

CT Region NSP Leadership and Advisors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 27, 2024
Zoom conference 1830-1955



Patrol Directors: Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Randy McKee (Lakeridge); Ron Fenner (Southington); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic, MTR);

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

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Liz Fenner (Treasurer);

Advisors: Steve Goldblatt (Medical); Michael Gajdosik (ID); Larry Hyatt (Sr. OEC Training Coordinator, Administrative Assistant); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Neil Glagovich (Sr Program Coordinator); Andrew Schuch (ORM);

Guests: Ken Joyce; Peter Bayer

Absent: Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque); Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown, Snowboard); Greg Bruhin (ARD); Kenn Kostuk (Housatonic Section Chief); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief, YAP); Berni Fowler (ROA); Robert Clark (Assistant ROA); Rick Knight (Awards); Justin Regan (Certified, Sr OET Training Coordinator); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Div Safety Team); Melanie Muszynski (Safety Team); Roger DelGiorno (Bike); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Paul Katz (Snowboard); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry); Jonathan Ruhe (Legal); John Segretta (Website, Technology); Dan Miller (Elections); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications);

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 some awards, become Senior, Certified or serve as an officer (region, division or national). Skip will have list of patrollers status out soon.
- There are three open Regional positions – please direct inquiries to Skip.
 - Election committee member to join Dan Miller (Southington) and Steve Wysmuller (Pahquioque). Would prefer having someone from another patrol.
 - Assistant Awards Advisor
 - Historian to replace John Boorjian
- Retention of Records
 - Jonathan Ruhe is advising us to maintain patrol and program records for seven (7) years.
 - Patrollers should check their profiles on the NSP website and confirm what's listed is correct. Corrections should be sent to Skip. Patrollers should also keep their own paper or electronic copies of their achievements.
 - Please remind patrollers to check their profiles. On-the-Hill (On-the-Trail, Hill & Frost) refreshers might be a good time to do this.
- Refresher Station 6
 - Information about the National Board of Directors elections. While not urgent this year, it is

still very important for patrollers to vote.

- Information regarding continuing education opportunities
- Information regarding awards
- Skills station: oxygen and airways
- The importance of checking online profiles (e.g., email and phone).
- Alumni
 - Bob Cassello will send out applications to PDs for people wanting to go Alumni.
 - Instructors going Alumni may maintain their credentials and continue to instruct. Alumni are encouraged to maintain their OEC certifications.
- Aid Room Module
 - The Aid Room Module is required to obtain the Senior Patroller level (not for Senior Alpine or Senior Nordic Patroller).
 - The course consists of six to seven zoom sessions and an in-person final evaluation. See Paula Knight if interested in taking the course.
- Recruiting Flier
 - A proposed “generic” recruiting flier was discussed. This needs extensive editing. It needs to be one sheet of paper. It should have some basic information (such as patrol contacts and how to get more specific information. This might be used at events such as Safety Day. Some ideas:
 - A QR code directing the prospect to a webpage (national and/or region)
 - Companion “poster” to draw attention to our recruiting efforts.
 - NSP has many resources on their website we might be able to use.
 - Feedback for more ideas is welcomed.
- Region Website
 - Advisors should look at their programs on the website and make sure information is up to date and correct. Pictures can also be added.
 - Ensure Program and Patrol activities are listed correctly on the Region calendar.
- OEC Hybrid Course Update
 - The upgraded OEC Hybrid Course is being used at Southington.
 - The course is good with some updates needed. The feeling by Instructors and Candidates is that they are more engaged with this course, and the Candidates appear to be doing well.
 - Currently, instructors don't have access to some online metrics like the quiz results. NSP is aware of this and will try to resolve this in time for next year's classes.

PROGRAMS

- MTR
 - The course is scheduled for President's Day weekend in February. The course will be promoted at the OEC Refresher.

- Medical – nothing to report
- OEC
 - The Instructor and Regional Refreshers are set (Sunday September 8 at Sundown and Saturday October 19 / Sunday October 27 at Camp Sloper). Patrollers don't need to print online course completion certificates.
- ID
 - An in-person session is tentatively scheduled for Monday September 23 6:00 PM at Southington. Questions can be sent to Mike Gajdosik.
- OECMSP
 - The program has been going through an upgrade the last couple of years and with the upgrade it is ready to start for the 2024-2025 season. Much of the requirements like paperwork, skill signoffs and written scenario work will be done during the Fall (target of completing by the end of the scheduled OEC Refreshers,) leaving the focus on clinic scenarios during the ski / boarding season. An Orientation is set for Tuesday September 3 location TBD. Emails were sent to some potential candidates, PDs and TEs with a note that any interested candidates who can not make Tuesday to contact Larry Hyatt to arrange another time to meet to pass on the information. A blast to all Region patrollers will also be sent out.
 - There is a zoom scheduled for Tuesday September 17 for the written scenario write-ups.
 - Two OEC Enhancements are being scheduled. These sessions will be open to all patrollers. Senior candidates who demonstrate competence in senior skills will be able to get sign offs.
 - Dates for the enhancements are Sunday September 29 9AM-1PM at Sundown and Sunday October 6 9AM-1PM tentatively set for Pahquioque.
- Mountain Host Programs
 - Programs are located at Sundown, Southington and Powder Ridge. Sundown would like to collaborate with other programs so if people can't attend training at their own area they can go to another area. The hope is to avoid the need for make-ups.
- ORM – No report
- Bike Patrol
 - The Closer to Free ride for cancer research 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 the CT Region team of 8 riders, and they raised \$12,000 (15,091 as of 9/9/24). Aside from Roger, the team includes Norm Bird and Kristen Piccirillo (Sundown), Melanie Muszynski (Powder Ridge and is a volunteer but not riding), Andrew Schuch (Mohawk), Mike Bafuma and Mike Dyer and Skip (Southington). Roger and Norm raised over \$3000 and are part of the Premier Circle (as of 9/9/24, Norm raised 6,790 and Roger 4,175).

PATROLS

- Lakeridge – No report
- Pahquioque
 - There are 11 candidates in their OEC class.
- Sundown

- Lift 1 was taken out and is being replaced by a new conveyor quad. The patrol is looking at new procedures like loading sleds when returning them up the hill.
- There are 13 candidates in their OEC class. 10 are Mountain Hosts, 1 is a YAP.
- The On-the-Hill Refresher is Sunday September 15 8:00 AM.
- Southington
 - New sidewalks are being put in.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Sundown plans on getting pizza and drinks for the OEC Instructor Refresher. Request that people sign-up and pay so that they have a count for how much to buy. They will donate any extra that is taken in.
- Question was raised about the current Region financial status and should a Fund Raiser be run like has been done the last two years. Skip said the current deficit is about \$585, and with the actuals normally coming in a little below requested amounts, doesn't feel a fund raiser is needed this year.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tues October 15 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourned 7:55 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt