



NATIONAL SKI PATROL
EASTERN DIVISION
SPRING OFFICERS MEETING

Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY
April 23 – 25, 2004

Opening and Welcome

Division Director Jerry Sherman convened the Spring Officers meeting on Saturday, April 27, 2004 at 9:00a.m.

Proxies Recognized for April 24-25, 2004

Diane Hastings for Northern SC, EMARI; Al Pels for Northern SC, NH; Jerry McGraw for Southern Adirondack SC, ENY; George Hannon for Central SC, EPA; and, Bob Volmut for Southern SC, SVT.

Introduction of Officers:

Division Officers:

Jerry Sherman
Richard Andriole
Gerit Lewisch
Marcia Mundrick
James Smith

Division Director
Asst Division Director
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Region Directors:

Burt Mitchell
Darryl Trafford
Fred Leukroth
Stephan Hastings
Greg France
Bob O'Connell
Jim Decker
Meg Smith
Bert Ebeling
John Beach
John Pelliciotta
Steve Schopfer
Rick Hamlin
Terry Randolph
Mike Lord

Connecticut
Maine
Western Massachusetts
Eastern Massachusetts/Rhode Island
New Jersey
New Hampshire
Western New York
Southern New York
Central New York
Eastern New York
Eastern Pennsylvania
Western Appalachian
Northern Vermont
Southern Vermont
Genesee Valley

Section Chiefs:

Rick Knight	CT Pequot\
Roger Stevenson	CT Housatonic
	ME Central (Absent)
Gerry Desjardins	ME South
	ME North (Absent)
Frank Wetherby	WMA Region Representative
Brian Sinclair	WMA Region Representative
Trish Watson	WMA Region Representative
Diane Hastings	EMARI Northern (Proxy)
John Caron	EMARI Western
Greg Banner	EMARI Southern
Sue Ellen Helmacy	NJ Region Representative
Al Pels	NH Northern (Proxy)
Peter Kaufmann	NH Central
Don Clark	NH Southern
Kenneth Black	WNY Region Representative
Mary Lyn Boberg	WNY Region Representative
Clark Goodrich	SNY Northern Catskill
Robert Schwartz	SNY Southern Catskill
Brian Bamberger	CNY Headwaters
John Tuttle	CNY Iroquois
Tom Sciacca	ENY Northern Adirondack
Jerry McGraw	ENY Southern Adirondack (Proxy)
Peter Neefus	ENY Capital District
Chuck Fountain	EPA Northern
Jack Peck	EPA Southwest
Susan Ballek	EPA Pocono
George Hannon	EPA Central (Proxy)
Guy Lombardo	WAPP Western
	WAPP Eastern (Absent)
Marty Silverman	WAPP Southern
Teigh Southworth	NVT Northern
Christian Jaquith	NVT Southern
Bob Volmut	SVT Southern (Proxy)
	SVT Northern (Absent)
John McManus	GVLV Region Representative
Bob Smith	GVLV Region Representative

Jerry Sherman determined that a quorum was present.

Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Williams/Ebeling to accept the agenda.

Carried

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Moved by Hamlin/Decker to appoint Don Page as Parliamentarian for the meeting.
Carried

Minutes from April 2003 Officers Meeting – Albany NY

Moved by Tuttle/Mitchell to approve the minutes as distributed.
Carried

2003-2004 Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Barcus

Moved further down the agenda until report is distributed

Moved by O’Connell/Neefus to accept the Treasurer’s report as distributed but unaudited.
Carried

Tabled: Investment Fund Report not included. Discussion.

Region Director’s Meeting – Bert Ebeling

Discussions: feedback from patrollers on the proposed By-laws. A poll was taken on the support of the proposed Bylaws by the regions, with 14 positive, 1 negative; roles and responsibilities as Board of Directors; Board of Directors control over programs; new RD election process; improve program delivery; relationship of Program Supervisor and committee that will oversee it; Senior in a Weekend. Rick Hamlin a recommendation that on Saturday all business be conducted as listed on the agenda, under the current bylaws, then adjourned. On Sunday, assuming new bylaws are approved; a meeting of the new Board of Directors will be convened with its first order of business to elect a new Division Director. Approved unanimously. The next meeting of the Region Directors would be a meeting of the Board.

Section Chief’s Meeting – Marty Silverman

Conversation started out about the success of the Senior Weekend and evolved into a discussion about the senior program and how the Ski and Women’s Enhancement seminars appeal to a large base and lead people into senior program.

Moved on to the By-law changes and how they affect the regions and sections. What is the region’s responsibility and what is the responsibility of the Division. For instance, who would be involved in developing regional By-laws, how would the election process work and how would the Alternate RD be chosen. Genesee Valley offered a copy of their By-laws to use as a template for the other regions. It was agreed that the line patrollers need to be educated about the changes in the Division By-laws and how it affects them.

2005 Region Director’s Meeting – Board of Directors

2005 Section Chief’s Meeting – John McManus

Special Reports

Senior Weekend – Rick Andriole

This pilot program sponsored by the Eastern Division was held March 25 – 28, 2004 at Ascutney Mountain in Vermont. It offered qualified candidates the opportunity to complete the NSP Senior Program in a three day weekend. The program offered enhancement clinics and evaluations in Ski and Toboggan as well as EMM plus OEC and Instructor Development electives. Thirteen candidates attended with eleven successful in obtaining their senior pin and rocker. The outcome of this weekend shows it can be done and the Division is already planning on scheduling a similar weekend for early in March, 2005.

Outdoor Emergency Care Program – Bill Halsey

Bill had two reports: OEC, and OEC Delinquency.
(reports distributed)

Avalanche Program – Butch MacQueen

Level 1 and 3 courses were held this year. In 2005, Level 2 will be at Whiteface Mountain, Wilmington, NY. We now have eight new apprentice instructors. This year we had our continuing education for A/MTR again at CRREL (Cold Regions Research & Experimental Lab). We hope to change the venue for next year. September 11 will be the Fall meeting for A/MTR and Nordic Instructors. May be held at REMO.

One of the ultimate outdoor tests is to climb Everest. Chuck Boyd is on his way up Mt Everest as I speak. He is an Avalanche and Mountain Travel Rescue Instructor and the Connecticut Region's Advisor for Nordic – we need to support him. A 50-50 raffle will be run this weekend. In addition, we would like to award \$1,000 to Chuck from each of our three programs. Check out the Connecticut Region's website (ctnsp.org) to obtain a \$25 Everest "T" shirt.

Awards Program – Bill Boulter

(report distributed)

Ski and Toboggan Program - Randy McNeil

On the second page under "Program" should read – Senior (Ski 78%) (Tob 71%).
(report distributed)

2003 Fall Meeting – Bob Hamilton

This was held at Belleayre Ski Center with vendors and division meetings being held. For 2004-05, contact Bob (607-754-0089) if you need the show booth.

Old Business

By-laws Proposal – Rick Hamlin

Moved by McGraw/Beach to adopt the by-laws as distributed.

Discussion

Rick and the by-law committee went through each Article and Section asking the officers for their input. Discussion

Moved by Lord/Southworth to amend the document to include a table of contents, a cover, and, editing.

Carried

Moved by Mitchell/Jaquith to move the motion.

Carried

All those in favor of adopting these By-laws as amended.

Carried - Unanimously

New Business

Budget – Jeff Barcus

Motion by McManus/O’Connell that we approve the budget report conditionally. That it be with the understanding that it would be one of the first topics taken up by the new Board.

Rick Hamlin amended the motion to read ...that it would be one of the many topics...

Carried

Investment Committee

Henry Williams and Bob Scarlett are now members of that Committee.

Moved by Hamlin/Southworth that the name of Henry Williams be offered as one of the new positions on the Investment Committee for a two year term.

Carried

Moved by Randolph/McManus that the name of John McManus be offered as one of the new positions on the Investment Committee for a one year term.

Carried

Motion by Knight/Clark that \$2,500 per year of Investment income be used to support the future of the Eastern Division in the form of a subsidy to the Student Seminar.

Moved by McManus/Sinclair to table this motion and hand this off to the new Board with the understanding that they will resolve it prior to the publishing of the Fall Trail Sweep.

Carried

Motion by Sherman/B. Smith to adjourn the 2004 Spring Officer Meeting. In order to facilitate the election of a new Division Director by the new Board of Directors.

Carried

Meeting of the new Board of Directors
April 24, 2004
Convened at 3:10p.m.

