



**NATIONAL SKI PATROL
EASTERN SIERRA REGION
TAHOE DONNER NORTHWOODS
CLUBHOUSE - TRUCKEE, CA
Minutes for Saturday, February 27, 2016**

Called to order 9:00am

In attendance, proxies

Katie DuMont, ESR Director; Brian Haena, ESR AD; Tim Stephens ESR AD; Al Mortensen, Alpine Meadows PR; Drew Oliphant, Diamond Peak PR; Dave Stromswold, Homewood Proxy and ESR OET Advisor; Nancy Stromswold, Kirkwood PR and ESR Records Advisor; Dave Rossi, Proxy Northstar; Todd Sprague, Sierra At Tahoe PR; Brian Berry, Squaw Valley PR; Chris Niggel, Tahoe Backcountry PR; Jerry Milana, Tahoe Donner Nordic PR; Bill Gibson, FWD Director; Lance Vaughan, Assistant Director FWD; Leilani Connolly, ESR Awards Advisor; Dr. Jim Margolis, ESR Medical and Recruitment Advisor; Oliver Fontana, ESR OEC Advisor; Dave Pinsky, ESR Senior Program Advisor; Rye Livingston, ESR Website Advisor; Bill Hummer, ESR Avalanche Advisor; Tim O'Brien, member Squaw Valley;

Additions to Agenda under New Business: none

Motion to Accept Agenda: Drew Oliphant motion, Tim Stephens 2nd; passed

Minutes from November 21, 2015 meeting previously approved and are posted to ESR website

Presenters listed in gray submitted report by email and were not in attendance

Patrol Representative Reports

Tim Stephens discussed the PR pre-reports that were submitted. Each PR was asked to focus comments on items not included in the pre-report. All submitted reports have been appended to the PR's reports below.

Tahoe Donner Nordic: Jerry Milana

	Tahoe Donner Nordic
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	Yes
3. Members	12
4. Candidates Start	2
Candidates Remain	1
5. Transfers	0
6. Alumni	0
7. Awards Advisor	none
8. Recruitment Advisor	Jerry Milana jerry@in2snow.com
9. New	Customers, cars, and new lodge
10. Questions For others	none
11. From ESR	none

- NSP day had light turnout – probably due to being on Super Bowl Sunday
- 2 potential candidates were recruited from the event – one is currently a patroller at Squaw and may add as a secondary patrol
- It has been a challenge to staff days due to small patrol size
- They have been enjoying the new lodge and invite all to visit

Tahoe Donner Alpine: Derek Koonce

	Tahoe Donner Alpine
1. Need Cycle B	1
2. Awards Dinner	?
3. Members	10
4. Candidates Start	5
Candidates Remain	5
5. Transfers	1
6. Alumni	0
7. Awards Advisor	Derek Koonce derek@dkoonce.com
8. Recruitment Advisor	Derek Koonce derek@dkoonce.com
9. New	whole new board
10. Questions For others	-
11. From ESR	"Patrol Reg Checklist" helpful

Tahoe Backcountry: Chris Niggel

	Tahoe Backcountry
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	No
3. Members	41
4. Candidates Start	12
Candidates Remain	12
5. Transfers	2
6. Alumni	3
7. Awards Advisor	Chis Niggel cniggel@blastzone.net
8. Recruitment Advisor	Tom Nelson tgnelson74@hotmail.com
9. New	public avi training & SAR
10. Questions For others	
11. From ESR	Keep posting seminars

- Beacon search event at Castle Peak 2/20 – 2/21. 5 potential recruits came out of the event.
- Our patrol is interacting more with the resort patrols.
- “Side Country” (backcountry) events are scheduled with Sugar Bowl on 3/19 and Alpine on 3/27
- MTR-2 class overnight – 12 candidates spending the weekend of 2/27-2/28 training
- The patrol operates as two entities. Search and rescue is run under OES as Tahoe Backcountry Search and Rescue.

