



Snowbowl Ski Patrol



General Meeting

3/10/20 7:00 PM Duran Learning Center @ St. Pat's

Joe Lustik, Christine Lustik, Paul Janzen, Neil Marjerrison, James Gardner, Bill Bucher, Danielle Petry, Tom Kerr, Bynum, Karl Uhlig, Frank Maus, Chelsea Leven, Amberleigh Hammond, Andy Duzet, Cathy Scribner

7:03 Start

- 1) Mountain Update – ART – Spring Hours and closures.
 - a. Spring hours started yesterday. Everything moves up ½ hour. Patrollers show up at 8:30 am, versus 8 am and instead of 3:20 pm sweep will start at SnowPark at 3:50 pm and Griz closes at 4:30 pm. Starting March 23 the bowl will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays.
 - b. Sweeps still struggling a bit.
- 2) Secretary Report – CHRISTINE
 - a. Patroller Profiles
 - i. We've got some fun patroller profiles coming up, watch for them on the facebook page. Let me know if or when you are interested.
 - b. Remember meeting notes, training videos, forms and such can be found on the website under the member area.
- 3) Treasurer Report – PAUL
 - a. 32,100 in checking account
 - b. Holding off on putting more into investment account. We are still in the black after the drop.
- 4) Recruiting – TOM
 - a. EMT Challenge Class proceeding with 5 candidates – TEST DATE: TBD Will be in April and we'll need help so please watch for that info to come through.
 - b. Send ALL candidates to our website to enter their info under "Join our Patrol" link.
 - c. Tom has contacted all of the people on the interested list and is already started recruiting for next year's OEC class.
- 5) Ombudsperson – CATHY – Nobody has reached out. Reminder, this is simply an advocate for a person with a grievance or complaint and they don't want to come forward alone. Encourage those with challenges to reach out to Cathy.
 - a. E-Board has appointed Cathy Scribner as Ombudsperson.
 - b. Cathy says some people had raised safety concerns in the past and it is just good to talk about stuff instead of festering and she does encourage people to reach out to any team leader, they don't have to only talk to her.
- 6) By-Laws have been adopted – unanimously. As soon as signature page is finished it will be on the website. Less than 10 people didn't vote.
- 7) Electronic voting only works if everyone participates. You are encouraged to vote to ABSTAIN if you can't, or don't want to, vote FOR/AGAINST an item. Joe usually gives a deadline and one more reminder after the deadline. Asked if there was any questions about doing votes via email.
- 8) Nominations for elected office (SPECIAL 1-year term). Voting at April meeting:
 - a. Assistant Patrol Director (2-year, then become Director)
 - i. Last month there were 3 nominees (Will, Jordan, Bob) from the last meeting have all declined the nominations.
 - ii. Taking new nominations – Joe put forth Frank Maus. Frank says he isn't dying to do the job so if someone else is interested, please step up. The role is to keep things running and be a guide for the patrol, but it doesn't have to be all the heavy lifting
 1. Karl asked, has Joe started to have conversations with mountain management do we need to grow or are we in a happy place? Yes, he's been having that conversation. We've pretty much met the commitment this year of 15 people per day. The eboard thinks that we may be able to

do it with 13/14 people per day. Next year will be a little thin as there is always a small drop every year of people getting new jobs or moving from Missoula. Art likes 15. Joe asked a general question, do the days feel longer or shorter this year with 2 mountain tops. Danielle thinks it varies depending on the day. When getting trapped at the top of SnowPark it can go longer. When get to bounce around it's very different. General agreement. Karl, one of the things he's noticed is that with dispatch being run out of Lavelle, SnowPark doesn't know where everyone is on the mountain, and so we don't know if others may be coming so people could leave SnowPark. He'd like to see that happen.

2. Frank asked if move of repeater would help. To be discussed later in the meeting.

- b. Secretary (1-year) – Ryan Hamilton has accepted the nomination to become Secretary
- c. Treasurer (1-year) – Paul has accepted the nomination to continue as Treasurer
- d. Feel free to bring forth names for another couple weeks.

9) Workers Compensation – now active with Montana State Fund. YOU MUST REPORT INJURY **BEFORE** LEAVING THE SKI AREA! Joe is repeating in every meeting so we know. Document and record before you leave the mountain. Frank asked if with workers comp means we can drive the bile? Joe will check into it.

10) Old Business

- a. "The Patroller Experience" – 4 auction winners hosted on 3/7. The 4 people contributed \$1,200 to Ronald McDonald house for the experience. They liked the 4-person interaction and contact. They would have liked an explosive demo. Joe warns him not to grow it into something that is a burden and to keep Roni updated.
- b. OET Refresher this season – Register for course and get signed off by Stan, or other OET Instructor. Status list can be found in Warming Hut binder. If you haven't run a sled yet get one out and get signed off on the mountain.
- c. Lift-Evac and Self-Evac well under way. Get with Neil to complete training on this new procedure.
 - i. Sunday Neil got 5 people off the list and valuable things were learned. Art wanted them to do it on SnowPark and the rest of them will be done on SnowPark.
 - 1. The girth hitch used to pull ropes over doesn't work on new evac ropes, only old evac ropes. Neil will work on better way.
 - 2. We all need practice, including our shooters.
 - 3. Team leaders are encouraged to get lead bags down and check bags for the carabiner for the bean bag.
 - 4. If you set a ziplock baggy down on a snowy hill it slides so be careful.
 - 5. When the lifties stop the chair for the evac, a chair was in the pulley the person swung outside of the chair, remind to push away from the chair. Chair derailer sensor is up there and we don't want to hit one with an evac rope. He used the tower as an anchor to make sure that didn't happen.
 - ii. Joe asked for feedback on the lift evac training and Danielle said it's better than anywhere she's been on 5 ski patrols.
- d. Encouraged to take photos of Opening Sweep board and completed Sign-In sheet in Aid Room each morning to stay informed on the mountain.
- e. Bottom Bump update regarding "Injured Reserve" and "Non-Transporting Patrollers (NTPs)". It was announced in February that the NT's are being asked to work bottom bump from 2:30 to end of day, if there are not injured reserves on that day. Most days there are.
- f. CPR cards are tacked to the bulletin board in the Aid Room. If you didn't grab yours remember to get it.
- g. Avalanche level I class has been moved to next season. Avy 2 the following year.
- h. Parka repair shipment this summer. Get your damaged parkas to Stan at the end of the season, can bring to picnic on May 2.
- i. Nine (9) patrollers are taking their Senior Test on 3/21-22. Wish us all luck and success.

11) New Business

- a. Radio Communications –
 - i. Radio issues explained via the attachment sent out with the agenda. Repeater boosts and repeats the signal. Currently it's not at the highest point and needs to be higher. Garbage in/Garbage out, if the signal coming in is weak and staticky the only solution is to get a better signal. The only solution is moving