Attendance: Burt Mitchell, CT; Darryl Trafford, ME; Fred Leukroth, WMA; Stephan Hastings, EMARI; Greg France, NJ; Bob O'Connell, NH; Jim Decker, WNY; Meg Smith, SNY; Bert Ebeling, CNY; John Beach, ENY; John Pellicciotta, EPA; Steve Schopfer, WApp; Christian Jaquith, NVT; Terry Randolph, SVT; and, Mike Lord, GVly.

Director Sherman stated to the Region Directors that, "Prior to this meeting you have received the election procedure, via email, and the platforms of both Rick Hamlin and Gerit Lewisch declaring their interest in the Division Director's position."

There being no other nominations Lord/Schopfer moved to close nominations.
Carried

At that time, time was allocated to both Rick and Gerit to make their presentations and to answer questions.

Since Rick would have a vote as a Region Director, Gerit also has a vote.

After the ballot vote count, Rick Hamlin was announced as the new Division Director.

Note from the new Division Director: When we return on Sunday, the new Board will vote for an Assistant Division Director, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Motion to recess by Decker/France.

By-laws – Will be delivered electronically and in Trail Sweep. Once you have received them, it would be appreciated if you would send it out to your officers.

Rick appointed Donna McGraw to the position of Division Administrator. Will the board so ratify?

Carried

Introduction of the new Region Director of Northern Vermont, Christian Jaquith

Motion by Randolph/M. Smith for Jeff Barcus to continue as our Treasurer.

Carried

Motion by Schopfer/Ebeling to elect Donna McGraw as Secretary to the Board of Directors.

Carried

The Division Director polled the Board for Committee Interest (Section 7.2 of the new By-laws). Each of the Directors shall choose a committee they are interested in to chairing.

Advisor Appointments

Alumni	Al Pels
Awards	Bill Boulter
Legal Counsel	Bob Scarlett
Asst Legal Counsel	Henry Williams
Historian	Ellie Jessum
Medical	Jeffrey Lozman
Memorial/Scholarship	David Nelson
Nordic	Peter Snyder
Professional	
Risk Management/NSAA	Steve Neil/Doug Hollar
Special Olympics Liaison	
Student Patroller Liaison	Jerry Hyson
Telecommunications	Dick Woolf
Trail Sweep	Laura Tucker
Web Master	Bill Gamble
Certified	Steve Barnes

Rick nominated John Pellicciotta to be the Assistant Division Director. Moved to approve.

Carried

Determine current voting cycle and modify as needed: NH – 2003; NVT – 2005; EMARI – 2004; SNY – 2004; WNY – 2004; G VLY – 2003; NJ – 2003; WMA – 2003; ENY – 2003; CNY – 2003; CT – 2004; EPA – 2004; WAPP – 2004; SVT – 2004; Maine - 2004.

Motion by France/Mitchell to allocate funds not used from the Alumni Fund to the Student Patroller program.

Tabled

It will be brought up with all the budget items. We will discuss the budget at a later date with the Board of Directors and then bring it up and vote on it at the 2005 spring officers meeting.

Helmet Study – Bob Scarlett sent a cease and desist order to the writer of the email that was sent out Division wide regarding a helmet survey. This is **not** a National Ski Patrol survey.

Contact with the Division Director: Rick asked that the primary method of contact for him be email.

Region Directors need to appoint an Alternate RD for their regions: CT – Ron Ellison; Maine – Gerry Desjardins; WMA – Bryan Sinclair; EMARI -; NJ – Sue Ellen Helmacy; NH -; WNY -: SNY -: CNY -; ENY – Peter Neefus; EPA – George Hannon; WAPP – Guy Lombardo; NVT – Teigh Southworth; SVT – Robert Volmut; Genesee Vly - .

Since there are no longer ADD's in charge of programs, supervisors here will submit their expenses to Donna to forward to Treasurer Barcus. The Board will meet and decide who will handle expenses.

Board of Directors' meetings are as follows: Saturday, May 15; Saturday, June 19, Treasurer in attendance; Sunday, July 18; Saturday, August 21; and Saturday, September 18 – Fall meeting. All meetings will be held at the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Ambulance building. Directions will be sent.

The Treasurer needs to do a balance sheet and income statement for the past year. Also showing program breakdown for expenses/income.

Spring Officer Meeting Dates:

April 22, 23, 24, 2005 and April 28, 29, 30, 2006.

Moved by O'Connell/Decker that the 2004 Board of Director's meeting of the Eastern Division be adjourned at 11:30a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. McGraw
Division Administrator