

Snowbowl Ski Patrol General Meeting

Minutes

Date: September 11, 2018

Attendees: Neil M, Kathleen H, Bill Bucher, Marea Kuehl, Stan Sneath, Dave Wolff, Ty Whalen, Ryan Hamilton, Dennis Hardwick, Amberleigh Hammond, Tom Kerr, Bob Rinfret, Eric Hardwick, C Thompson, Steve Inabnit, Joe Lustik, Bruce Amrine, Paul Janzen, [Jordan Rice]

Location: St. Pats

Typed up: 9/26/2018 by Christine Lustik, Secretary (Notes taken by Paul at meeting.)

Called to order 7 PM

TV Mountain News

- Brad says 50/50. Top and bottom are in, all pads are poured. Towers should be up within the week. The list of things to do is still lengthy and it depends on whether snow comes in early or not. A shelter and repeater at the top are part of the list of things to be done. No other known news.
- Neil asked if the plan was to receive check requests at meetings and checks would be made out at e-board? Joe wasn't certain if that plan has been made. Plan is to write reimbursements once per month.

Treasurer Report (Paul):

- Amount in account \$41,488 less \$20 for new checks written.
- New checks are ordered and in the future will require 2 signatures between Paul, Neil, Joe and eventually Frank.
- \$26,000 in investment account to date. We are up \$700. Tom wishes to discuss the investment account with our investment advisor. Amberleigh asked if the advisor is paid. Yes.

Vouchers:

- Joe asks about collecting unused vouchers from the 2017/2018 season. We return them to the mountain to show good faith that we aren't taking advantage of the perk.

ICE List:

- The ICE list will be at the refresher for anyone that needs to update their emergency contact information.
- The emergency contact info will be distributed with the half-year schedule. It will be public knowledge on our patrol only.

NSP Division Meeting:

- Joe encouraged people to attend the Division meeting. He was impressed last year and felt it was well run. Meeting is relevant to the entire patrol, not just leadership. Sat AM has breakout sessions around MTR, Avalanche, etc. Sat afternoon is an OEC refresher. Sat evening is vendors and banquet. It's a good time and you meet people from throughout the division.
- Joe asked who was planning to go: Stan, Bruce, Cheri, Steve, Amberleigh, Joe, Christine

Upcoming Collegiate MTB Race (October 18-21):

- Stan, David W, and Joe just got back from a planning meeting. This is a massive event with 4 days of shifts.
- Joe encouraged everyone to support this event. It's the last year of the event and important we live up to our commitment.
- Gun season opens Saturday October 20. This event goes from Thursday – Sunday so maybe hunters could sign up thur/frid? There are also many different time slots open.
- MSSI will be there every day all day with paramedic and EMT at base. This year no jump on xc course. DH course like last year. Dual slalom and flat short track. There will be 4 events total. Bring your headlamp. Goal is to be off before dark, but schedule may slip. Watch for emails from Stan and David and sign up!

Summer Events Overview:

- Riverbank Run: Bill said this was one of our larger turnouts and it went well.
- MTB Missoula: This was a hard one with changes made and a new point person. Saturdays shift ended up being too long, but we learned some things and Thursday, Friday, and Sunday were covered well.
- YFC Triathlon: This is the shortest event we do. Ryan, Tom, Will, Erin and the Thompsons covered it. We had enough people and it went well.
- Brain Injury Alliance: First year for this event at Snowbowl. We got a last minute call from Brad and joined in. They hope to grow this into a large fundraiser for the Brain Injury Alliance. We had enough people show up and Bruce A's side by side was very useful.

Bottom Bump:

- Most feel like bottom bump worked well last year; ½ hour shifts mid-day. Bump this year will depend on staffing, attrition, and tv mountain. If we have the staff, Joe hopes to keep the bottom bump.
- Questions: Jordan asked if we could look into getting base station radio and decent binoculars. Communication to base was hit and miss with hand-held. Bruce said Brad was supposed to be getting a repeater. Bill said we would wait and see what the mountain does, but he'll start looking for a base radio. Cheri commented that her and Steve did quite a bit of first aid on the bottom bump and suggested a coffee pot. Joe made sure everyone knew all patients can get free hot cocoa.

2018/2019 OEC Candidate Class and Recruiting

- Hoping to have another candidate class. Size to be set late nov/early dec. Cheri says we have 5 so far and some transfers. At that point, we'll know the size of the patrol and how much mountain we have to patrol. With that we plan to recruit.
- Bruce suggested that we talk to John Fradette to see if there would be a senior class run. If there is both, we could be stretched thin doing both. Bruce said it's been a policy not to run OEC and senior the same year as instructors get burned out. Cheri suggested combining them. Joe will check at Northern Div. Tom asked about senior and Joe gave an overview.
- Recruiting Discussion: Joe talks about recruiting at events, working the lines and using a sandwich board. Jordan asked about using a tent and table. Amberleigh asked about getting into the events and Joe said we would expense 2 tickets per movie if desired, or people could work the line and go home. This is new.
- Joe listed dates and location of 4 regular recruiting opportunities to get sign up support. If volunteers are new to patrol and don't have a jacket yet, we can get them one.
 - Teton Gravity: Amberleigh and Marea
 - Warren Miller: Amberleigh and Marea
 - Pray for Snow: Bob and Tom

Facebook: Amberleigh is interested in helping with Facebook. Christine is working on getting information from Anthony.

Upcoming 2018 OEC Refresher: Everyone must refresh every year. Cheri said an email was sent out. Cheri, make sure you register and do the online portion and arrive with your certificate and completed workbook. There is a new spinal protocol (Spinal Motion Restriction) this year so that will be a focus.

- There were some comments that new patrollers (candidates from last year) weren't getting Cheri's emails. There are clear email list issues.
- Cheri brought up the new EMT to OEC path from NSP. John Fradette will discuss it at the division meeting and we'll have more clarification. The idea is to support the recruiting efforts for EMTs interested in ski patrolling. Joe will send out clarification on the path after Northern Division meeting.

SOS FAIR: Dates are firm, November 10-11. Hold the dates and plan to help! Sign ups will be at the refresher. This is the 50th year. SOS is a separate organization from us, but at this time, our patrol is the only volunteer organization supporting the event and we make a significant amount of money on it. You can bring friends and relatives to work the SOS fair.

Team Leaders: The patrol director chooses the team leaders and the patrol votes on them. Team leaders so far for this coming year, include Frank, Neil, and Stan. We need one more, talk to Joe if interested.

- ✓ There as a vote to support both Neil and Stan as team leaders and they were voted in unopposed on voice votes.

Attrition: Joe asked if anyone knew of non-returning members.

- We think Calvin has moved to SF. Ian may be at AngelFire, not sure if he'll return. Peter Garner has moved.

New Business and Upcoming Education Opportunities:

- Bruce is now the Northern Division Alum Advisor. This was discussed. Could work with the historian, Steve. It was suggested that we have well-produced videos for Facebook.
- Looks like there will be an Avy 2 class with Flathead Nordic in March.
- Matt may do an Avy 1 class for Snowbowl pros with extra seats available to us in Jan/early Feb. Watch for that.
- Winter Tip off is the second weekend of January
- Doing a 350 clinic this year with Cascade Toboggan rep, Joe asked for a point person. Kathleen, Dennis and Marea will work on it. Joe will help.
- Joe said there may be scholarship funds to help people attend classes.
- Amberleigh expressed interest in an MTR II class.
- Amberleigh brought up an Outdoor Research deal on coats for groups. 62.5% off base layers with a 10 person order. She'll send out a poll

Jordan moved to adjourn. Paul second.