

CT Region Advisor Meeting
Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, November 09, 2021
Zoom conference 1830-2000

Attendees

Advisors: Peter Bayer (ROA); Justin Regan (Certified & Sr OET Advisor); Sue-Ellen Repeta (YAP Advisor & Pequot Section Chief); Becky Mudge (Sr Program Coordinator); Steve Goldblatt (Medical Advisor); Larry Hyatt (Sr OEC Advisor); Melinda Mingus (Medical Advisor); Tom Kim (Snowboard Advisor); Andrew Flint (Outdoor Risk Management Advisor)

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Mark Pahmer (Alternate Region Director); John Segretta (Webmaster)

Absent: Michael Lapierre (MTR Advisor); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry Advisor); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Paul Katz (Assistant Snowboard Advisor); Mike Bafuma (Awards Advisor); Michael Gajdosik (ID Advisor); Austin Hochstrate (Assistant YAP Advisor); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety Team Advisor); Tony Philpin (Housatonic Section Chief);

CT REGION ITEMS

- Regional website. People running programs should update any information and dates. Check with Skip or John with any questions.
- The Youth Protection effort had a successful year with having just about all involved with training getting certified by one of the programs. As advisors are running their programs, can check with Skip for the list of those that are certified.
- People should think about awards earlier in the season. People should look for deserving individual during the season and not wait to the end of season when one might forget. The Eastern Division website also has lists of awards available. See Skip or Mike Bafuma for any input or questions.
- Some awards had been stalled or pushed back for rework. It was suggested that PDs be given guidance on the awards process. Skip will work with Mike Bafuma on this.
- Expenses – for people running programs and incur expenses, the way to get reimbursed is to submit an expense report to Liz Fenner. The report form can be found on the regional website under documents.
- There was discussion regarding Alpine Patrollers who become Senior Patrollers (not Senior Alpine Patrollers). As these patrollers lose their “Alpine” designation, are they no longer permitted to run toboggans? One thought is that this would be a local decision (Patrol Director and Area Management). If they are allowed to run toboggans locally, can they attend Toboggan Enhancement Clinics at other areas in the region? As a visiting patroller, can they run toboggans at other areas? The consensus seemed to be that if the patroller is cleared to run sleds at their own area, then a quick conversation between the “non-home patrol’s” IOR and/or PD with the patroller’s home IOR/PD should clarify issues. Generally, Toboggan Enhancements should not be an issue, as they are not run at Senior OET levels. This is an on-going conversation. Skip will talk with Mike Wuerthele (SVT RD/Senior Program Board Liaison) .

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – Medical Advisors

- Melinda reported that the Division's COOPED-UP guidelines were followed though the Summer and Fall Refreshers. Has not been updated yet for going forward.
- The Eastern Division Medical Advisors recently had a discussion regarding COVID-19 and CPR. The working assumption is that all Pts have COVID-19, so compression only CPR until BVM becomes available (good practice anyway). Then the discussion moved on to the cause of the cardiac arrest.

Chances of survival for the trauma Pt are pretty slim and should be considered a “load and go”. Cardiac arrest due to medical issues, however, can benefit from CPR and therefore we would “stay and play”. The challenge is in that “gray zone” where we are not certain (e.g., are they in cardiac arrest because they hit the tree, or did they hit the tree because of a cardiac event?). Here, it would be best to provide immediate CPR on the hill (stay and play) as this would probably not hurt the trauma Pt, but could benefit the medical Pt. So how long do we “stay and play” before transporting the Pt down the hill (assuming *quality* CPR enroute is not possible)? While there are no hard and fast rules, 10 minutes seems to be a reasonable amount of time. Early AED is very important in this regard, and each patrol should consider how to get AED and oxygen to a cardiac patient on the hill. If a heated top shack (or lift shack) is available, this might be a good location.

- Sue-Ellen noted that Gov. Lamont had just announced a Screen and Stay initiative that many schools in CT are adopting (including Bristol where she works). Essentially, if someone (student or staff) has close contact with a known COVID-19 case, are not fully vaccinated but are asymptomatic, they can stay in school, but must wear a mask, and be screened. As this was just announced, she was uncertain exactly who would be responsible for the screening. If the individual is symptomatic, they must quarantine at home. We hope to get an update next week.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – Snowboard Program

- Snowboard Enhancement is tentatively scheduled for February 6, Superbowl Sunday.
- Tom and Paul are exploring other programs in the Northeast. They haven't seen any other regions with Snowboard Advisors.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – OET & Sr OET Programs

- The OET events have been entered on the Region calendar on the website. Pre-test will be on February 20 at Catamount. The final evaluation will be February 27, also at Catamount. Instructor Refresher will be at Mohawk on December 19. The Toboggan Enhancement and Women’s Enhancement Clinics will be held concurrently on February 13. Location to be determined. These clinics will be incorporating many Patroller School elements.
- Due to COVID-19, all OET TE certifications have been extended a year. Justin is looking to increase the TE staff.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – ROA

- The Fall OEC Refreshers are just about complete, just need to finish up paperwork. Local candidate OEC classes are well underway, with most planning to run their final evaluations through December.

There was some discussion regarding refresher makeups for those who were not able to attend one of the dates. This would be for people such as those away at college, or with a medical issue, not for people who just decided the regional refresher was inconvenient.

- Peter will be scheduling two OEC Enhancement Clinics.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – Sr OEC Program

- Plans are underway for the season and tentative dates have been set and placed on the Region calendar with Orientation set for Saturday November 13. Have started to communicate with people from

different areas about possible locations for a few of the clinics. TEs and potential TEs have been contacted. Between 4 and 8 candidates have expressed interest in the program so far. There may be a few more.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – Sr Program

- Becky has been appointed to the new position as Sr Program Coordinator. The new role will work with candidates and guide them through the process from starting their application and continuing until their profile has been updated and they receive their certificate and pin at the Regional Awards Banquet.
- A Google Sheets doc has been created to track the candidates' accomplishments as they progress through the program.
- At this time, the Senior Nordic Program is not under this umbrella and is still coordinated by Michael Lapierre.

ADVISOR ROUNDTABLE – YAP Program

- The YAP program sold pulse oximeters at the Refresher as a fundraiser. They pretty much broke even, but have roughly half (50) of the units left. She has received a few offline orders, and may try to sell some at the upcoming Sr OEC Orientation or Sundown's Ski Swap.
- Many YAP events are on the calendar. The Eastern Division meeting scheduled for tonight was canceled. There is some question regarding whether there will be a seminar at Smuggs this March. Hope to hear more in December. Considering OEC and OET Enhancements in the region. Jeff Barter has offered to host a YAP clinic if desired.
- Sue-Ellen and Austin plan to visit each area in region to connect with the YAPs. They are also reaching out to PDs to see what new YAP candidates might have joined patrol and check on which YAPs may have aged out.

Next meeting – Tentative pending new COVID-19 info - Wednesday, December 15, 18:30

Adjourned 8:00 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt