



**NATIONAL SKI PATROL
EASTERN SIERRA REGION
Heavenly, South Lake Tahoe, CA
Minutes for Board meeting on Saturday, 11-22-2014**

Called to Order: 9:03 AM

Introductions, Proxy Presentations

Nancy Stromswold, ESR Director

Katie DuMont, ESR AD

Tim Stephens, ESR AD

Al Mortenson, Alpine Meadows PR

Drew Oliphant, Diamond Peak PR

Keith Kneergaard, Heavenly Area Patrol PR

Loretta O'Brien, Homewood PR

Mike Fanelli, Northstar PR

Jeff Redmond, Mt. Rose PR

Todd Sprague, Sierra-at-Tahoe PR

Brian Berry, Squaw Valley PR

Jerry Milana, Tahoe Donner Nordic PR

Alex Urza, ESR Avalanche Advisor

Leilani Connelly, ESR Awards Advisor

Keith Tatsukawa, ESR Certified Advisor

Josh Masur, ESR Legal Advisor

Trudy Nye, ESR OET Advisor

Steve Costello, ESR Treasurer

Rye Livingston, ESR Website Advisor

Tom Sherry, National Board Rep,

Tom Werner, Squaw Valley APR

Don Barrientos, Squaw Valley, Paid Staff

Vince Arthur, Heavenly Resort Patrol Director

Jim Sindt, Homewood Resort Patrol Director

Dennis Griffiths, Diamond Peak Resort Patrol Director

Motion to Accept Agenda as amended: Oliphant/Milano/Passed

Minutes from July 22, 2014 previously approved and posted to ESR website on 8/15/14

Paid Patrol Directors: Vince Arthur, Jim Sindt, & Dennis Griffiths

Thanked the Board for the invitation to attend ESR meetings.

Emphasized the value to our members, our resorts, and the public when the paid and volunteer patrol members are treated as one team with common standards and training.

Patrol Representative Reports

gray = not in attendance; report sent in and posted below

Alpine Meadows: Al Mortenson

Currently about 40 members. 1 – 2 candidates this year.

May have Senior training this season.

Paid/nonpaid staff integrating well. Some former paid members are assisting at the OEC Refresher.

Biggest challenge is to find new members who will stick around instead of leaving after a few years.

Diamond Peak: Drew Oliphant & Dennis Griffiths

ESR/FWD/NSP Outstanding Small Patrol Award

ESR/FWD/NSP Outstanding Patrol Rep Award – Drew Oliphant

2 candidates this year. Mountain supports increasing the membership.

12/7 Hosting Instructor CE Clinic & Last-Chance OEC Cycle A Refresher.

There will be joint training and all mountain departments will assist each other as needed.

Baby aspirin / nitroglycerin will be administered in First Aid, not on the hill.

Requested input for a written transfer policy. (Nancy to supply generic to all PR's)

Northstar: Mike Fanelli

1 returning candidate, with 9 slated for next season.

This season will stress training upgrade for current patrollers. Both paid & nonpaid used the same training book and meet same basic patroller qualification.

The paid staff training advisor is to assess all NSP instructors' competence.

Plan to offer OEC Course final in March, contact Renee Cameto.

Beth Howard is the new CEO with Bill Rock moving to Utah resorts.

Transfers are run through a ski check, OEC check, and must shadow before being accepted.

Vail is requiring annual background checks for all patrollers and ski school members. NSP patrols are currently picking up cost with hope that Vail will do so in the future.

Vail requires all patrollers to have their skis/bindings/boots safety checked by the mountain.

Heavenly Patrol: Keith Neergaard

No new candidates this year. There are 4 hold overs from last season.

The entire patrol (paid & nonpaid) is undergoing a culture change this season.

Paid and nonpaid broken into 4 teams who will patrol and train together.

Same background check and equipment requirements as Northstar.

Homewood: Loretta O'Brien

There is a new paid Patrol Director – Jim Sindt from Park City MR; he is an OEC instructor.

Expect 5 -6 candidates this season. Retention is still an issue.

The resort renovation is on schedule – request for building proposals is imminent.

There will be 1200 acres opened for cat skiing this season.

Efforts continue to integrate paid and nonpaid patroller training.

Mt. Rose: Jeff Redmond

3 candidates, 1 returning, & 1 transfer. Currently 17 members.

Paid & nonpaid patrollers held to same training & operations standards – even clocking in.

There is new snow making. They are working on an on-line scheduling program.

After poor season last year, management decided to award benefits based on prior season.

So, everyone received 15 passes at the start of the season.

Sierra at Tahoe: Todd Sprague

Dr. Dave Shatz active in dissemination of new aspirin and backboard protocols for Tahoe EMS providers. Not yet approved for El Dorado Co. – expected for 1/1/2015.

They will sponsor an APP Clinic January 27-29th.

Sierra plans on hosting a Senior Event.

Their NSP Mtn Host program has 75 members. Same benefits as patrollers.

Paid/non-paid staff members working well together.

They have built their own app and website to handle scheduling, tickets & no shows. Paid Director has access to this data.

**Squaw Valley: PR Brian Berry; Asst. Director Tom Werner;
Paid staff Don Barrientos**

8 candidates on last year's roster of 84. 9 retired. 6 new candidates.

New paid Mtn. Host Program (nonNSP) for speed control & guest services.

Off season work to increase snow making, logging on Red Dog, retrofit the Tram.

Paid and nonpaid have separate morning meetings.

Separate OEC refreshers for paid/nonpaid. Schedule conflict can allow cross attendance.

NSP Pro Division doesn't offer much support to individual patrols.

March 11 – 13 is the annual toboggan/skiing clinic.

Alpine and Squaw are working on joint operations – backcountry access a possibility.

Tahoe Backcountry: Roger Yang

*Courses: MTRF: Dec 6, Jan 31; MTR1: Dec 6, Jan 31/ Feb 1 (overnight).

MTR2 Dec 6/7; Jan 31/Feb 1 (overnight #1); Mar 7-8 (overnight #2). IOR Mike Kelly.

AVY1: Jan 3, Jan 24-25. IOR Eric Chesmar.

Intro to Ski Patrol: Feb 1. IOR either Chris Haagen or Mike Kelly.

*Shed update: Meeting is scheduled with the USFS to discuss plans for equipment shed.

We're still in the preliminary stages of finalizing plans, but we have a formal budget and are very close to our fundraising goal.

*Training: 8 Candidates (3 completed OEC), 4 Transfers this season.

What's going well:

*Our agreement with the USFS requires our patrol to file daily reports every time we send patrollers into the backcountry. The report includes who patrolled, TBSP patrol gear used, time called in and out to Grass Valley Dispatch, observations of weather, avalanche conditions, number of cars at the trailhead, number and type of people recreating (skier, snowshoers, sledding, snowmobile), and details of any incidents. These reports used to be written on paper and faxed to the USFS after each patrol day. Last season, a TBSP patroller created a Smartphone format which allows patrollers to record patrol reports electronically. We no longer have a written paper form to fill out and don't have to fax anything to USFS at the end of the day. The daily report is posted to our website, which the USFS Liasons have access to, can view and print.

*TBSP will be sending 4-5 patrollers on an overnight trip to the Bradley Hut and Benson Hut. This is in addition to our regular patrol day trips.

*Two backcountry lift-access training days at Sugar Bowl and 1 at Alpine Meadows planned.

*TBSP will support the Great Ski Race on Mar 1.

Challenges:

*As always, recruitment and retention of candidates. We had success with using Meetup.com as a recruitment tool last season.

*Building a gear garage at USFS Truckee Ranger Station is a major challenge.

What's new:

*New patrol jackets purchased with help of Black Diamond rep.

*New Patient Access Module, which is a lightweight rope kit, was developed, trained, and carried this season as part of daily patrol gear.

