



**NATIONAL SKI PATROL
EASTERN SIERRA REGION
Kaiser Permanente Hospital Building
Vacaville, CA
Minutes for Saturday, July 16, 2016**

Called to order 9:00am

In Attendance

Katie DuMont, ESR Director; Tim Stephens ESR AD (Proxy for Heavenly Area Patrol); Drew Oliphant, Diamond Peak PR; Nancy Stromswold, (FWD Assistant Director, Kirkwood PR and ESR Records Advisor); Eric Robinson, Mt. Rose/Reno PR, Kathleen Brown, Proxy Northstar; Todd Sprague, Sierra At Tahoe PR; Barney Siri, Proxy Squaw Valley; Derek Koonce, Tahoe Donner Alpine PR; Jerry Milana, Tahoe Donner Nordic PR; Bill Gibson, FWD Director; Richard Wilson, Assistant Director FWD; Tony Atkins, Mother Lode Region Director; Steve Costello, ESR Treasurer; Dr. Jim Margolis, ESR Medical and Recruitment Advisor; Olivier Fontana, ESR OEC Advisor; Dave Pinsky, ESR Senior Program Advisor; Bill Hummer, ESR Avalanche Advisor; Tom Sherry, ESR Instructor Development Advisor & National Board Member; Tim O'Brien, member Squaw Valley; Hilary Milana, Michelle Young

Additions to Agenda under New Business: none

Motion to Accept Agenda: Barney Siri, Drew Oliphant 2nd; passed

Minutes from February 27, 2016 meeting previously approved and are posted to ESR website

Jerry Milana reported on the passing of Bill Person, former ESR OEC Advisor. The group was reminded of Bill's contributions to ESR, FWD, and NSP. Katie requested a moment of silence in Bill's honor.

Requested was accepted without objection to allow Tom Sherry to present his reports first due to other schedule commitments.

Instructor Development – Tom Sherry

There are currently 7 ID instructors in ESR.

New Hybrid Module is complete. Doug Hill, FWD ID Advisor, is to thank. It should allow for classes of almost any size.

A Hybrid ID course will be offered at ICE in September. Students will need to present a certificate of completion for the on-line portion. Kevin Corbett will be the IOR.

Are there any other patrols that require ID resources?

Please contact Tom Sherry @ 707-365-9361

National Board Report - Tom Sherry

Planning Committee is working on Knowledge Based System to capture existing and post information needed for decision making.

New IT System is scheduled to go on-line for the members on August 1.

The Board is discussing offering scholarships for attendance at Powderfall.

A prior discussion over Board representation has been effectively tabled. Tom and Bill reviewed the current Board and committee structure of National.

Tim Stephens presented the results of the pre-meeting questionnaire and asked that the PRs present their reports accordingly. The questionnaire results are appended to these minutes.

Presenters listed in gray were not present but may have submitted reports.

Patrol Representative Reports

Alpine Meadows: Don Boss

Diamond Peak: Drew Oliphant

Their OEC Refresher is once again the latest being offered. They will be accepting visitors. As of yet they do not have an IT for the refresher.

Heavenly: Tim Stephens, Proxy

There had been a proposal discussed with management to utilize NSP during the summer but it was not approved. Vail had issues with the current Memorandum of Understanding between the NSP and the National Ski Area Operators Organization. Bill Gibson had knowledge of this and presented a short review of the issues.

Homewood: Loretta O'Brien

Kirkwood: Nancy Stromswold

The group was reminded that Kirkwood had no volunteer patrollers and wouldn't for at least the coming season. There are 7 members of NSP on the paid staff. They will be attending a different patrol's OEC Refresher.

The group was reminded that any member of NSP who presents their membership card at a Vail Resorts ticket office will receive a 30-40% discount on their ticket.

Mt. Rose: Eric Robinson

Members feel well integrated into the mountains patrol. They share all duties and tasks with paid staff except avalanche control and snow mobile driving.

It is believed that the resort is still for sale.

A large number of their members have nursing, EMT, fire, etc. experience.
No current Senior program but they are active in the APP. 36 of 37 paid staff members are APP certified.

A brief introduction to the Slide Snow School was made. Contact Eric for more information.

Northstar: Kathleen Brown, Proxy

There is some timber harvesting taking place this summer.

The Tough Mudder was held in June and there may be another. It did utilize NSP volunteers.

David Stepner will be teaching his OEC Intensive Course at Northstar.

With the large number of rookies on the paid staff there was significant training during the early season. Paid and NSP members of Heavenly and Kirkwood assisted with the training as well as mountain coverage.

Sierra At Tahoe: Todd Sprague

Asked and received input on how other patrols find candidates. Some of the suggestions were: patrol website, signs at patrol stations or lodges, business cards for members to pass out, Snowbomb, etc.

They are pushing members more towards APP certification over the Senior Program. Bill Gibson and Dave Pinsky pointed out some of the virtues and strengths of the Senior Program. Chief among these is that participants develop better OEC/On-Scene skills from the Senior Program than from the APP process.

Their Host Program is in the process of establishing its own registration with NSP.

Squaw Valley: Barney Sri, Proxy

Currently have 6 candidates and don't expect to accept any more.

They do not expect to have any senior candidates but will still offer the Squaw Ski & Toboggan Clinic which will include a Senior OET Evaluation

They have seen a recent decline in their membership. But it has not yet been enough to cause excessive concern.

Tahoe Donner Alpine: Derek Koonce

Currently have 10 members most of who are fairly new. The patrol used to count 20.

They welcome any patrollers willing to do a secondary registration.

Visitors are welcome but need to call ahead.

They had established and are maintaining a good relationship with the paid director.

Tahoe Donner Nordic: Jerry Milana

They are still looking for candidates and welcome any secondary registrations.

They will repeat having an NSP Open Day this season but not on Super Bowl Sunday.

They are working out some of the specifics of patroller duties and responsibilities.

The new lodge is wonderful. During the summer it is an equestrian center.

They will have an open to all hike on August 27.

Tahoe Backcountry: Chris Niggel

Administrative Advisor Reports

Alumni – Armon Cooper (no report submitted)

Medical – Jim Margolis

There are now 4 resorts that have relationships with medical facilities where nurses are empowered to clear backboard patients.

Fresno County now has a policy of not using c-collars without a supervisors permission.

Sierra is currently the only ESR patrol using the X-Collar. Its use is mountain protocol.

The King Tube is an advanced airway device not part of OEC.

Squaw and Sierra currently have baby aspirin as part of their mountain protocol.

The Squaw Medical Seminar is held the first Monday of December and is a showcase for new medical devices and procedures.

Contact Jim if you need help with follow up information for awards documentation.

Recruiting – Jim Margolis

Request for any recruiting documents that patrols have so that they can be made available at the Snowbomb booths.

Patrols should check there rosters with an eye towards recruiting needs due to patroller retirement.

If a patroller needs to take a year off the patrol needs to work with them to maintain their OEC so that their return is facilitated. Changing their registration to allumni is sometimes a better choice (and cheaper) than inactive.

Division and National Reports

Bill Gibson, Far West Division Director

OEC 6 is under development and C-collars is a topic.

A reminder that OEC is our Standard of Training while the resorts may have a Standard of Care which is different.

National's new IT system is set to go live on August 1. All NSP courses will need to be entered after Aug. 1. Instructors will register courses and students will enroll and pay any associated NSP fees through the NSP website. Currently the only way to enroll in a course will be if you have a 6 digit NSP membership number. This can only be acquired by becoming a member of NSP and paying NSP dues. The Division Directors Committee has sent an RFA (Request for Action) to the National Board to allow non-members to register for courses.

The OEC Refresher Cycle C Hybrid Course has been redone and is an improvement over past courses. Members will be able to take it at no charge. Completion of the course will be posted to the members profile and the associated registered course.

Member annual registration will not be done through the NSP website. Members will also pay their NSP dues at this time. Division, Region, and patrol dues will need to be collected by the patrol as in the past.

Division Directors are not members of the National Board but do have their own committee which can present proposals for consideration to the Board. They also sit on committees of the National Board in order to provide input. The Division Directors are also instrumental in the formation of new patrols or the merger of existing patrols.

As the frequency of volunteers helping to train paid staff members increases there is a need for a new Memorandum of Understanding to cover any possible liability issues.

Existing wage laws prohibit a paid member from also being a volunteer at the same resort.

The benefits of participating in the Senior Program were reviewed; especially in relationship to the APP program.

National and Division both need to be notified any time a member is injured while patrolling in order to assure that an investigation is conducted if it is deemed necessary.