Squaw Valley: Brian Berry

	Squaw
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	No
3. Members	77
4. Candidates Start	3
Candidates Remain	3
5. Transfers	1
6. Alumni	53?
7. Awards Advisor	Judy May
	mayski@comcast.net
8. Recruitment Advisor	Tory Hummer
	vshummer@yahoo.com
9. New	Brian
10. Questions For others	-
11. From ESR	Benefits Survey

- Blasters course was held 2/24-2/25
- PSIA Women's clinic is planned for 3/7-3/9
- There has been a large number of helicopter evacs this season
- Patrol has been dealing with boundary issues – 5 or 6 OB skiers / boarders have been rescued this year
- Squaw and Alpine have created formal visitors program between the two sister resorts. Brian would like to expand the program to other non-related resorts
- Discussed avalanche issues that came up in recent days
- 12 new paid patrollers are on the hill bringing the total number of paid patrollers to 67
- GasX Avi control @ Headwall is working well. The resort is looking at potentially adding 5 other locations

Sierra At Tahoe: Todd Sprague

	Sierra at Tahoe
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	N/O
3. Members	33
4. Candidates Start	2
Candidates Remain	1
5. Transfers	1
6. Alumni	1 to 4
7. Awards Advisor	Todd Sprague
	tksprague.ssp@gmail.com
8. Recruitment Advisor	Todd Sprague
	tksprague.ssp@gmail.com
9. New	No
10. Questions For others	No
11. From ESR	No

- Volunteer patrol and hosts participate in speed control on the hill
- Huckleberry Canyon has been open most of the season and has been good skiing

Northstar: Dave Rozzi, proxy

	Northstar
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	Yes
3. Members	42/63
4. Candidates Start	5
Candidates Remain	3
5. Transfers	1
6. Alumni	1
7. Awards Advisor	Loretta Baringer
	775-771-5304
8. Recruitment Advisor	Dave Rozzi
	drozzi@risk-strategies.com
9. New	Considering Fall OEC Intensive
10. Questions For others	No
11. From ESR	None

- 17 new paid patrollers now on staff
- Combined training efforts between paid staff and volunteers has been working well
- There were 50 applicants for NSP 4-5 were accepted
- ID Class will be held on 4/23/16 – contact Tom Sherry for information
- Looking at Oct/Nov OEC class in Tahoe area
- Large percentage of paid staff are OEC certified - \$50 discounted fee for paid staff
- OEC final scheduled for 3/20 – contact Renee for information. Test fee is \$60

Mt. Rose: Jeff Redmond (No Report Submitted)

Kirkwood: Nancy Stromswold

	Kirkwood
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	No
3. Members	7
4. Candidates Start	0
Candidates Remain	0
5. Transfers	0
6. Alumni	0
7. Awards Advisor	N/A
8. Recruitment Advisor	N/A
9. New	Another paid staff to active
10. Questions For others	None
11. From ESR	

- Paid patrol only
- PLEASE NOTE: Nancy has no access to comp tickets. NSP members get 40% discount with their current NSP card. Take the card to ticket window to purchase discounted ticket.

Homewood: Dave Stromswold, Proxy

	Homewood
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	N/O
3. Members	29/5
4. Candidates Start	7
Candidates Remain	2
5. Transfers	1
6. Alumni	25
7. Awards Advisor	Nancy Stromswold stromswold@sbcglobal.net
8. Recruitment Advisor	Chris Johanson cjohanson1234@yahoo.com
9. New	No
10. Questions For others	No
11. From ESR	Updates Yes

- Currently short on paid staff due to injuries
- Last Thursday they had some avi concerns and had a large fracture
- Alumni have been helpful – especially during sweep

Heavenly: Tim Stephens, Proxy

	Heavenly
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	No
3. Members	65
4. Candidates Start	3
Candidates Remain	3
5. Transfers	2
6. Alumni	?
7. Awards Advisor	Leilani Connolly leilanicconnolly@hotmail.com
8. Recruitment Advisor	Keith Neergaard kneergaard@puc.edu
9. New	No
10. Questions For others	None
11. From ESR	No

- Senior SEM event in two weeks
- Paid staff has been put on par salary wise with Vail Company pay scales
- Team structure continues to work well
- Training is being conducted jointly with paid staff

Diamond Peak: Drew Oliphant

	Diamond Peak
1. Need Cycle B	2
2. Awards Dinner	N/O
3. Members	29
4. Candidates Start	1
Candidates Remain	?
5. Transfers	1 ?
6. Alumni	2
7. Awards Advisor	James Cheng jtcheng_home@yahoo.com
8. Recruitment Advisor	Steve Holetz steve.holetz@ey.com
9. New	No
10. Questions For others	Awards Dinner in Tahoe
11. From ESR	Where & when for OEC classes