*We're looking into acquiring a beacon checker for backcountry trailhead signs. Getting some ideas from discussions with Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol PR Scott Waller.

*We were approached by REI to film a promotional video profiling one or two of our patrollers

Tahoe Donner Alpine: Dave Low

What's new:

*TD has a new Pro Patrol Director (Ted Tank from Homewood)

* The Lodge has been remodeled

Challenges: na

Successes / accomplishment:

* Completed putting on our OEC refresher last month with the help of the TD Nordic patrol.

* We have 3 of the 6 candidates that have enrolled in an OEC course this year.

LUNCH BREAK

Tahoe Donner Nordic: Jerry Milana

9 Primary, 9 secondary & 3 paid members, 0 candidates, 2 transfers

New lodge and patrol room are under construction for an early 2015 opening.

An Enhancement Clinic is being developed, it will have no rope rescue element per mountain protocol.

It's difficult to maintain their OEC skills with very few accidents.

National Board Member Tom Sherry

NSP has developed a power point presentation that Tom has given to many Ski Area Management groups this year. It emphasizes how to strengthen the bond between NSP and the ski areas. Our Federal Charter is the key to our value.

*Joint Statement of Understanding between NSP and NSAA sent as attachment to agenda.

The NSP Mountain Host Program is being refined and expanded.

Powder Fall will be held at the Canyons Ski Resort, Utah, April 9-11.

The Subaru driven by Tom is available for members to borrow to take to events to increase the NSP brand recognition.

The current National Board election will close 12/1. One candidate is from our Region.

Treasurer Steve Costello

ESR account balances as of 11/21/2014: Checking - \$18,498.49, Savings - \$650.64, Total = \$19,149.13. Outstanding checks total \$709.13

Not all expenses related to the OEC classes have been submitted. The East Bay course is run through the Heavenly Area Patrol.

OEC course accounts;	Reno Class:	South Bay	Truckee	Total
Net Class Fee	\$580.00	2,310.00	2,160.00	5,050.00
Student OEC kits:	320.00	560.00	720.00	1,600.00
Equipment Fee (\$10)	80.00 (15)	210.00	270.00	560.00
Refunds	60.00	0	540.00	600.00
Expenses	392.15	1,804.64	1,626.49	\$3,823.28

New airway manikins and KEDS were purchased this year in support of the OEC courses.

Request for reimbursement form is posted on the ESR website

Assistant Director, Parliamentarian, Calendar Tim Stephens

Send calendar items to Tim Stephens (stephenstb3@gmail.com). Please include the type of event, name & contact information for IOR, location, dates and times, and any fee or

registration requirements. Program advisors should post the same information on their pages as well as send it to Rye.

Non-NSP events such as Tough-Mudder, Sea Otter Classic bicycle races, Ski Dazzle may also be listed.

Assistant Director Katie Dumont

Will monitor the closure of all courses registered in the ESR.

PRs are reminded that they have access on-line to check on courses registered through their patrol as well as their instructors' status..

Director Nancy Stromswold

Due to family/work commitments, John Scarpa has resigned as ESR AD.

Alex Urza has accepted the Co-Avalanche Advisor's position in ESR.

ICE Clinic 9/13/14: 131 attendees from all 5 FWD regions, 8 CCRs, \$120 in the black.

Review of Instructor recertification requirements: CE once within the 3 year certification, Last Chance CE December 7 at Diamond Peak; 18 OEC & 8 OET registered.

Last chance Cycle C OEC Refresher at Diamond Peak on Dec. 7. 12 registered.

Time to register your courses: Intro to Patrolling, Toboggan recert, Senior "non=credentialed"

Course registration: 3 weeks prior, no "in house" exams; IOR & IT must be different.

Inside vs. Outside IT, send completed CCR within 2 weeks

Patrol Registration: NSP \$50 + FWD \$19 + ESR \$0 + Patrol dues. Due Nov. 15 to Peggy Jamison. 4 patrols not yet registered. There is no liability coverage until registered.

