thomas Howard Gillespie, Jr. - April 25, 2023, not in Region
  - Ken Post - May 14, 2023, Pahquioque Patrol, Patrol Director
  - James Chagnon - August 21, 2023; Mt. Southington
  - Morton (Morty) Pear - September 18, 2023; Powder Ridge (36 years), Haystack, Lakeridge
  - Louis Guerrera - October 15, 2023; Ski Sundown, Mohawk, Ski School
  - Christopher Winsor - November 8, 2023; Ski Sundown 28 years (1969-97)
  - Rick Croluis - November 2023; Powder Ridge 20 years; PD, Hill Captain, RD NA 8200; ARC First Aid Instructor (prior to WEC)
  - Bob States - March 14, 2024; Powder Ridge; over 25 years, Retired IRS employee
- Everyone was asked to review the region contact list (posted on Google Folder). Confirm with Skip if correct, or send corrections as needed.

- The past year's proposed budget vs actuals was provided for review.
- The CT Region Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday June 8.
  - Nominations for Instructor of the Year, Patroller of the Year, Mentor of the Year should be submitted to Skip by writing up a paragraph or two with supporting information.
- Regional position updates
  - Mark Pahmer has completed his term as ARD and Greg Bruhin has taken over the position.
  - Peter Bayer has completed his term as ROA and Berni Fowler has taken over the position.
  - Kathy Fitzpatrick has completed her term as Region's Safety Advisor and Melanie Muszynski has taken over the position. Kathy continues as the Eastern Division Safety Supervisor.
  - John Boorjian would like to step down as the Region Historian. If anyone is interested or knows of someone interested in the position to please let Skip know.
  - Rick Knight said if anyone is interested in helping with the awards (or eventually interested in taking over) to let him know. Rick would also like to get at least one representative from each patrol identified to assist. Justin Lonergan said John Giammatteo has that role for Powder Ridge.
- Proposed Bylaw Change
  - Proposed change was made back in February.
  - The change included updated wording to clarify the Section Chief election.
  - Kenn Kostuk made a motion to accept the change which was seconded by Sue-Ellen Repeta.
  - PDs, Reps, RD, Section Chiefs are eligible to vote.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

## **PROGRAM AND PATROL UPDATES TO ANNUAL REPORTS**

- Senior Program – no update
- OEC
  - The Instructor Refresher date was tentatively set for Sunday September 15. The hope was to have it at Powder Ridge, but Powder Ridge may not be able to host it that day.
- ID – no update
- YAP
  - Sue-Ellen is contacting PDs and would like to have a YAP contact at each patrol.
- Pequot Section Chief – no update
- OECMSP – no update
- Safety
  - Kathy Fitzpatrick presented Patroller Stress Awareness at Powderfall. A strong patrol community is needed to support our patrollers. The Region Safety Team has received a lot of support and will look to continue that model throughout the division. Kathy thanked the Region PDs and Safety Captains.
- Bike
  - The Bike season kicked off last weekend at Powder Ridge. Anyone interested or just thinking of learning more about Bike patrolling should contact Roger.

- We will be supporting the Closer to Free ride in New Haven this September. (Five routes: 10, 25, 40, 65 and 100 miles). There is a registration fee and fundraising minimums for riders (depending upon rider age and course length). Volunteers are not required to pay or raise funds. Anyone interested in participating should contact Roger.
- Awards
  - Rick Knight wants to focus on Outstanding awards for next year. This year no patrols were put in for the award. Will start the focus right after the Awards Banquet in June.
- ORM
  - Andrew Schuch (a.k.a. Provo) has taken on the advisor role and has been learning about the program. He expects to have more to report on as time goes along.
  - There is a new ORM course on the Learning Center.
- Southington – no update
- Housatonic Section Chief – no update
- RD – no update
- Mohawk – no update
- Pahquioque – no update
- Powder Ridge
  - Reach out to Roger or Kevin Muravnick if interested in supporting the Bike program at Powder Ridge, don't actually have to do biking. There are online Bike courses, 2 are short and 1 has multiple modules. Powder Ridge courses mandatory for those that plan to work with the Powder Ridge Bike Patrol.
- Alumni
  - March 14 has been set for the CT Region Alumni Day for next year.
  - The Eastern Division Alumni Day next year may be held again at Mt Snow or at Stratton, date has not been set yet.
- Treasurer
  - Budget
    - The dues came in from National about \$1300 higher than anticipated, (OFC and Alumni updated).
    - The Region made more than \$900 from the ski raffle at the OEC Refresher with the help from Justin Regan.
    - There was a surplus of \$4,110.67.
    - Our checking account now has \$29,024.77. \$2,224.18 is for YAPs, leaving \$26,800.29 for the rest of the Region.
    - As the Bike program progresses, it is expected that they might require a budget to be created.
    - The proposed budget for next year (currently expected to change), shows a deficit of \$585. For this past year, the deficit was covered by budgeted expenses that weren't spent.
    - A discussion was held on the new ORM program. It was decided to add \$150 to next year's budget for ORM.
- Nordic
  - The nordic season this past year was only 6 days in the CT Region. They did host the

Safety Team one day. They did get together with Notchview in MA which had a longer season.

- MTR was canceled this past year due to a lack of sufficient enrollment. They are considering whether late spring or winter is best. We need to promote/advertise this program better.
- Other
  - Patrol directors and program advisors to send event dates so that we can post them on our website. Berni would also like to post these dates at OEC Refresher in the fall, and possibly on the refresher registration page.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None.

Adjourned 7:35 PM

Respectively submitted,  
Larry Hyatt