

ESR Meeting Minutes – 7/28/12

Attendees

Nancy Stromswold – ESR Dir

Tim Stephens – Heavenly

Hugh McGuigan – Alpine Meadows

Chuck Herbert – Registrar, TD

David Stepner – Secry, OEC Adv

Leilani Connolly – Awards

Dave Stromswold – PR Homewood

Dave Pinsky – Senior Advisor

Rob Morrow – Div Avi Supvsr

Peter Beaupre – TBSP

Ron Evenson –

Keith Tatsukawa – OEC Div Supv,
Certified

Jasmine Wevers – EMS

Bill Hummer – Natl Board Member

Mike Fanelli – Northstar

Tom Sherry – Northstar, FWD Asst

Josh Masur – Legal

Keith Tatsukawa – Certified

Tom Moore – Tahoe XC

Rye Livingston – Web Admin

Katie DuMont – Sierra Tahoe

Tony Atkins – PR China Peak

Jim Simons – MLR Dir, Kirkwood

Bill Gibson – FWD Dir

Steve Costello – Treasurer

Rye Livingston – Web Advisor

Mike Kelly – Div Nordic Advsr, Royal Gorge

Karl Barber – Co- Equipment Coord

Loretta O'Brien

Introductions, Proxy Presentations

Proxy from Wes Schimmelpfennig to David Stepner for Squaw Valley Patrol

Proxy from Dave Low to Chuck Herbert for Tahoe Donner Patrol

Additions to Agenda, Motion to Accept Agenda

Moved and Seconded – Passed

Resolutions (proposed & seconded)

1. Purchase Quicken software (not to exceed \$100) – passed
2. Appoint John Scarpa (Northstar) 2nd Asst Dir; he will be secretary – passed
3. Budget \$250 for Certified for transportation – passed
4. Budget \$250 for Certified for training & supplies – tabled until next meeting
5. Form committee with Nancy as chair to define line items in OEC and equipment budgets and report back in 30 days (Kevin, Steve, David, Karl, Nancy) – passed
6. Delete Budget line 18.0 – defeated
7. Allocate contingent funds (\$600) to attend Senior OEC Evaluator clinic in Lakewood on Sept 28th –29th and hold regional/divisional sessions afterwards – passed

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8. Each patrol send region \$10 per SEM candidate until \$500 is recovered – rejected on roll call vote
 - Alpine – No
 - Northstar – Yes
 - Heavenly – No
 - Homewood – No
 - Sierra – No
 - Squaw – No
 - TBSP – Yes
 - TXC – Yes
 - TD – No
9. Accept budget as it stands for 30 days with approval by Treasurer for expenditures – passed
10. Budget additional \$22.88 for Awards – passed
11. Purchase (to max \$400) one Nordic rope kit (as proposed) that is owned and controlled by ESR (according to ESR protocol); to be bought along with TBSP kit – passed on roll call vote
 - Alpine – No
 - Northstar – Yes
 - Heavenly – abstain
 - Homewood – Yes
 - Sierra – No
 - Squaw – Yes
 - TBSP – Yes
 - TXC – No
 - TD – No
 - Nancy (breaking tie) – Yes

Actions

- Jim Simons – Make sure that MLR is following the same OEC class funds protocol
- Patrol PRs – Might want to put policy for guest patrollers on website
- David S – work with Tom Fake on recert of OEC instructors
- T. Nye – work with Tom Fake about OET refresher for MK patrollers
- T. Nye – work with Dave Low about OET refresher for TD patrollers
- Nancy – Find out about MOU from T Fake, also ask about visitors

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Dave P – work with Katie D for setting up Senior Program for this Fall

Katie D, Hugh McG, Mike F – talk to Dotty M about Aux Program

Keith T – bring up topic of awards for Alumni at Div Meeting

Josh M – what are liability issues (if any) of ESR owning ropes used in Certified and Nordic training

Jasmine W – provide info to PRs about MRC program before refresher season starts

ESR – recommends an appointment of an ID IT in Tahoe area

Howard J – Attendance at Davis Sept 15th meeting desired

David S – to send out list of expiring OEC instructors to PRs and names of IT leads