NSP elections close Dec. 1, 2014. Please remind your patrollers to vote.

FWD election nominations close Dec. 1 for DD and ADD; sent to Janice Waits

Polo shirts: 6 left: 3 Men's (1 Med, 2 Lg); 3 Women's (2 Med, 1 Lg) \$22

Advisors=please update your website page

TRAINING ADVISOR REPORTS

Avalanche Alex Urza (Phil Chernin, Mike Derby)

The new Instructors manual is out. It's more of a realignment to match the existing Area Level II class. Instructors must attend a roll-out to teach an Avy class.

Avy Level II classroom portion scheduled for December 6-7 at Squaw. Field days are TBD.

Avy Level I classroom scheduled for February 8, in South Shore, field work Feb. 21/22.

Contact Don Shockey.

Working on scheduling a North Shore Level I class.

Certified Keith Tatsukawa

Sierra, Homewood, & Northstar may have people in program.

Clinics at Mt. Ashland (Jan. 14-16), Sierra (Jan 27-29), June Mtn. (March 6-8), China Peak (March 20-22), Mammoth (April 27-June 1).

Train to the testing protocols.

Instructor Development Howard Jordan (no report)

MTR

1. MTR CLASSES

MTRF: Classroom 12/6; Field 1/31

MTR1: Classroom 12/6; Field/Overnight 1/31-1/1

MTR2: Classroom 12/6-7; Field Overnight #1 1/31-1/1; Field/Overnight #2 3/7-8

Location: Classroom in Santa Clara; field classes at Castle Peak

Cost:

MTRF: \$105

MTR1: \$140

MTR2: \$200

Text, materials and some equipment usage are included. Contact Mike Kelly, fwdsar@gmail.com

2. **NEW** NSP "Sidecountry" MTR Enhancement Seminar

Covers skills required to locate, access and secure a patient who has ventured off-piste, and to safely extricate an uninjured skier or snowboarder stuck in steep terrain in or out of bounds.

GPS : Grid coordinates, Datums, Waypoint entry, Go To, Map coordination, Practice

Patient Access: Rope safety, System explained System operation (Anchors, Patroller harness, Patient harness, Belaying, Securing patient, Practice

Ambulatory Extrication: System explained, System operation, Practice

Time – 7-8 hours

Cost: \$450 for up to 15 participants, all area maps and equipment usage (helmets, ropes, harnesses, GPS) included, no prerequisites. MTR Enhancement Seminar certificate provided

Sponsoring Patrol: California Winter SAR Team – North

Contact: Mike Kelly, fwdsar@gmail.com

Dates: To be arranged

Location: at a patrol's request

Nordic Roger Yang

I. TBSP courses: MTR1 and MTR2 courses, as well as the AVY1 course, is open to people from other patrols. Dates above. Outside patrollers must have their own equipment to tour all day in the backcountry. Contact Mike Kelly mjkellyattorney@aol.com for interest in MTR courses or Eric Chesmar echesmar@gmail.com if interested in AVY1.

II. Nordic training curriculum: Mike Kelly continues to work on putting together new nordic training curriculum standards.

I requested course dates from Jerry Milana and Dave Low, but haven't heard back yet.

OEC David Stepner

I. OEC Classes and Final Exams

(IORs to send in CCRs within two weeks of complete of final, even if some candidates are incomplete; follow with addendum)

Tahoe Final (Nov 2nd) – 41 patrollers & helpers

Squaw Intensive – 18 candidates (5 paid, 12 volunteer, 1 volunteer South Bay) = all passed

Reno – 7 candidates, 6 passed

Bay Area Final (Nov 15th) – 51 patrollers & helpers

East Bay – 10 candidates (one to test w/ Modesto class due to family emergency)

South Bay – 13 candidates

II. Refreshers = All complete; thanks to all IORs and ITs;

remember IT reports are due within two weeks after the event to ESR OEC Advisor

In the end only Homewood patrol did the Hybrid from NSP (Heavenly did their own version).