- Diamond Peak resort and patrol will be featured in Tahoe Basin movie
- Inquired about location of FWD awards in August. Bill Gibson explained the focus on population centers since it is held in the summer.
- Recruitment banner is up. They have one potential recruit shadowing patrol and a couple of potential transfers

Alpine Meadows: Al Mortensen

	Alpine
1. Need Cycle B	0
2. Awards Dinner	Doubtful
3. Members	50+12
4. Candidates Start	4
Candidates Remain	4
5. Transfers	0
6. Alumni	?
7. Awards Advisor	none yet
8. Recruitment Advisor	None
9. New	Doctor patrol now NSP reg
10. Questions For others	None
11. From ESR	-

- Mid winter management meeting at resort gave NSP volunteers a great report card on performance
- Paid staff relationship has been very good. Volunteers and paid staff work side by side.
- 12 members have joined from previous “MD Patrol” for doctors.
- Ken Bokelund is new patrol director. Jeff Goldstone is now mountain manager.
- Al Mortensen will be stepping down as PR at the end of the year. Don Boss will take over as PR.

Division and National Reports

FWD Update – Bill Gibson

- Terminology updates – there are several terms that are being considered “out of date”. Going forward it is best if we all substitute some of these old terms for the new preferred terms:
 - “Side country” is no longer valid – either an area is on the resort (inbounds) or back country.
 - “Pro Patrollers” – we are all “pros” and should refer to patrollers as either paid or volunteer
- FWD is working on a formal document to act as a template for agreements between resort and patrols. Josh in legal is working on the document template for use at the local level – target date for completion is the FWD meeting scheduled for August 6, 2016
- NSP logo has been updated. The current logo should have the white cross – please make sure that you are displaying and using the current logo which is available on the NSP website in several formats
- A patroller from Mt. Waterman died in the line of duty. This kicked off Sherriff and OSHA investigations. This could create the need for all patrols to add documentation to their files – especially training records. NSAA may recommend that all volunteer patrols maintain training records specific to each member.
- Lance Vaughan – Assistant Director – Far West Division, will be terming out this year. Nancy Stromswold will be tacking on this role.

Region Reports

Treasure – Steve Costello

Note: Community College: Funds 2014-2015

Account activity since last meeting	Expenses		Awards, ICE, Senior, OEC class expense, Fall meeting expense
	\$672.12		
	Income	\$2,625.00	Avalanche Course
		\$60.00	OEC Test Refund
	\$3,782.04	\$1,097.00	Community college
		\$0.04	Interest
Account Balances	Current	checking	22,345.79
	2/14/16	savings	500.83
			22,846.62
Checks outstanding			None

Assistant Director, Parliamentarian & Calendar – Tim Stephens

- When submitting dates for the ESR calendar please include the following information:
 - Class type
 - Location
 - Dates
 - IOR
 - IOR Contact information

Assistant Director – Brian Haena

No Report

Director – Katie DuMont

- Discussed the F075 Sierra Mountain Host program. The program will be using the FWD tax ID number to open their own bank account. This will mean that they will need to submit tax reports to FWD through ESR. The report will be submitted to ESR treasurer with the same guidelines and due dates as all of the patrol reports.
 - Based on this discussion, a motion was put forward by Jerry Milana that F075 host patrol be **REQUIRED** to send a representative to all ESR meetings going forward as a condition of using the tax ID number. As associate members of NSP, the representative will be a non-voting participant in ESR meetings. The Motion was 2nd by Tim Stephens, was voted on and passed.
- Polo shirts: 5 left: Men's 2 Lg; Women's 2 Med, 1 Lg (\$22 ea & \$25 if shipped)
- Nancy Stromswold, was appointed as Records Advisor
- News and Events
 - JANUARY, 2016
 - January 24 - Senior OEC Trainer/Evaluator Certification/Re-certification Clinic at Squaw (Limit 16 people)
 - January 24 - Winter Festival Day at Tahoe Donner Nordic, contact Jerry Milana
 - January 25 - FWD News and Views deadline; Tim Viall, at tviall@msn.com
 - January 30-31 - Level 1 Avalanche Field at Squaw Valley and Alpine