Karl B – where are 3 ESR toboggans

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REPORTS

Secretary – David Stepner

- * Minutes from prior meeting approved
- * Budget – none needed

Treasurer – Steve Costello

- *2011–2012 budget/ actual expenses,
 - Only 3 patrols submitted financials – Mauna kea, 2 others
 - All others must submit ASAP (June 1 was deadline)
- * OEC Classes –
 - Paypal account set up (no fee if from checking account)

Director Nancy Stromswold

- * Nancy does not have need to change her budget
- * Announcements
 - new PR for Diamond Peak – Dotty Metcalf has resigned, next unknown
 - new PR for Homewood – Dave Stromswold
 - new PR for Tahoe Donner – Dave Low
- * ESR Cross award for Bill Person at the Awards Dinner

Assistant Director – Tim Stephens

- *Budget – zero out reproduction, \$100 for other

PATROL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Alpine Meadows: Hugh McGuigan

Unsure of benefits program (need to be identical with Squaw) which would impact visitor program (not firm policy up until now);

New patrollers – plan to keep status quo (#);

Candidates = has approval for up to 4, has skied checked a few; not sure of final number;

Transferees – preferred approach;

Interest in pursuing patrol games (like year before last); will pursue this year with help from Pro Patrol leader

OEC Refresher date – 1st or 2nd weekend in November, closed to outsiders

Diamond Peak: Dotty Metcalf (reported by Nancy)

No candidates at this time

Contact PR if want to visit

Nov 10th refresher; Mark Kaminsky is IOR

Had low % of OEC candidates last year coming to patrol; might be because students in Sierra Nevada College class were in the class for the credits offered for OEC class and not on the hill.

Will have 22 volunteers (lowest in long time) – several retiring, want new patrollers

Chris Causey has resigned from patrol – was going to be PR

Would like to start auxiliary program; please contact her if you have one

Northstar: Mike Fanelli

New mountain manager (from Heavenly)

Asked for a lot of info on training regimen; wants all Nationals at 3 Vail resorts to be trained the same

Background checks requested for all employees, including Nationals

Benefits – restructured downward last year, do not foresee changing this year; not same as Heavenly; no more patrol comp tickets; must contact ahead of time to check on availability of comp passes

Management wants to see WEC again – what are plans?

55–60 patrollers on roster (not all active) – will take on ~ 6 candidates and perhaps 3 transfers; total numbers will stay about the same

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Refresher – planned for Nov 10–11th but move due to OEC final; is open to outsiders
Sept 21–22 is Tough Mudder – 12,000 on Sat & 8,000 on Sun; will hire nationals to
work; not open to outside hiring
4–6 people interested in Senior
Will be starting Auxiliary (medical only, not toboggans)
Host program went away

Heavenly Valley: Tim Stephens, Asst. PR

Small candidate class (~6–8)
Senior – perhaps 2 might be interested
OEC Refresher – Beta testing on–line version, Nov 3rd, closed to outsiders
Trudy still doing women’s clinic
AVI I will be offered (date to be announced)
Visitors – must let someone know one week in advance; showing up is no good

Homewood: Dave Stromswold

Oct 20th is refresher, is open; Nancy is IOR
3 candidate carry–overs; not sure if any more; open to transfers
There is trail work going on this summer;
Upper management changes – new mountain manager, HR, etc
Guest procedures – talk to Nancy, Dave, Loretta

Mauna Kea: Tom Fake (reported by Nancy)

Status: 6 members; all long term and consistent but 60+ years old. New patrollers are
usually from transfers to Hawaii, but none on horizon; no OEC class for one
candidate. Some interest from military personnel, but transient Recertification of
OEC Instructors issue given lack of OEC class offerings
OET annual recertification issue due to no OET Instructors and inconsistent
snowfall/season
Tom is involved in the Dept. of Emergency Response Team and is now an Instructor for
the program.
Refresher – Sat of Thanksgiving weekend

Mt. Rose: Tracy Mellison (reported by Nancy)

No candidates as of this date

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No know refresher date
Lost 2–3 patrollers
Unknown on visitor policy
Seem to have active certified program