Patroller feedback was mostly positive, but some recommendations for future editions were made to NSP.

A LAST CHANCE CYCLE A REFRESHER is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at Diamond Peak starting at 9:00 am. This is a Hybrid refresher requiring completion of an online tutorial BEFORE attending. Contact Keith Tatsukawa (brainfxr@yahoo.com) to register before

November 23, 2014

III. Instructor Certifications Expiring 12/31/2014

Recommendations from patrols ITs are to be in to me by Nov 23rd.

PAT	ID	LAST, FIRST
F038	141908	SILVA, GREG
F038	217090	BAIER, HANS-PETER
F038	217327	RAMSDELL, JONATHAN
F038	239616	MAHER, JOE
F065	142701	WHISLER, ALAN
F066	134524	BOSS, DONALD
F066	141126	WAITS, JANICE
F066	190454	DICKENS, KEITH
F066	206833	BERRY, DAVID
F066	213292	PHELAN, JOHN
F073	143243	SCARPA, JON
F073	162976	HASTINGS, BEVERLEE
F073	177679	BARRANGER, LORETTA
F073	200668	FANELLI, MICHAEL
F073	209054	TROLAN, STEVE
F073	210408	TROLAN, KAREN
F073	210410	SHERRY, THOMAS

PAT	ID	LAST, FIRST
F073	217853	ROZZI, DAVID
F073	239035	WEVERS, JASMINE
F080	143172	CHENG, JAMES
F080	193126	SHAEFER, JOE
F085	142775	SOMMER, SANDRA
F085	236849	MAY, JUDY
F085	236854	MAY, ROB
F095	135132	CITEK, PHILIP
F095	141022	MORR, BRIAN
F095	194489	MORRILL, DON
F095	200663	YOCHUM, PATRICK
F095	206838	OLIPHANT, STEVE
F095	224814	NEERGAARD, KEITH
F095	227872	MYONG, INHO
F096	143353	HAM, HUBERT
F096	165778	MORGAN, GREG
F096	165835	DUMONT, KATIE
F096	239482	SHATZ, DAVID

As of Nov 3rd, I had received info from Diamond Peak & Sierra-at-Tahoe

For those instructors that missed Davis, there is a **LAST CHANCE INSTRUCTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CLINIC** on Dec 7th starting at 8:30 am. Contact Nancy Stromswold to register by November 23 (stromswold@sbcglobal.net). NSP Instructors in all disciplines need to attend an Instructor CE clinic once within the three years of their certification, or they are not eligible for recertification.

IV. OEC Delinquency

Only Candidates who paid dues but OEC class not posted; will be updated after 12/31/14.

OET Trudy Nye

There are still OET instructors who need to attend the Dec. 7 clinic to maintain their status.

Instructors should maintain their teaching logs.

Please register toboggan refreshers.

Heavenly Women's Clinic will be held March 1. Contact Trudy if interested.

The 3 ESR sleds are refurbished and in the shed.

Senior Dave Pinsky

Alpine Meadows is re-starting their Senior Program this season after several years layoff. Kirk Sachtler took the Senior T/E Cert class we conducted last season and has really jumped on the program.

Rob May is heading up the Squaw Valley Senior Program this year. Dave Pinsky will assist and mentor Rob.

Need to determine the requirement for SEMs for the season. To do this, we need an estimate from each patrol of how many Senior candidates they will likely have ready for testing. Squaw Valley will probably have three. If each patrol could send me their estimates of how many they might have ready to test, it will really help in planning. Tentatively Sierra thinks they might be able to host an SEM. Not sure yet about MLR.

We do not plan to teach a Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator Certification Class this season unless a new need develops. Over the past two seasons three Cert Courses were taught and a large number of Senior OEC T/Es were certified.