Historically, the Far West Division has been the driving force behind most NSP program development and improvements. The new ID course is an example.

There was a discussion of practices for finding new members. These included show a patroller events, ski testing, liability issues, advertising, etc.

Aug. 6 is then FWD Awards Banquet to be held in Long Beach.

This year's ICE program in Davis will contain a session on the new IT system as it relates to instructors. People will be encouraged to bring their laptops to follow along.

This year's Tri-Advisory will be held Nov. 4-6.

Powderfall this season will be held at Aspen April 6-9. Current lodging cost is \$139/night.

There is an option for people to pay \$50 R/T for bus transfer from Denver to Aspen.

The Sea Otter Bicycle Classic will be held April 20-23 in Monterey. It's a great opportunity for members to experience the races and earn funds for their patrol.

Hilleary Milana - Member

Reviewed available details on the memorial service August 6 to be held for Bill Person. There was discussion of creating some type of Division or Region award in his honor. A proposal was made to allow some amount of time at ICE to recognize Bill's contribution to NSP and the OEC program.

Region Reports

Treasure – Steve Costello

2015-2016 Year End Balances

Checking: \$20,923.23

Savings: 500.90

Total: \$21,424.13

\$1,422.66 expenses since March report.

Members are reminded that all NSP funds must flow through official NSP accounts.

Motion: That ESR charge no dues for 2016-2017 season. Barney Siri/ Drew Oliphant 2nd
Passed

2016-2017 ESR budget presented

Motion: To accept budget as presented. Derek Koonze/ Jerry Milana 2nd

Discussion: OEC courses are essentially self funding.

Passed

Motion: To allow \$200.00 of excess from 2015 ICE to be used to cover last chance ICE clinic.

Nancy Stromswold/ Jerry Milana 2nd

Passed

Motion: To accept the equipment purchase proposal submitted by Loretta Barranger in the amount of \$3,565.00 (see attached exhibit A). Derek Koonze/ Tim Stephens 2nd

Discussion: There was skepticism expressed concerning the equipment counts shown on the current inventory list. The motion was modified to include the instruction to contact the OEC course IORs to confirm what equipment is needed prior to any purchases being made. This would allow for some modification to the list provided in the request.

Passed

Director – Katie DuMont

All are invited to a summer BBQ at her house August 20.

Assistant Director, Parliamentarian & Calendar – Tim Stephens
No Report

Assistant Director – Brian Haena

No Report

Training Advisor Reports

OEC – Oliver Fontana

There will be 5 ESR OEC courses this season. Anyone who has already submitted a registration will have to do so again after August 1 through the NSP website. The instructors will have to return any funds collected thusfar. Current enrollment is below.

East Bay: 5

Reno: 12

Northstar Intensive: 20-30

Sacramento: 8

South Bay: 8

Confirmation of refresher ITs will be completed shortly.

OEC instructor recertification notices will go out soon.

Request made for course IORs to inform the appropriate patrol of any students in their class who express a preference for their patrol.

Senior – Dave Pinsky

There were 2 SEM and 2 Senior OET evaluations held last year.

Number of possible participants this year is minimal. Contact Dave with any updated information.

No Trainer/Evaluators who wish to continue will have their certification expire.

A Senior Trainer/Evaluator "refresher" course will be offered at this year's ICE.

A request to National to create a true recertification course for STEs is being written.

A request to create a Hybrid STE course is being considered.

Records – Nancy Stromswold

Currently there are 9 courses in FWD (4 in ESR) that need to be closed. If not closed prior to August 1 no student will receive credit for having completed the course. Nancy is working with the IORs.

New IT system will allow IORs to close classes on line without submitting any paperwork. IORs will have to check confirmed enrollment through NSP site.

Avalanche – Bill Hummer

There were 75 graduates from 2015-2016 Avalanche courses.

This year's Snow Science Symposium will be held in Breckenridge Oct. 2 - 6.

Patrols are requested to inform Bill what their avalanche refresher plans are for this season.

Discussion of somehow offering Module 3 (Rescue) of the AVI 1 course to non-members.

Certified – Keith Tatsukawa

We had a tremendously successful 2015-2016 APP season having 6 clinics with over 165 participants and administering over 163 written exams and 171 practical exams over the course of last season. This provided amazing educational opportunities for many individuals.

