

Meeting opened at 1PM with 96 member in attendance.

Motion to open: Walker  
Second: Brodersen  
Vote: Approve-Unanimous

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2017 MEETING

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting: Armet  
Second: Wallin  
Vote: Approve-Unanimous  
Discussion: no discussion

### NATIONAL CERTIFIED COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:

- Leslie Carter- Southern
- Lance Vaughn- Far West
- Sal Mascarenas- Intermountain
- Bill Somers- Rocky Mountain
- Ron Gerdes- Central

### NEW MEMBERS

We did not have any new members this year.

### CHAIR REPORTS

Motion to accept all of the reports upon conclusion of reports being given: Kushner  
Second: Walker

*Credentials Committee*- Mark Delsesto

Thank you to the committee: Sharon Friedel, Rick Hamlin, Justin Guth, Mark Delsesto, Bob Franz, Jen Laitala

- 4 applicants/3 successful: 75% pass rate

*Lift Evacuation*- Tom Wallin

- 5 takers/ 3 successful- 60% pass rate

*OEC*- Jeff Baker

- Written: 3 takers/ 1 successful- 33% pass rate
- Practical: 5 takers/ 1 successful-20% pass rate
- Bystander: 5 takers/ 3 successful – 60% pass rate

*S&T*- Ken Kelly

Thank you to the S&T staff and Killington Mountain Management for helping us with this event.

- **Skiing Exam**
  - 5 takers/3 successful- 60% pass rate
- **Toboggan Exam**
  - 5 takers/ 5 successful- 100% pass rate
- **Pre-Tests**
  - Montage: 5 takers / 4 successful- 80% pass rate

- o McCauley: 3 takers/ 2 successful - 67% pass rate

*Avalanche*- Linda Helms (Thank you Bart and Kevin Larue for your additional help this year)

- Overall: 5 takers/ 2 successful- 40% pass rate
  - o Written: 5 takers/ 5 successful- 100% pass rate

- o Interview: 5 Takers/2 successful- 40% pass rate
- o Beacon: 5 takers/ 2 successful- 40% pass rate

*Low Angle Rescue:* Rob Armet/Joe Greenwood

- 5 takers/ 2 successful- 40% pass rate

*Outdoor Risk Management:* Ed Berry

- Beta ORM
  - o 3 takers//2 successful- 67% pass rate
- Patrol Management Interview
  - o 1 taker//0 successful- 0% pass rate

*Recertification:* Eric Kreckel

- 46 needed to recert
- 36 passed recerts/ 4 unsuccessful

*Lifetime Committee-* Bill Freyman

- 4 nominations this year/ 0 accepted

*Steering Committee-* Bill Cline

- Primarily concerned with roll out of new program.

*Treasurer's Report-* Joe Kulina

- See appendix

*Nominating Committee-* Eric Speedy

- Election year-Wilson/ Lunser

Motion to accept the chairman's reports: Nickerson

Second: Kusher

Vote: Approve- Unanimous

## OLD BUSINESS

### TAIL ROPE:

We were tasked a few years ago to add the tail rope to the program for safety reasons and to consider it for evaluation.

#### Discussion

*Boberg:* More concerned with someone getting hurt on tail rope rather than driving the toboggan.

*Hamlin:* Concern that if I'm a member of the public and we are running a tail for safety-the tail operator is trying to keep up running tail on certified terrain at certified speeds is going

o Interview: 5 Takers/2 successful- 40% pass rate  
to make this difficult. We really should run the tail rope as it was meant to be run and slow  
down the speeds that we are running the toboggan.

*Cline:* Running tail and trying to do 'it wrong' is very difficult.

*Jordan:* Running a tail wrong is not mitigating risk.

**Kushner:** We need to be sure we are not putting the tail roper at risk; yet we are supposed to be cutting edge and need to be role models. The sleds need to be slowed down- grade both the front and the tail and run that tail rope the way it is meant to be.

**Jordan:** We need to learn how to evaluate more efficiently-

**Nickerson:** We used to set up a scenario of what the injury is and we transport that patient the way we would if this were a real scenario.

**Nota:** I don't think it should be examined; but when you are trying to run a tail behind someone who is driving the toboggan at high speeds, its just not safe.

**Nebzydoski:** It takes more skill to get a person down tough terrain with a bad injury. The truly skilled person will be the master of that terrain and walk that sled down.