I am reaching out to ESR and MLR in an effort to find dates for Senior training and exams. When I get the dates, I'll ask Rye to put them on the ESR web site Senior page and Chuck to put them on his calendar.

The Squaw Spring Clinic at which Senior Candidates can get Senior level ski and toboggan training and get signed off for Senior S&T will probably be on or about March 11-13, 2015.

When I have confirmed these dates I'll put them on the ESR web site

If anyone has questions about any aspect of the Senior program, please do not hesitate to contact me. If I don't know the answer, I'll find out and get back to you. Often the paperwork is the most daunting part of the Senior Program (that's what got me interested in helping run Senior Programs - - when I went through there was no guidance and no one could help me with the forms

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR REPORTS

Alumni Armon Cooper

Alumni Ski Day March 18, 2015. Meet at Judah Lodge, Sugar Bowl.

Contact Reed Sorensen (sodapop08@att.net) to register. Details to follow.

Awards Leilani Connolly

2013-2014 Outstanding Awards and their recognition at Division and National were reviewed.

Other ESR nominations included 2 national Appointments, a Distinguished Service Award and numerous stars.

It can be a challenge to write the award nominations. The ESR Awards Committee is happy to assist any patrol with the process.

Only 4 patrols have let Leilani know who their Awards Advisors are. Please do so if you haven't already sent her the name and contact information.

March 1, 2015 is the deadline for the submission of Outstanding Award nominations.

Community College Nancy Stromswold

28 hour class: Heavenly, Northstar, Sierra @Tahoe, Homewood, Squaw

120 hour classes: So. Bay, East Bay, Truckee

Funds from 2013-2014 received and distributed to patrols.

28 hour grade sheets due 2/15/2015 to Tom Taylor.

Equipment Loretta Barranger

Inventory on ESR website

Check out request form on ESR website

ESR equipment is for training only

Legal Josh Masur

Discussion of "Joint Statement of Understanding".

Medical Jim Margolis

Sierra - Sacramento Valley EMS now allows EMTs to dispense aspirin for possible MIs.

Nevada has no specific guidelines for aspirin, but does allow dispensing over the counter meds, including aspirin, for any appropriate reasons.

Recruiting Jim Margolis

FWD Recruiting Advisor John McGuigan successfully organized a booth at Snowbomb in San Jose, San Francisco and Sacramento. A tablet was used to collect data from interested recruits who identified one patrol of choice. 40 names were recorded at each event. List of potential candidates was sent to PR's and Recruiting Advisors.

<http://farwest.org/Recruiting/LakeTahoe-CentralSierra/>

The Aloha board owner approached me and is offering to make custom boards at a 50% promotional discount for patrollers. dhill@true-tech.com

Website Rye Livingston

Advisors need to update their program pages with current information.

Patrols are urged to include an ESR link in their newsletters.

The ESR email list needs to be cleaned up. There are many names who no longer need to be there.

Old Business:

ACTION ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER, 2013 MEETING TO BE COMPLETED:

2. **Stromswold** will request Morrow/Kelly to respond to Barranger with Avy and MTR equip. **DONE Inventory sent from Morrow to Stromswold Feb. 5, 2014 and forwarded to Barranger.**

3. **Barranger** will email all who have access to shed/equipment to find missing O2 tanks/bags. **DONE 11/2014: missing tanks not recovered to date as per Barranger.**

New Business:

Travel Reimbursement proposal submitted by Drew Oliphant, PR Diamond Peak Ski patrol.

Discussion included how some ESR revenue has restricted usage and these funds are comingled in the budget.

Uncertain what IRS concerns there might be.

Proposal tabled by author pending further legal review. (Action item: Masur)

Proposal may be circulated for an electronic vote prior to the next Board meeting.

Requests from the floor

Next FWD meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2015, location TBD

Next ESR Board meeting scheduled for Feb. 28, 2015 in the North Tahoe area.

Motion to Adjourn: Oliphant/Milano – Passed Unanimously.

Adjourn: 3:40 P.M.