2019 Certified Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2019 Jay Peak, VT

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 08:10 with 49 members in attendance and 3 proxies.

* Motion to open: Kushner/Second: Nickerson
* Vote: Approve Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

* Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting: Nickerson/Second: Kushner
* Vote: Approve – Unanimous

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

National Board Chair Rick Knight and National Board Member Wendy Aarnio were introduced.

NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to our new members:

* Jay Biersbach-Certified #832
* Denise Kaus-Certified #833

CHAIR REPORTS

Credentials – Mark Delsesto

* 4 new NSP applicants: all were successful through credentials
* 1 new PSPA reciprocal applicant: successful through credential

Lift Evac – Tom Wallin

* 7 attempts/3 successful: Pass Rate 43 %

OEC – Jeff Baker

* Written: 7 attempted/6 successful: Pass Rate 83%
* Practical: 7 attempted/3 successful: Pass Rate 43%
* Bystander: 6 attempted/4 successful: Pass Rate 66%

OET – Don Mills

* Skiing Exam: 5 attempts/2 successful: Pass Rate 40%
* Toboggan Exam: 4 attempts/3 successful: Pass Rate 75%
* Pre-Tests: Sugarloaf: 8 takers/7 successful: 87.5% Pass Rate

Avalanche – Linda Helms

* Overall:6 attempted/1 successful: Pass Rate 16%
* Written: 5 attempted/3 successful: 68% Pass Rate
* Interview: 6 attempted/4 successful: 67% Pass Rate
* Beacon Search: 6 attempted/1 successful: 17% Pass Rate

Low Angle – Joe Greenwood

* 8 attempts/5 successful: Pass Rate 63%

Recertification – Eric Kreckle

* 20 attempted recertification this year; 20 were successful
* Loon 3 of 3
* Killington 13 of 13
* McCauley 2 of 2
* Jay Peak 2 of 2
* 2 NSP Certified members were granted a 1-year bye
* 2 members will be moved to inactive

Lifetime – Bill Freyman

* 5 Nominations were received for this year/1 approved
* Congratulations to Keith Winot Certified #548

Steering Committee – Bill Cline

* One Bylaw Amendment
* Updating ORM
* Review of Lifetime/Recert Process

Risk Management – Ed Berry

* There were no Risk Management interviews

Patrol Management – Ed Berry

* 1 attempt/1 successful: Pass Rate 100%

ORM – Ed Berry

* 6 attempts/6 successful: Pass Rate 67%

Nominations – Eric Speedy

* Nothing to report

*Motion to Accept all Chair Reports*: P. Neefus/Second: Berry

AWARDS – Peter Neefus

HISTORIAN – Matt Nebzydoski

TREASURE’S REPORT – Joe Kulina

* See Appendix

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* Motion on Bylaw change submitted by Dave Walker, Certified 372, August 1, 2018 Walker/Second: Kushner

Under Membership, Section 4 Proposed Change:

* From: Once a patroller has been accepted as a candidate, they have three years to complete the process.
* To: Once a patroller has been accepted as a candidate, the following applies: If the candidate has not completed all required modules within the initial three-year period, they will be allowed to continue with the program, however, they must retake and pass all modules completed in year one along with any modules not completed in year three. This will become a rolling three-year period where if they are not successful in year four, they must retake the modules they completed in year two. This process can repeat indefinitely.
* This change would remove the requirements contained later in this section under “Exceptional circumstances may extend the three-year period.”
* Discussion:

Wallin – Clarification of intent

Kushner – History of three-year rule

Greenwood – Will some candidates continually be recycling?

Brodersen – All Divisions have three-year rule

Childs – Keep it as the best of best, save on evaluation time

D. Smith – We need to remain the same Division to Division

DelSesto – How many did we lose with current process

* Call for Vote: Guth/Second: Cline. Vote: Motion Denied

NEW BUSINESS

* Kane – Discussion on boot camps, term evaluator vs examiner.
* Crofts – Discussion on JAFO, what it is to be a candidate and of honoring Chuck Warnock who was a JAFO but passed away; a motion should be made to change the term JAFO to Chuck’s Team.
* Motion*: Kushner/Second: P Neefus*
* Vote*: unanimous with 1 abstention*
* National Update – Brodersen
* Certified Modules are at the Education Committee, all Divisions are on board.
* Petrozzi – ORM may become a National program
* Budget – Wilson
* Asking Division for 106% increase for cross fertilization with other Divisions and helping with exams.
* Calibrations – Will be three, Hurricane Cove, Advanced Patroller School, and McCauley Patroller School.
* Recertifications
* Monast – Offered to register an NSP course at Loon.

2020 Certified Exam Weekend Location

* Sugarloaf – 29
* Stowe – 23
* Sugarbush – 21

2021 Certified Exam Weekend Location

* Stowe – 20
* Smugglers’ Notch – 17
* Sugarbush - 16

Motion to Adjourn: Brodersen/Second: Speedy

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55

*Submitted*

*Bob Bernatos #698*

*Secretary, Eastern Division Certified Program*

APPENDICES

Treasurer’s Report – Kulina

Awards Report – Neefus

2019 Annual Meeting Sign-in Sheet