

# Snowbowl Ski Patrol General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2018 Meeting Start 7 PM

Attendees: Christine Lustik, Joe Lustik, Paul Janzen, Cheri Thompson, Dennis Hardwick, Bill Bucher, Neil M., Ryan Hamilton, Marty Merwin, Frank Scariano, Karl Uhlig, Dan Baylor, Frank Maus, Will Holm, Stella Nall, Bob Rinfret, Amberleigh Hammond, Jordan Rice, Cathy Scribner

Location: St. Pats

Typed up: 12/3/2018 by Christine Lustik, Secretary

**Lost and Found:** Found owners of lost coat and glasses. We have an OEC book from the refresher and OEC final back in May.

## Mountain Update:

- Talked to Art last week. Went from 40/60 last month and to less than a 20% chance of opening the new lift, with the snow on the mountain. Don't expect to see any lift movement on tv mountain this season. Pat is working on grizz chair and Art is cleaning runs.
  - Question: Can we ski the new runs? Technically it's out of bounds. Don't do it in your parka and don't do it on a duty day. Bring skins to get out.
  - Question: Frank asked what are we doing for a warming hut for us? There is a base for patrons. If it were this season they were going to pull a trailer up, but there are intentions to build something up top. Note that Art has to staff it also 7 days a week so there will need to be something up there. Waiting to get power pedestal in to run the motor that hasn't run in 4 years. Comm line, alignment, load test chairs, etc. all need to be worked on yet.

**Treasurer Report:** Money we have some.

- Income – license plate income dwindling rapidly, month to month is down from \$1,200 to \$1,400 per month to \$480 to \$1,000 per month. Currently, checking is a little over \$30,000. About 32,000 in investment.
- Recent Expenditures include \$1,000 cpr training gear, \$4,000 registration of patrol members, reimbursements expected to be coming in now also. Expenditures/Reimbursements need to be submitted by December patrol meeting. Need to have patrolled last year and be in good standing. If these qualifications are met, patrol will reimburse, \$100 anything ski related. Submit gear reimbursements to Paul at next meeting, bring receipts.

## SOS Fair Report from Cheri

- # of consigners registered 328; average consigner earned \$284; # of items sold 2,100; average purchase amount 151; 2,100 purchasers; average number of purchases 4 items; overall sales \$86,000; which is down \$12,000 from last year, but still great!
- 2 groups receiving money Missoula Avalanche and Snowbowl volunteer ski patrol, avalanche center was testing SOS out. There was a good amount of volunteers, Thanks Everyone!

- SOS board will be meeting to evaluate policy and mission. They plan to include letter with peoples checks about what we are accepting, limits on items, etc. Based on some experiences this year.

### **Donation History and Proposal:**

**History:** For a long time this patrol didn't have money to pay dues, purchase parkas, no reimbursement, but lots of patrols exist that way. There were forward looking people that did the license plate and SOS continued to grow. During that time this patrol started looking further ahead and we started an investment strategy to propagate and help support this patrol into the future. Before we did that we felt we had an obligation to use that money to support other likeminded orgs like ski clubs, the avalanche center, the rec department, norther division, etc. Now we are encouraging them to support themselves. The avalanche center is trying to find their own money at the SOS fair. They've started the Pray for Snow event which grossed \$17,000.

- Note: Joe feels we need to be thinking ahead to other revenue streams we can develop, as our license plate revenue goes down. Examples would be host touring films, put on events, etc. As a patrol we are growing in numbers to get ready for tv mountain registering, training, parkas, radios, all that stuff will cost more.

**Proposal:** Wants to talk about a donation opportunity. There was a boating accident on Yellowstone river this summer, Jim Anderson boating with family. Jim and daughter survived, lost his wife and son in the accident. Jim is a Professional ski instructor and Gallatin Sheriff deputy. He worked at Big Sky and was a PSIA level 3 instructor, clinician and examiner for Northern Div Winter Tip off for almost 15 years. He's been generous with his time to NSP. Joe read news article. Northern Division has donated \$1,000 to the go fund me site. This year we did not make a donation to Northern Division of NSP, which we've commonly been doing.