 - FEBRUARY, 2016
 - February 27 - ESR Board Meeting, Tahoe Donner Northwoods Clubhouse, Truckee; Contact Katie DuMont at ktumont@sbcglobal.net; cell 707-738-5491
 - February 27 - Level 2 Avalanche, Field at Heavenly
 - February 7 - NSP Cross Country Ski Day, new lodge Alder Creek Adventure Center; Contact Jerry Milana
 - February 24-25 - APP/Association of Professional Patrollers Snow Blasting Seminar at Alpine Meadows, contact Michael Nolen at ertrns@netptc.net, cell 559-908-5015, Website: www.propatrollers.org
 - February 28 - Level 2 Avalanche, Field at Squaw Valley
 - February 28 - MLR Senior OEC Final Evaluation at Snow Summit

 - MARCH, 2016
 - March 1 - Outstanding Awards due to Awards Advisor, Leilani Connolly

March 6 - 19th Annual Heavenly Women's Clinic, contact Tammie Hoedeman at tami2ski@hotmail.com; Cell 530-320-0299
March 5-6 - Level 1 Avalanche with Don Shockey at Heavenly
March 11 - FWD BOD Winter Meeting at Dodge Ridge
March 12 - Senior S&T Clinic at Heavenly, IOR Keith Neergaard
March 12 - Presentation by NSP Historian, Rick Hamlin; The Accident That Started National Ski Patrol in 1936, Mini Dole at Dodge Ridge, Creekside Lodge 5pm -7pm
March 13 - SEM, Senior OEC Clinic at Heavenly, IOR Dave Pinsky (Full 8 participants)
March 16-18 - Spring S&T Clinic at Squaw; contact Dave Kornblith at DSKornblith@aol.com
March 16 - Alumni Day Heavenly, Free for registered NSP Alumni; contact Bob Hoffman at hoffskipc@aol.com, home 775-473-7953; cell 434-942-2179, RSVP by March 2
March 19-20 - Level 1 Avalanche with Don Shockey at Heavenly
March 19 - Level 2 Avalanche, Field at Alpine Meadows
March 20 - Level 2 Avalanche, Field Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District
March 20 - Northstar OEC Final, cost \$60 (due March 6), time 8-2, contact Renee Cameto at renee.cameto@sri.com; cell 510-220-3687
March 20 - ID Class, Location TBD; contact Tom Sherry at tbsherry@gmail.com, cell 707-365-9361

APRIL, 2016

April 3 - SEM, Senior OEC Clinic at Homewood, IOR Dave Pinsky
April 14-17- Sea Otter Classic, contact www.SeaOtterClassic.com

MAY, 2016

May 2016 - OEC Cycle B Refresher workbook
On-Line Hybrid - Information to follow from NSP
May 14 - MLR Awards Dinner at 5:30pm in Davis

JUNE, 2016

Patrol Treasurer Reports - Reminder due first part of July to ESR Treasurer, Steve Costello at stevcostello@gmail.com

JULY, 2016

July 16 - ESR Board Meeting; Contact Katie DuMont at kt Dumont@sbcglobal.net; Cell 707-738-5491; venue and date to follow
Patrol Treasurer Reports - Reminder due first part of July to ESR Treasurer, Steve Costello at stevcostello@gmail.com

AUGUST, 2016

August 6 - FWD Summer BOD Meeting and Awards Dinner in Long Beach
August 25 - FWD News and Views deadline; Tim Viall, at tviall@msn.com

SEPTEMBER, 2016

September 10 - MLR/ESR ICE/Instructor Continuing Education, Davis Ca
OEC Refreshers- Cycle C underway

OCTOBER, 2016
OEC Refreshers- Cycle C underway
Registration - Process underway

NOVEMBER, 2016
November - ESR Board Meeting; Contact Katie DuMont at ktumont@sbcglobal.net;
cell 707-738-5491; venue and date to follow
OEC Refreshers- Cycle C underway
Registration - Process underway
November 25 - FWD News and Views deadline; Tim Viall, at tviall@msn.com

Training Advisor Reports

Avalanche – Bill Hummer

- Avi 2 courses today and tomorrow at Heavenly
- Jeff Goldstone gave a great presentation on howitzer and ammo charges
- Thank you to Rob Morrow for all of his work on the Avi program
- Avi 1 is now core for the FWD to become a Senior Patroller

(Written report submitted by Bill Hummer and Phil Chernin)

2016 ESR Avalanche Program
Eastern Sierra Region Avalanche Program Administrators – Bill Hummer & Phil Chernin
Program ITs Mike Derby and Rob Morrow

Reflecting on our current weather pattern of warm sunny skies brings me back to working to develop the course calendar in August, although it was a bit warmer in August! Fundamentally, it is critically important for all avalanche instructors organizing courses to coordinate courses with the program administrator(s) so IT resources can attend your course. Help us help you!