Sierra Tahoe: Katie DuMont

Refresher is Oct 13th, on hill 14th; Open to outsiders; will have Pros attending (mandatory); and will be able to get CE credit for EMTs;
Want to do SEM
One candidate (challenger) so far – are taking candidates & transfers
32 active patrollers last year
Visitors – was able usually to get tickets but not last year; give Katie notice
Do have aux patrollers, will contact Dotty

Squaw Valley: David Stepner (proxy for Wes Schimmelpfenning)

Probably three candidates this year and perhaps 2 transfers, and with perhaps 2–3 patrollers not returning, will maintain staff of about 80
OEC Refresher is Sept 29th and is open to patrollers from other patrols; contact Barney Siri at barneysiri@gmail.com
2 candidates registered for East Bay OEC class, and 1 serious about Tahoe
No known changes in any operational elements. Pro staff is down about 2
Working to coordinate benefits with Alpine Meadows patrol.
Ski & Toboggan Clinic March 13 – 16 and SEM on March 17th
If want visitor comp, talk directly to Wes S.

Tahoe Backcountry: Peter Beaupre

Refresher Oct 27th, Piedmont Middle School
10 candidates from last year, 90% through program, accepting new ones, accepting transfers
Visitors allowed, no ticket required, contact Peter
Senior program – people are interested
If any hill needs some temp patrollers on daily basis, talk to Peter; they spend one day/year at Boreal in clinic

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Tahoe XC : Tom Moore

Had one patroller (Tom) show up, need to create protocols of operation this year;
allowing secondary enrollment; prefer weekends; cannot drive snow mobile
Recruiting – trying to recruit secondary patrollers; no candidates yet
Benefits – if work < 6 days get vouchers;
Visitors – can shadow patroller

Tahoe Donner: Chuck Herbert (proxy for Dave Low)

Have 1–2 candidates lined up
Visitors are welcome
OEC Refresher – Oct 20th, open to outsiders
Need help on OET (per Dave Low)

Additional Discussion Topics

1. Question – if outside patroller goes to Refresher and does not do well, what is protocol?, Nancy answered that she (as IOR) made calls to PR to advise them and give some specific information (written is preferred) so would know what to do for remediation; In Nancy's case, the patrollers did NOT pass and were retested at home patrol;
2. Discussion about Transfers – person asked to leave patrol, and PR got call from new patrol; question is what to say when asked to give recommendation;
Nancy answered that should have letter of reference from previous patrol ; Nancy advises that patrols should have written policy and must demonstrate hill protocol, OEC, skiing; If have questions talk to hill management (esp. HR) first, and if they can't answer, Josh M

ADVISOR REPORTS

Avalanche Advisor – Rob Morrow

Calendar is set up for ESR, Level 1 and 2 classes
Possibly have one classroom Level 1 for all Tahoe and then separate field courses
Level 2 for Tahoe for mid – Feb with 4 field days
Possibly looking for funding for ISSW attendee (9/17–?)
4 candidate instructors, let know if anyone else interested

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Awards Advisor – Leilani Connolly

Last year had 1 Natl, 2 blue stars, 2 other stars
Want every patrol to nominate at least one person for something
Has spent time cleaning up records for past years (thru 1980s)
Award info is on web site, also listed past awards
Forms have been revised last Nov, make sure to download new ones
Division awards dinner next Sat night (70 people attending)

Certified Keith Tatsukawa

Had 8 clinics last year all over west and spring clinic at Bachelor (training and testing); usually 2 to 8 candidates; would still like more
Schedule for this year so far is local training in Sept TBD, Oct 6, Nov 18, Dec 2 (AVI, Rope); start with dryland training and Jan onward on snow
Discuss purchase of ropes and supplies at next meeting; include liability issues

Community College – Nancy Stromswold

Budget: reimbursement for 28 hour and 125 hour classes;
return is \$20 per head for 28 hours class, students must be CA resident for 2 years, and there is an issue for people repaying student loans; and no checks issued until all financials submitted by all patrols;
Nancy needs to know date, location, and # students for 28 hr class by Sept. 15
Issue is whether we continue this or not?? Applications must be filled out correctly, and if not those are returned to Nancy and they are not included; Supervising instructor for Refresher is responsible for all info and they must be willing to do work;
There is still money in the bank from last year that has not gone out to patrols since not all forms by patrols have been submitted;

Emergency Medical Services Agency Advisor (EMSA/MRC) – Jasmine Weaver

Medical Reserve Corps created after 9/11 to create organized group of trained volunteers (10 groups throughout country); Trying to get OEC recognized as Standard of Training for this program (Title 22)
Not a National Ski Patrol program; CA EMSA supporting agency for training
Being organized by Simi
Conf call earlier this year to review G&O with person from Federal Govt; they want MRC volunteers to work with local organizations (eg Fire, Police,..)