Fall will soon be upon us and we should be thinking about some pre-season conditioning and getting checking over our gear and seeing what needs to be repaired or replaced. Keep in touch with the APP website for the latest tips for preparing for this coming season.

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

The APP has scheduled a 2 day comprehensive technical ropes rescue that will include live demonstrations as well as “hands on” practice sessions for everyone from the ropes novice to the professional ropes handler that may want a refresher or enjoy seeing the latest in rescue techniques and gear.

Oct 29-30th

Technical Rope Rescue Clinic

www.propatrollers.org/Schweitzer_Fall_2016 Schweitzer Mountain Resort, Idaho

Thanks for your support of the APP Certified program 2015-2016 and I look forward to seeing more of you this coming season. Educational opportunities in the N Lake Tahoe area will be scheduled as the season approaches.

Pray for snow.

Best regards, Keith Tatsukawa

Eastern Sierra Region Certified Advisor and APP Board member

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MTR - None

Nordic – Roger Yang

No Report

OET – Dave Stromswold

I will not be able to attend meeting. Only thing to report is that the PR's and OET IT's need to plan who will be IOR and IT for upcoming Intro to Patrolling and Ski and Toboggan recertifications. Would be nice to have information by November meeting.

Dave Stromswold

Eastern Sierra Region OET Advisor

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Women's Program – Tammie Hoedeman

- Heavenly Women's Clinic ~ March 6th, 2016 RECAP>>
 - We had a total of 15 women attend the clinic this year.
 - Most of these ladies were from the Heavenly patrol
 - We had our usual Dodge Ridge visitors among us as well
 - Despite the intimidating weather and predictions, we had an awesome clinic! Beginning in the morning with sled techniques and concluding in the afternoon breaking into two groups for a focused ski enhancement lesson
- Please encourage the ladies at your area to attend this year as it will mark 20 years for the Women's Clinic at Heavenly
 - Please see the Eastern Sierra Region Women's page for a full recap and upcoming details! <http://www.easternsierraregion.org/styled-2/styled-20/index.html>
 - Details of the 2017 Women's Clinic will also be posted on the Far West Women's page as well as the Heavenly page – Women's section
- We would like to plan a training this coming year for the ladies to practice with avalanche beacon proficiency. It really did not come together for us to have this last year. Please check back at the Eastern Sierra Region Women's page for further details and updates.
 - 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 > Women contact -NAME, PATROL, EMAIL contact.
 - This will facilitate additional correspondence for the ladies event and networking within the region.

Administrative Advisor Reports

Alumni – Armon Cooper (no report submitted)

Awards – Leilani Connolly

Out of ten patrols in the ESR, seven patrols took part in the award process by nominating a person(s) for National Appointments or one of the ten Outstanding Awards. Those patrols were Alpine Meadows, Diamond Peak, Heavenly Area, Homewood, Squaw, Tahoe Backcountry, and Tahoe Donner. Of those patrols, eight Outstanding nominations were forwarded to Ken Bergmann, FWD Advisor, for review by the regional awards' advisors

who use a point scale to score each nomination. The FWD honorees will be revealed at the August 6 FWD board meeting/awards' dinner in Long Beach.

Thank you to the sponsors who took time to sit down and write a nomination. The process is time consuming and involves researching past history. It's important that nominations be accurate. This season we had some extremely well written nominations.

It's not too soon to be thinking of, or even writing, nominations for National Appointments, Leadership Commendations, Meritorious Service Awards, and Distinguished Service Awards. Chapter 12 of the NSP Policies and Procedures on-line manual shows the criteria for each award. These awards have no deadline and can be sent to me at any time during the year.

Community College- None

Equipment – Loretta Barranger
See discussion under Treasurer's report

Legal- Nate Garhart
No Report

Website – Rye Livingston

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS —

Implemented new redesign of the website, www.easternsierraregion.org. Beautiful photo of Lake Tahoe on the home page. New drop down menus. Links that shimmer when cursor is dragged over link. Best part is new design template automatically designs the sight to scale to all devices. It looks good and works on your laptop, tablet and your smart phone.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

I hope to work with ESR Director and Advisors, to greatly enhance the look and feel of the content. I'd like to see a brief bio of each advisor and where they patrol, along with a photo of them in their patrol coat. This makes them more personal and approachable.