2015-2016 Courses

The avalanche instructors in the ESR created an outstanding course calendar and Mother Nature has provided the key ingredient for high-level courses, an interesting snowpack! To date, two Level 1 courses, Tahoe Backcountry Patrol and an ESR region course have been completed. Both have had upwards of twenty students including both patrollers, search and rescue personnel, and non-patrolling public. One more Level 1 course in South Lake Tahoe will take place on March 5 & 6, 19 & 20. Two of the three courses required 1.5 days of classroom and 2.5 days of field related activities because they were organized for rescue personnel, whereas the typical Level 1 is made up of 1 classroom day and 2 field days. Hat tips to those students completing these courses representing many of the ski areas within the basin.

Due to our lack of snowpack last season, the ESR Level 2 course that had completed the classroom portion could not be completed. As a result, the course was canceled because Level 2 requirement is to complete a course in a single season. Fortunately, nearly all of the student are participating this season and another student has joined the group. Field days will include 1-day each at Heavenly Mountain, Squaw Valley, and Alpine Meadows with another backcountry field day within the Tahoe basin. Each of

these Level 1 and Level 2 courses has had IT oversight providing quality control and feedback to those participating instructors and candidate instructors.

Instructor Development

The Eastern Sierra has a solid core of avalanche instructors including 10 instructors with another 8 candidate instructors receiving mentorship from more senior avalanche instructors. Becoming an avalanche instructor typically requires three or more years due to the knowledge base of avalanche science, developing presentation materials, and the opportunity to instruct classroom and field topics while receiving feedback from mentors and IT resources. Hat tips to those candidates for their perseverance!

Continuing Education

Continuing Education for avalanche instructors is always important because the knowledge base of avalanche science is ever changing. New research presented is a necessary component of avalanche education and ISSW (International Snow Science Workshop) and NAS (National Avalanche School) that occur on alternating years are both tremendous opportunities for learning about snow science. Industry-based regional snow and avalanche workshops are organized in many western states (California Avalanche Workshop at South Lake Tahoe Community College on October 17, 2015) represent a growing opportunity of single-day programs. The Southern California Region Avalanche Program organizes a two day Continuing Education workshop in early December at Mammoth Mountain that focuses on field activities and presenting new concepts to students. Special hat tips to Jeff Pierce, So Cal Avalanche Program Administrator, for his continuing efforts to make this NSP avalanche instructor CE event occur and help broaden our avalanche teaching knowledge!

The Eastern Sierra Region had several instructors attend these continuing education events and it is important to have more instructors to attend to keep our knowledge base fresh.

Regards,

William Hummer and Phil Chernin, Eastern Sierra Region Avalanche Program Administrators

Mike Derby, IT

Rob Morrow, IT

Certified – Keith Tatsukawa

A couple of great opportunities coming up:

See the APP site for complete information and to sign up online

<http://www.propatrollers.org/clinicsevents>

First mid-winter clinic is completed at Sierra-At-Tahoe - We had a fantastic turnout for the mid-winter clinic at Sierra At Tahoe. Over 20 judges contributed time for 22 candidates accomplishing 67 written tests and 54 practical exams. A Mock Avalanche Rescue and Dog Demonstration was provided on the first day. David Moore completed his final practical exam, and achieve full certification as #C-0612. **Big Acknowledgement for Shannon Maguire!!!** Awesome job in her first role as clinic lead. ([Read more...](#))



New APP patches are available in the [on-line store!](#)



Association of Professional Patrollers -
2016 Spring Cli...

2016 Spring Clinic Monday April 25,
2016 through Friday April 29, 2016 in
Tahoe basin. Precise resort to be
determined.

View
on www.propatrollers.org

Preview by
Yahoo

APP's Mid-Winter 2016 Blasting Seminar

will be held on Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday February 25 at **Alpine Meadows** ski area in California.

The Seminar is open to professional and volunteer patrollers and will provide avalanche blasting education through a combination of classroom and field sessions. This is an ideal opportunity for explosives/blasting education, delivered by industry professionals. The quality of training is of the highest standard, and will be beneficial for both beginning practitioners as well as professional mitigation blasters. This class also serves as a prerequisite for individuals who do not possess blasting experience, and wish to take the APP [Explosives](#) practical test. In addition, the class size will be limited to 25 participants.