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Individuals need to have OEC and ICS 100 training (can do online);

ESR is going to form an MRC unit focusing on Tahoe area? This winter would be a pilot program

Jasmine to report as more information becomes available

Equipment Advisors: Karl Barber

Budget – will form committee to redefine and budget line items

Inventory – equipment is being gathered up and stored in Truckee; Webmaster has volunteered to have an on-line form for check-out, check-in

Issues–

1. O2 tanks need to be certified /5y @ \$50, or visibly inspected @ \$20; this is a budget item; target 6–8 tanks for classes (Olivier takes care of his own);
2. Supplies – Region to provide OEC class and exam supplies. Student kit will run about \$30 each and thinks we should build 40. Region to be reimbursed from class fees.

We think there are 30 students that need to be supported;

Bring toboggans back to Keith shed (are they at Squaw?)

Instructor Development Advisor – Howard Jorden (reported by Nancy)

5 new ID Instructors in ESR from April class (3 Homewood, 2 Northstar)

Contact Howard for other classes needed

Legal – Josh Masur

Budget – no changes

Bylaw revision – send comments, suggestions in writing to Josh M. no later than October 1; will vote on it at November BOD meeting.

MTR: Mike Kelly

Mike is teaching a class March 2–3rd on mountaineering fundamentals (no overnight) plus has two other classes for higher level training (Mar 16 for MTR II, and 30–31st including overnight)

OEC: David Stepner

*Budget – will result from Nancy ad-hoc committee

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- * OEC Classes – there are 6 classes scheduled to be held. South Bay, Modesto, Sacramento are MLR: East Bay, Tahoe, Reno are ESR.
Finals Nov 10th (Truckee) and 17th (Concord, South Bay)
- * Status =
 - East Bay 8 registered + 2–3 firm (2 Squaw, 2 Kirkwood, 1 Alpine, 1 Heavenly, 1 TBSP, 1 TBD);
 - Tahoe (probably 10, perhaps 15);
 - South Bay (won't know final # until Aug 5) 14 inquired (1 Sugar Bowl, 1 Sierra Tahoe, 2 Bear Valley, 3 Dodge Ridge, 1 Northstar, 1 Boreal, 4 unknown, 1 challenger)
 - Reno (8 interested but no \$ commitment yet – perhaps 1) – deadline Aug 1.
 - Sacramento – 9 + 5 challengers (Donner Ski Ranch –3, Sierra at Tahoe –2, Northstar – 1, Royal Gorge –1, TBD 2/ Challengers – Kirkwood 1, Sierra at Tahoe 3, Royal Gorge – 1)
- * Group of ITs designated as lead ITs for individual patrols. List is at end of report. Used for coordination and communication to instructors in their patrols.
- * ~ 50 OEC Instructors need to recertify this year – 4 elements (teaching, Instructor clinic, observation, Refresher); details have been sent to Lead ITs and individual patrollers; deadline for info to me is Nov 1st.
- * Instructor clinic can be checked off at Davis event, or last year's Davis Roll Out, or at any Region/Division sponsored Instructors clinic ; May need to be set up more for the late Fall.
- * OEC Delinquencies – had a pretty extensive list of OEC delinquencies, but most were HQ clerical issues; all but one has been resolved and results sent to Keith T for input to HQ.

OET Advisor – Trudy Nye

- * Budget request: \$200 for mileage/transportation

Taught at PEC in April, 2012: "I attended 4 days at the Copper Mt. Patroller Education Conference and met with Linda Barthel, the NSP women's director. I attended, then helped teach, 2 women's toboggan clinics. Thank you ESR for your financial support."

If patrols need assistance with OET Instructor recertification, please contact Trudy.

B. Gibson contributed that all Senior Evaluation clinics needs to have some/at least one instructor who is not from the home resort.