- The board is proposing to make a donation to this cause in lew of the Northern Div of NSP. Board is capped at \$500 and thought we may want to propose more. Opened to discussion.
  - Amberleigh asked what we have given money to in the past. Avi, northern div, city programs. Joe says we gave about \$2,500 last year. Nothing more planned to give for this year. Bill speaks up for Jim and feels its worthwhile. Karl spoke up for Jim and how long he's come to winter tip-off and picks the instructors. Jim always picks the clinicians, the people who teach the instructors how to teach. Cathy spoke up for sheriff's deputies in general and how amazing they are. Will made a motion to donate a \$1,000 Jordan seconded. All in favor. Opposed. Paul abstained. Joe will send out an email to everyone that was not at the meeting so they can vote electronically.
- If there's an organization you'd like to help out, bring it to to eBoard first.

### **350 Toboggan Clinic Opportunity**

The 350 clinic is set for Saturday, January 26, all day. It's capped at 20 people and people from Lost Trail will be joining us. Joe provided a description of a 350 toboggan. Several outside instructors with 5 toboggans. \$49 fee we will pay ½ after you complete it. Registration will be turned on when the Polaris comes out. Those interested include: Dennis, Frank, Neil, Bob, Jordi, Stella, Cathy, Ryan H, Karl, and

Stan, Marea, Kathleen, and Dennis are helping to coordinate it. Mountain providing some food and passes.

National Ski Patrol (NSP) elections are going on, please vote. 5 people running for 4 positions. It's good to have people from our area on the board. We do have one on the board from Casper Mountain. Karl – update email on NSP if you did not get the Polaris in September. In it, Karl showed that we are about 2% of NSP. Over ½ is from SE and NE division.

**Team Leaders:** It was proposed Jordan be a new team leader. Paul moved to accept Jordan as team leader. Amberleigh second.

**Secretary:**

- **Scheduling:** Schedule went out. The second half schedule will have to be done at the beginning of January, so be prepared to do that process again. Watch for the emails. It is our goal to have days be as even as possible and to get people as many days as possible so we can maintain our skills and keep our memory of mountain policies and sweeps fresh. We are lucky we have a full patrol and whenever the lift does open, we'll be busy then so enjoy slightly lighter days while you can.
- **Facebook:** We were getting AZ people and decided for clarity to make it Montana Snowbowl Volunteer Patrol, so we are growing the facebook page. There were 28 likes a week before the meeting and we are up to 138. If you use Facebook, we appreciate you helping us grow the site.
- **Question:** Amberleigh asked if it would be possible to have another way to get shifts covered other than emailing everyone. She suggested a google doc or a weekly email from the secretary. Christine can setup a google doc if people want, but it is another place to check so everyone would need to agree. Paul reminded us that it is the responsibility of each person to cover their own shifts. Christine asked what the consensus in the room was, if they wanted to do something other than email, nobody else seemed to come out against email. If that was missed, please let us know!

**Awards:** Cheri presented the Northern Division Mark Behan Outstanding Instructor award to Marty Merwin for 2017-2018.

Joe thanked everyone for delivering at the collegiate championship participation. Joe handed out swag. Dennis, Cathy, Ryan H, David W, Marea K Bob got growlers, other people got Big Dipper and dram shop tokens.

**New Business:**

- Is anyone not getting emails? Cathy Scribner and Marty raised hand and talked to Joe.. Neil talked about the bonfire and invited everyone.
- Marty – will not be on the mountain it was a privilege and honor.
- Karl – asked about sos fair and do we need to note the people who did not volunteer. It used to be that as an expected part of being on the patrol, but now one only has to be in good standing to have your dues paid. Good standing from last year is you filled or found replacements for your duty shifts. SOS fair was voted 4 years ago to be all volunteer.

- In 2010, NSP solicited recipes and created cookbooks, they didn't sell well. So Karl brought a case for anyone that wants one for free. Lots of free cookbooks, Joe has the box, let him know if you want some for Christmas presents!

Adjourn Paul , Karl seconded. 8:05 PM