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Registration for Current APP-Members: \$100.00 / after 2/19 price goes to \$125

Non-Current/Non-APP Members: \$150.00 / after 2/19 price goes to \$175

2016 Spring Clinic

Monday April 25, 2016 through Friday April 29, 2016 in Tahoe basin. Precise resort to be determined.

The APP Spring Clinic is on the calendar! We are still sorting out details of the precise location - but the plan is to have the clinic at one of the premium Lake Tahoe region resorts - all of which have a wide variety of housing, beverage, and culinary options.

Throughout the week the APP will conduct ALL written and practical tests (weather permitting) and will have lots of additional clinics and speakers.

Current highlights include a risk forum on Monday afternoon, a women's forum, a medical forum, and a surprize guest speaker.

Stay tuned as more details are settled - but for sure mark these dates on your calendar!

2016 APP Spring Clinic Schedule of Events

Pricing, locations and specifics are tentative - check back for more information often!

Schedule is subject to change - there will be a grease board at Registration with daily updates and events. Current event details and costs:

- **Register today for the clinic by visiting this page. You can sign up as a judge, as a candidate for testing (the testing fee is a flat \$15 and that covers all written and practical tests.) or as a non tester.**
- **Registered/APP members may purchase lift tickets - \$TBD for daily lift tickets. For information on APP membership and to pay dues, go to this [page](#). APP dues are \$40 for the season, and the season is from 11/1/15 through 10/30/16.**
- **If you plan to stay at the _____, APP members will receive a ____ discount.**
- **Be aware that ALL written and practical tests will be provided and as always, skiing and tobogganing practical tests will be conducted weather-dependent.**

Any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. The Certified program has grown and continues to grow and improve. Come join us!

Keith Tatsukawa
ESR Certified Advisor
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(858) 353-4466

Instructor Development – Tom Sherry

March 20th Course Request

Location TBD (Possibly Tahoe Donner or Sacramento Area, Depending on Participants)

Working with Nancy S. to develop student list

still no IOR (most are ID instructors are unavailable)

Are there any other patrols that require ID resources?

Please contact Tom Sherry @ 707-365-9361

Kirk Sachter from Alpine would like to become an ID Instructor

going to fold him into the 3/20 class to start him along that path

Will work with Doug Hill to finalize this process

Are there any other patrols/patrollers that would like to become ID Instructors?

Please contact Tom Sherry @ 707-365-9361

Yours In Outdoor Safety and Education,
Tom

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Nordic – Roger Yang

Not much to report re Nordic patrols. Pinecrest completed a successful MTR course last weekend.

TBSP will complete our MTR course this weekend with 12 students.

Let me know if you've got any further questions re Nordic activities.

Cheers

Roger

Roger Yang

415-531-2210

yangroger@hotmail.com

OEC – Oliver Fontana

- Prospective OEC classes
 - East Bay – IOR Oliver Fontana
 - Sacramento Class
 - Tahoe Intensive – IOR David Stepner
 - Reno??
 - Tahoe Basin Area
 - Not sure about summer class
 - Fall basin area class to be held at Northstar
- OEC Instructor refresher – Oliver is working with Nancy to determine who needs to attend ICE event this year.
- This is a need for another cycle B refresher for 5 – 7 people. Potentially looking to hold it at Diamond Peak date TBD

OET – Dave Stromswold

- Diamond Peak, Mt. Rose and Northstar toboggan refresher classes are still open
- IOR's should copy Dave on all OET course completion forms sent in to national
- Senior toboggan event to be held at Heavenly on 3/12
- Kevin O'Niel from Mt. Shasta patrol will help as IOR for OET training with the Tahoe Donner patrol. They need additional help from OET instructors – great opportunity for candidate OET instructors and mentors to train. Contact Dave to volunteer.