Most of all I'd like to see some sort of "warm fuzzy" intro to their program. Such as - this is what my program is about. I'm here to be of assistance to you. How can I make your life easier? How can I help make your program at your patrol successful? I want to help you so call or email me.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

Main issue is old content. Some pages still refer to calendars for 2014-2015 season. Other pages have very static content that never changes. Some of that is OK, but it's also pretty boring. Each advisor is responsible for the content on that page for their program. It's their opportunity to "sell" and promote their program. It needs to be compelling and clear what service and/or assistance they are offering.
Rye Livingston

Old Business

None

New Business

None

**Next meeting date November 19, 2016
Heavenly Resort, California Lodge**

Motion to adjourn by Drew Oliphant, 2nd by Jerry Milana meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

CALENDAR:

JULY, 2016

July 31- Regional Financial Report, Community College Report...**due beginning of July!**

AUGUST, 2016

August - National IT System goes on line

August - NSP will launch a Registration Site August 2016 for Powderfall; Snowmass, Colorado April 6-9, 2017 save the dates

August 6-7 - FWD Summer BOD Meeting and Awards Banquet in Long Beach, CA

August 6 - NSP IT SYSTEM Training with FWD, Long Beach CA

August 9 - November 12 - Sacramento OEC Course, IOR Steve Costello, stevcostello@gmail.com

August 10 - November 6 - Reno OEC Course, IOR Joe Maher, yomar@gbis.com

August 20 - Summer Patrol Party; Katie DuMont's house in Rescue; info to follow

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

September 10 - NSP IT SYSTEM Training at ICE, Davis CA

OCTOBER, 2016

October 22 - November 6 - Northstar OEC Intensive 2016, IOR David Stepner, dstener@gmail.com

October 29-30 - APP/Association of Professional Patrollers; Technical Rope Rescue Clinic at Schweitzer Mountain Resort, Idaho see http://www.propatrollers.org/Schweitzer_Fall_2016, also visit Website: www.propatrollers.org

NOVEMBER, 2016

November 19 - ESR Board Meeting; Heavenly Resort

November 4-6 - Tri-Advisory Yosemite,

November 6 - OEC Final, Northstar Intensive, IOR David Stepner and Reno, IOR Joe Maher.

November 12 - OEC Final, East Bay, IOR Olivier Fontana and South Bay, IOR Bill Booth, and Sacramento, IOR Steve Costello

November 25 - FWD News and Views deadline; Tim Viall, at tviall@msn.com

DECEMBER, 2016

December 5 - Nominations due for Division Director and Assistant Division Director positions. See election notice for details or contact Katie DuMont at ktumont@sbcglobal.net; cell 707-738-5491

JANUARY, 2017

January 25 - FWD News and Views deadline; Tim Viall, at tviall@msn.com

FEBRUARY, 2017

February - ESR Board Meeting, date and venue to follow; contact Katie DuMont at ktdumont@sbcglobal.net; cell 707-738-5491

February 6 - Date of election; Division Director and Assistant Division Director

February 6 - Regional Director Nominations due - Eastern Sierra and No. California

MARCH, 2017

March 4 - FWD BOD Winter Meeting, Squaw Valley Public Service District Building in the community room; 305 Squaw Valley Road.

APRIL, 2017

April 6-9 - Powderfall; Snowmass, Colorado, NSP will launch a Registration Site in August 2016

AUGUST, 2017

August 5-8 - FWD Summer BOD Meeting and Awards Banquet in Davis, CA

EASTERN SIERRA REGION

2016-2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Due July 13, 2016 to be included in annual budget
Complete highlighted sections and submit to addresses below.

Advisor's Name Loretta Barranger Date Submitted 7/6/16

Discipline / Advisor for ESR Equipment

Budget Line Item Number	Category Description	2015-2016 actual	Amount requested 2016-2017	Amount allocated (completed by Treasurer)	Notes Description of or items the funds will purchase
18.1	Air Tank Testing & Fill	\$0	\$500.00		
30.2	OEC Student & Class Consumables	\$771.09	\$3200.00		This line item was/will be reimbursed by student fees
18.1	OEC Course Equipment	\$1008.90	\$1500.00		
30.2	OEC Exam/Eval Consumables	\$60.75	\$500.00		This line item was/will be reimbursed by student fees
	TOTAL	\$1840.74	\$5700.00		

**Please complete Advisor's Budget Request by July 13, 2016
and submit to**

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