

Snowbowl Ski Patrol General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2019 Meeting Start 7 PM

Attendees: Christine Lustik, Joe Lustik, Cheri Thompson, Marea Kuhl, Neil Marjerrison, Tom Kerr, Stan Sneath, James Gardner, Art Wear, Penny Bucher, Bill Bucher, Bob Rinfret, Dennis Hardwick, Frank Scariano, Stella Nall, Erin Jones, James Gardner, Art Wear, Matt Radlowski, Ryan Hamilton, Amberleigh Hammond, Cathy Scribner, Eric Weckenbrock, Frank Maus, Dr. Jammy, Emma Montague, Mike Whitting, Chelsea Leven, Danielle Pettry, Eric Hardwick, Craig Shiesa, Steve Inabnit

Location: St. Pats

Typed up: 1/9/2019 by Christine Lustik, Secretary Called to order: 7:00 pm

Mountain Update

Things are good. 7 " Sunday (Jan 6). Coverage is good, we are in Mid-season maintenance mode.

Secretary

- Second half schedule should be out by the end of this week.
- Don't forget to get your own coverage and remember when you send out a request to respond back to everyone. It's suggested, when you reach out to find a ride (which is awesome, please car pool) maybe reach out to those on the schedule for that day, versus the whole patrol.
- Social media is up and running. If you find something cool and relevant, send it to Christine she'd be happy to post it. If you'd like to help, let her know, she's happy to get other people posting.

Treasurer

- There's a budget. We have money. Will get SOS fair money in Feb meeting.

Old Business / Follow-Ups

Training Opportunities:

- **350 clinic** – no cap, so if want to sign up - go ahead and sign up. \$49 to register, send to Jeannette, when you complete the clinic, we will reimburse ½. Cheri asked Joe to elaborate because we have lots of candidates at the class.
- **OEC** class resumes Thursday. Feel free to come help and let Cheri know.
- **OET refresher** – Need to demonstrate ability every year to be signed off. Stan reviewed the process. There is a list on the mountain in the candidate binder of all the patrollers. Everyone needs to be observed running the toboggan in the horns and tail rope. Can be an actual accident. Must be seen by an OET instructor and have them sign you off. Alternatively, can do first thing in the morning. Course number is written at top of sign off sheet. Needs to be done by end of the year. Your member profile shows that you refreshed. Karl, Bruce, Stan
- Steve Thompson is running an **IDC (Instructor Development Course)**. Encouraged to go thru the course if you ever want to be an OEC, OET, or Avalanche instructor. It's the prerequisite. It's about how to teach adults. The course is registered. Member Resources/Course Schedule/In patrol type in snow and it will type in all open courses for our patrol. Have until next Tuesday night to register. There are a couple hours of online work and then one night of in-person class.

Would like class gathering to be night of Jan 25th, 7-9 PM at Bab's. No course fee. Bill asked if instructors could audit to refresh. Cheri said yes.

- Joe was excited that so many people are interested in instructing. It really helps us be a strong, healthy patrol.
- **Matt – Avalanche news:** There is going to be an avi 2. Matt is the division Avalanche advisor. Steve P. will be taking over. They are working on the cost. March 1-3 at Lost Trail. This is an intense class with a lot of home study before hand. One day indoors and 2 days outdoors. Have to have an NSP level 1 because we have a big rescue component. If you haven't done NSP level one with an organized rescue get in on a rescue module. Avalanche one is a go end of January. Books are ordered, the class is full. It will be at City Life. Matt is going to send out an email gauging interest. Amberleigh said Avi 2 doesn't happen often, she's been waiting, so take advantage. Matt said he'd be happy to mentor people that want to get into teaching Avalanche.
- **Winter Tip Off** – this weekend at Great Divide. Patrol pays ½ of \$189, in case someone wanted to sign up late. Professional toboggan and ski instruction. Skiing and banquet included in cost.

Life Flight membership. Ty Whalen has heard back from 10 so we have met the threshold. Still pinning down the exact price, about \$50/person. End of January is the deadline to determine if you want a lifeflight membership. One fee pays for household and works all year. Reach out to Joe or Ty by the end of January, if you want to join the group purchasing a year of Lifeflight membership for a crazy low price. It covers you and those in your household. If you do outdoor stuff (you are a ski patroller right?) this is a good idea. Candidates can also join.

Community Work:

- \$1,000 donation to Jim Anderson fund has been paid.
- Tom, CASA – Tom is on the board of Directors for CASA and he had the idea to auction off a ski patrol experience for the live auction. Morning sweeps, learn process, ski around, learn the mountain. The mountain donated two passes. Tom will be a co-host, but he would love a more experienced host. Need someone not on the schedule. Joe is looking for those interested to help out. Paul, Frank Scariano, Marea Kuhl, Steve Inabnit raised their hands. Joe talked a bit about how these things help with community engagement.

New Business

- Penny, **Senior Test** - Northern Division is looking to have a senior class next year, March 2020. Sign up would be in October. Senior is about leadership. Leadership of managing resources, looking at multiple patients, injuries, and how to manage people. Solidifying first aid and toboggan skills. Senior toboggan handlers should be able to go to any mountain and run toboggan. We used to have ½ the patrol that was senior certified. Now we've added numbers and need to add depth to increase the breath. Go to Penny or Bill with questions. There are requirements of other classes but one can take multiple years to complete them after completing the Senior tests. This is a division level course, not patrol level. Need to have about 20 people from whole of division. When the Senior patrollers in the room were asked to talk about it, Penny said she got a level of confidence in skills that she didn't have and Bill says it is challenging. He says, come to the training, it's intense, but worth it. OEC portion is candidate test on steroids. Penny and Bill will be leading the training work.

- **Information about Patrol eboard member votes coming up in April:** Quick review of leadership – Patrol Director (PD) does 2 years as assistant, then 2 years as director, then 2 years as mentor. This is the year to vote in the next Assistant Patrol Director (APD), as ideally the current APD would take over in May. Treasurer and secretary are voted in on alternate years.

Due to life circumstances, Frank, as current APD, will not be taking on PD in May. The eboard has discussed possible solutions. Joe would be willing to do *only* one (1) more year, beyond his original two (2) years.

The proposal to the patrol is that in April, you have the opportunity to vote in Joe for one more year or vote in someone else as Patrol Director, that hasn't been APD. If you vote in Joe for another year, we will be voting in an APD for one year, to take over. If you vote in another new PD, we'll vote in an APD for the normal two year term. The patrol is encouraged to discuss, reach out to leadership with questions, and come to the February meeting with questions.

- **Supportive Environment:** Joe talked about how we are a young patrol right now, many have been patrolling less than three years. That means stuff happens. It's critical that we support each other. We poke fun with golden goat and pitchers partly to bring some levity to hard experiences, but it's really important we know that mistakes happen and try to support each other so we can all keep improving. We are appreciating the pro staff's support this season. Learn from mistakes. Keep openness. We registered 71 people this season, including the new OEC class and transfers. They have to be registered to be on the mountain training.
- **Snowbowl Swag:** Art said, can go to ticket office to pick up a sweatshirt and mug from employee party.
- Chelsea asked about Mountain Travel and Rescue. Matt said to contact Dan'l Moore. She said dates are scheduled in Feb.
- Penny commented that it seems like we've had more smaller accidents and lots of knees so far this season.

Adjourned Paul, seconded Marea. 7:54 pm