Senior – Dave Pinsky

- Senior trainer / evaluator calibration held at Squaw on 1/24. Calibration is a 3 year cycle

- Robust year for senior program. 5 patrols have active training programs
- 3 day ski and toboggan clinic to be held at Squaw on 3/16-3/18
- Senior OEC evaluations
 - Heavenly on 3/13 – 8 candidates expected
 - Homewood – 3 candidates expected

Women's Program – Tammie Hoedeman

- Heavenly Women's Clinic ~ March 6th, 2016 >> meet at the California Base of the Tram!!
 - We have about 20 awesome ladies from various locations around the basin (Dodge Ridge, Northstar, Alpine(?), Tahoe Backcountry, and Heavenly)
 - Please encourage the ladies at your area that there is still time to email me and let me know they would like to attend!
 - Please see additional clinic information below for details.
- Late March we plan to have a Ladies Avalanche beacon training proficiency day at Heavenly
 - Don Shockey will be instructing this event at a date to be determined
- I would still like ONE main (woman) contact person from each of the PR's for networking purposes ~ Please email me the > NAME, PATROL, EMAIL

19th Annual Heavenly Women's Clinic

(Here are the details)

Date: March 6, 2016, Sunday

Cost: Approximately \$40-\$45 (to cover ski lessons)

We also like to bring a little extra for a tip for the instructors.

Where: Heavenly Ski Area - CA side, base of the Tram/First Aid

Schedule:

1/2 day TES, 1/2 day SES

Registration--7:30 to 8:30 am

Toboggan practice—intermediate and advanced--8:30 to 12:00

Lunch (bring your own lunch)--12:00 to 1:00

Ski lessons, cost approx. \$35-\$40 for non-HAP members plus bring a \$5-\$10 tip--1:00 to 4:00

Bring a regular ski jacket plus your patrol coat/colors

Pre-registration required for a pass, check must be received by Feb. 28

Clinic goes no matter the weather!!!

Interested? Need more information? Contact Tammie Hoedeman ASAP:

530-320-0299

tami2ski@hotmail.com

Come and have a great time, learn some new skills, and make some new friends!

Tammie

Administrative Advisor Reports

Alumni – Armon Cooper (no report submitted)

Awards – Leilani Connolly

- Deadline for outstanding nominations is 3/15
- Sample nominations are available
- Last year's rotating plaques need to be returned as soon as possible
- Chapter 12 of NSP Policies and Procedures manual lists all awards

Equipment – Loretta Barranger

Dave Stromswold stated that we needed 2 new handle sets for training sleds, cost is \$210 per set, which we still have funds in the repair budget for this year available. However, I know that the condition of the sleds are in really poor shape. Dave a new sled is \$1,200, do we want to consider buying one new sled and one set of handles and then using the decommissioned sled for repair parts?

Dave did you find out if your patrol has scoops to donate to ESR?

I am still trying to get up to the shed to re-organize and determine any additional repairs needed on equipment.

Last question is for all the people that borrow equipment. I need suggestions on how to improve the usage process, because it still seems to be confusing and disjointed.

Thanks,

Loretta

Additional information on equipment provided by Dave Stromswold

- Homewood donated scoop to ESR equipment
- Sled handle replacements are low priority
- Tim Stevens found ESR scoop at Heavenly and currently has it at his house

Medical – Jim Margolis

- Sac/Sierra valley EMS liaison
 - 4 patrols in line with Tahoe Forrest service allow nurses to clear patients with c-collar. Discussion followed about EMS and removal of c-spine precautions
- Jim Margolis is available to act as liaison to get medical follow up on patients for award nominations if needed

Records – Nancy Stromswold

- Courses should be closed within 2 weeks of the registered course date
- If a non-NSP member (does not have 6 digit NSP ID number) participates in a course DO NOT include them on the course completion record. No NSP ID number = No Credit
- Instructor of Record should keep completion records and provide certificates where needed to participants
- There are some patrols / patrollers with dues discrepancies. Either they took a cycle B refresher and did not pay dues or paid dues and do not show a completed refresher

Recruiting – Jim Margolis

- Recruitment is an issue especially for aging patrols
- Snowbomb has been the main recruitment effort
- OEC classes are not filling up
 - 36 people completed OEC classes recently
 - Jim contacted them to follow up and received 26 responses
 - Jim asked that PR's refer any candidate that does not complete the program for any reason back to him to see if there is another patrol that might be able / willing to accept them as a candidate

Website – Rye Livingston

- The ESR website has been updated
- Advisors please submit site content for your page to Rye. The content needs to be refreshed and updated frequently to keep the site relevant

Old Business

None

New Business

None

**Next meeting date July 16, 2016
Kaiser Hospital – Vacaville (tentative)**

Motion to close by Dave Stromswold, 2nd by Nancy meeting adjourned at 2:15p