

Eastern Division OET Spring Officers Meeting Report April 27, 2017



The 2016 – 2017 season kicked-off at Killington with the goals of communicating OET objectives, integration of the Eastern Division programs with the new National Course offerings and updating skills and teaching methods. This event had 48 successful participants exposing the best OET instructors in the division to the latest in PSIA/ AASI terminology and instructional methods, and the application of these methods to teaching patroller skills and toboggan handling. Staff and Regional Advisors brought this information and experience back to the local and regional level. Many thanks to Killington and the Killington patrol for their support of our program.

Communication in the Winter 2017 Trail Sweep outlined requirements for patrollers and instructors to maintain good status with OET requirements. This year 4 patroller schools and the YAP seminar delivered division programs to patrollers, instructors and trainer evaluators who were able to ski with division OET staff, develop their skills and update credentials. These events happen because of the hard work and leadership by the IOR for these events:

<u>Patroller School</u>	<u>IOR</u>	<u>Approximate Attendance</u> <u>Patrollers</u>	<u>Recertifying</u> <u>Staff</u>	<u>TEs</u>	<u>New</u> <u>TEs</u>
Elk Mt, PA	Matt Nebzydoski	108	17	15	1
Sunday River, ME	Dave Smith	65	22	4	2
Killington, VT	Don Mills	47	14	13	1
McCauley, VT	Jon Wilson	95	35	14	3
Bolton Valley, VT	Greg Boberg	50	16	NA	NA

Regionally across the division 282 OET courses were registered. TREF, Toboggan refreshers account for 102 courses for our 172 Alpine and Nordic patrols, followed by 55 TES and 33 SES. Duplicate registration accounted for a small number of courses. TTW, STW, OET IC and PAT made up the rest of the course offerings.

There were 10 Senior evaluations registered. Weather conditions made some of these evaluations difficult to complete. Thank you Bart Gabler for managing Quality Assurance by Division Staff at these events.

This season's challenges to update and merge division OET instructor status records with National instructor status records continues. Good record keeping over the years has helped this process.

The OET staff acted successfully on this seasons objectives and we will continue conference calls through the off season. At the annual Steering Committee meeting in August 2017, objectives will be reviewed and next season's schedule will be planned. Surveys from the fall 2016 and course feedback forms will drive the focus of next season as usual. An Additional 1 or 2 Patroller Schools are being considered in the 2017 – 2018 season.

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