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Registrar / Calendar: Chuck Herbert

- * no budget need
- * needs input for calendar – person responsible for event send email to Chuck AND add event to ESR Calendar

Senior Program: Dave Pinsky

Had very productive Senior program over past several years

New SROEC manual – had been floated around for about 1.5 years; is an extensive revision of existing manual; will be reviewed on Sept 29th at OEC Supervisor meeting. A “calibration clinic” for senior OEC evaluators will be held Sept. 28th. Bill Gibson has asked for 4 slots for the Far West Division.

Bill Gibson will be talking with Ed McNamara soon to review the concerns of FWD; has requested 4 slots at Sept 28th evaluator clinic in Lakewood, CO

SEMs on March 17th at Squaw, and one March 31st/April 7th at Sierra at Tahoe

Website: Rye Livingston

Budget needed \$130

Each advisor please check out their page to make sure info is correct

Calendar – enter on calendar as well as submitting to Chuck

Setting up Eventbrite for handling fees, etc for events for fees that are larger than \$10.

FAR WEST DIVISION, NSP

FWD Director Bill Gibson

Awards dinner and FWD meeting next weekend

Josh will join code of conduct committee of National P&P manual

Suggesting that perhaps have a NSP Pro as a representative on the APP Board representing the 30% of membership that are Nationals; APP has suggested that they have someone on FWD Board

Reported on CAL EMSA discussions on how OEC will be viewed and under what regulations we will be governed or exempted; People will be subject to background checks if working for any state group eg SAR

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FWD Conference Coordinator Tony Atkins

FWD will no longer be hosting conferences; training will take place through regions with help from Division

September 15 MLR/ESR Instructor Training Day – to meet one of the instructor recertification requirements. There will also be an instructor development class. The plan has 5 rotations (2 in ID, 3 are discipline specific); Instructors decide what sessions they want to attend; there will be more specific flyer issued after FWD meeting; suggestion to change name to Continuing Education Day;

Backcountry Safety Officer – FWD Nordic Advisor Mike Kelly

SAR – will be talking to liaisons in patrols; if patrol can come up with >10, then will do training on out of bounds at home resort

Would like to have a Nordic supervisor for ESR

NSP has required Nordic patrollers demonstrate 7–15 rope skill sets (eg rope rescue); Equipment is needed for training and testing, besides equipment patrols will buy for own use

Alumni – Chuck Herbert

Need to get alumni back involved in Patrol; action for PRs;

Proposal for structure = Patrols do things for them, and they can do things for patrol (eg serve as historians, help teach, fund raising, keep them involved, have them at parties, organize trips thru travel agency)

NSP Board Member Bill Hummer

Ron Evenson running for Board, need support of ESR/MLR (25 applicants for 4 slots)

70% of membership are volunteers

EMS industry is pushing to have more control over ski patrol;

Aux is now known as “formerly– Aux”; pushing for votes on restrictions

Financially, organization is doing well; in the black

Anyone wanting some involvement, like we did on electronic registration, contact Bill H

Bill is on fund raising committee, and makes sure funds are used wisely;

Coming up to 75th anniversary for NSP, will be national event at Ski Cooper (where 10th Mt Div was formed) and other places on Feb 1–3, 2013

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According to Bill, Educational Committee is really the one deciding on the new Senior Program; the National board usually adopts the recommendation of Education Committee)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Liability, equipment requirements, cost of equipment for certified training (K. Tatsukawa) – tabled until next meeting

LEAD ITs by Patrol

Patrol	Lead IT
F005 – Tahoe Backcountry	Mark Galicia
F038 – Reno Ski Patrol, Mt Rose	Loretta Barranger (Northstar patroller)
F065 – Homewood	Nancy Stromswold
F066 – Alpine Meadows	Keith Dickens
F073 – Northstar	Renee Cameto
F074 – Hawaii	Thomas Fake
F080 – Diamond Peak	Joe Shafer (retiring and will be replaced)
F082 – Tahoe Donner	Howard Jordan (lives in OR, and will be replaced)
F085 – Squaw Valley	David Stepner
F095 – Heavenly Valley	Tim Stephens
F096 – Sierra Ski Patrol	Doug Coatney