**Kushner:** Outerlimits, K27, FIS-none of us would run a real toboggan down those without a tail. **Roland:** We are talking about 2 different things. It's one thing doing tail down the fall line; but doing it in the loaded skills course really puts the tail rope at risk. If we are going to run tail rope in the skills course- we need a longer rope.

**Cliner:** I did both a loaded skills and a regular loaded this weekend- and it was actually easier to do tail on the skills course.

**Gerdes:** Last year we did the same thing with tail rope in central-we tried it and didn't grade it. It didn't work. We used shorter ropes for the skills course and that actually made it easier. Additionally, I spoke to a friend of mine in the ski insurance business—and we are getting some data on this regarding workmen comp claims for injuries that resulted from tail roping.

**Mills:** There is a difference between reality and training. I've run Outerlimits for real accidents with and without a tail rope. However, we do train our candidates to go down Outerlimits without a tail.

**Brodersen:** Why are we doing the skills course? We need to understand and figure out the validity of this particular module.

**Carlson:** We need to make sure that the tail roper and front driver are communicating.

**Nickerson:** We also do not snow plow or sideslip on the terrain that we evaluate on. If we get rid of loaded skills; we need to dump snow plow and sideslip.

**Kreckel:** I disagree- because we use the snow plow and sideslip as part of tail rope.

Motion to table the conversation and allow the S&T Committee to further discuss: Young Kreckel — Second.

Vote: Approve- unanimous

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ELECTION: ROLAND LUNSER AND JON WILSON**

- Congratulations Jon Wilson as the new Chair of Eastern Division Certified.

## **OUTDOOR RISK MANAGEMENT**

Presentation by Mark Petrozzi (see appendix- sent as a separate document)

National is also creating an ORM training program. This is huge problem in the industry;

otherwise our role as patrollers is going to become irrelevant. We are trying to use the certified program as the pilot for this (this is why we are combining the former Safety/Risk Mgmt and Patrol Mgmt Interviews— and redesigning this to be ORM-which is much more relevant to what we do as an industry.

This discussion also impacts the tail rope discussion-they are not mutually exclusive.

Is the industry also looking at the big picture on how the smaller mountains are going to put this into action on their mountains? We could have patrollers get trained and then take this back to the mountain-and they won't have the funds to implement what needs to be fixed.

Posted to the Eastern Division Website under the certified program page you can find all of the documents related to the new ORM module.

#### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT- UPDATE FROM BRODERSEN

- We are trying to create a nationalized standard that everyone can work from. We are also adding 'examiner' information (i.e. that they are fully trained in the discipline that they are examining).
- Also working on an agreement with APP and NSP certified for consistent reciprocity.
- Still working on the Avalanche module so that we can meet the needs of all divisions. This does not mean there will be explosives.
- We also will have the ability to use subject matter experts to examine at the discretion of the division chair.
- Why are we doing this? We need to, national is dictating this. As long as we as a group continue to make positive progress; we can control our own destiny. If we do not do that; we will have the program given to us.

#### LOCATION OF NEXT YEAR'S EXAM

##### 2019

Jay Peak-March 22-24,2019

Approve: 62

Disapprove: 3

Abstain: 0

##### 2020

Sugarloaf: 29

Sugarbush: 21

Stowe: 23

April, 16-19-2018—APP Exam Clinic at Mammoth. If you want to learn explosives-you could absorb and listen.

#### APPENDIX

- Treasurer Report
- Sign in roster for the annual meeting
- ORM Presentation

Motion to adjourn: Walker

P. Neefus- second.

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 3:00 p.m.

*Resp submitted:*

Sarah S. **Keati**  
Secretary- Eastern Division Certified Program

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TREASURERS INCOME / EXPENSE REPORT- 2017/2018

Balance as of March 25, 2017 from TREASURERS INCOME / EXPENSE REPORT- 2016/2017

BALANCE  
0.00

Income:

Certified Exam / Spring Meeting- March 23 to  
March 26, 2017 (Hunter Mountain, NY)  
Number of Candidates: Fees were not requested of the candidates \$  
and guests.

No income was taken in at this event. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Expense

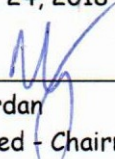
s: Certified Exam / Spring Meeting- March 23 to  
March 26, 2017 (Hunter Mountain, NY)  
Applicable expenses were submitted directly through the  
Certified Chairman to Eastern Division.

Balance as of March  
24, 2018

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Submitted By: <sup>fLJ</sup> <sup>L?</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Kulina  
Certified - Treasurer

Date March 24, 2018

: Approved  \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Jordan  
Certified - Chairman

By:

Date: March 24,  
2018