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This edition of Top Times contains the minutes of the 04-Feb-2006 Patrol Meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Ski Cooper Ski Patrol
04-Feb-2006
Minutes by Sarah Mercer

Call to Order by Patrol Representative Dan Lynch at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes from the January, 2006 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report from the December, 2005 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report by Marty Mercer. (Marty Mercer has moved back to Colorado)
Account balance of \$16,353.88
Favorable budget of \$1,555.37

Old Business:

- Operating directive. Steve Gaylord introduced purpose of operating directive. It is designed to govern day-to-day business of the patrol and should be amended annually. Currently there are 36 suggested changes to the document.
 - Motion to amend November motion to vote on each change (each of the 36 suggested changes) individually. Discussion ensued. The bylaws are unclear on changes. Motion was withdrawn.
 - Discussion of suggested changes to operating directive (please read with proposed 2005/2006 operating directive)
 1. Addition of the word "volunteer" in front of the word "patrollers". Vote passed.
 2. Requirement of four days per period. Vote passed.
 3. Change words "patrol director" to "patrol representative". Vote passed.
 4. Change word "director" to "representative". Vote passed.
 5. Reword scheduler's use of opening and closing days to determine dates of periods. Vote passed.
 6. Move one clause to another section. Vote passed.
 7. Adds words explaining patrol rep's authority to allow members an exemption from being scheduled. Vote passed.
 8. Change word "may" to "must". Vote passed.

9. Clarifies method to find a substitute and explains consequences if substitute is not found. Vote passed.
10. Moved to new paragraph. Vote passed.
11. Patrol "director" changed to "representative". Vote passed.
12. Replaced old paragraphs with new paragraphs regarding receipt of credit for work days; eliminates wording regarding ski swap; clarifies process to request credit. Vote passed.
13. Deletes amount of credit that can be received for work outside of area. Vote passed.
14. Added section on senior training
 - a. Introduction paragraph; vote: pass
 - b. Paragraph 1; vote: pass
 - c. Paragraph 2; vote: pass
 - d. Paragraph 3; vote: pass
 - e. Paragraph 4; result: removed until further clarification. Discussion: Barb Herzer opposed the fact that trainers do not receive area comps on the days that they are training outside the area. Dan Lynch suggested that the hill leader collect comps for senior trainers. Marty Mercer suggested that the patrol representative collects the number of passes for the number of days trained. Motion by Marty Bruckner to remove this paragraph until there is clarification from area management regarding this issue; vote: pass
 - f. Paragraph 5; vote: pass
15. Add word "annual" after periodic. Vote passed.
16. Deleted sentence regarding making up days by working ski swap. Vote passed.
17. Deleted redundant sentence regarding probation for failure to meet on-hill requirements. Vote passed.
18. Added sentence explaining purpose of comp tickets. Because reference to USFS is no longer valid, the vote failed.
19. Deleted reference to W-4. Vote passed.
20. Added section clarifying that candidates do not receive comp tickets. Vote passed.
21. Added section regarding families and children. Vote: pass with amendment to fix grammar and paragraph numbering.
22. Add "present and" before the word "signed". Vote passed.
23. Add "and family comps" for veteran patrollers. Vote passed.
24. Add paragraphs regarding hill leader's duty to contact pro patrol. Vote passed with minor word changes for clarity
25. Add sentence specifying that a black sweater must be worn under a red vest. Vote passed.
26. Add section regarding backpacks. Vote passed.
27. Change word "most" to "some". Vote passed.
28. Add section regarding new candidate vests. Vote passed.
29. Section updated to reflect paying of dues. Vote passed. Discussion: Dan Lynch noted that the bylaws require dues to be paid by October 15th; thus,

- the proposed change should read October 15th, not November 15th. Marty Mercer noted that the treasurer does not need the money until November 15th. Dan Lynch noted that the operating directive must comport with the bylaws; he noted that the date need not be enforced. Robin Johnson asked why the Cooper dues are \$30. Marty Mercer explained that \$10 dues will not sustain the patrol. Jerry Nolan asked why the patrol's reserves couldn't be used to pay for Cooper dues. Marty Mercer explained that such a practice eliminates the buffer for cash flow. Marty Bruckner noted that alumni do not pay dues to Cooper; amend proposed change to reflect this fact. Amendment passed.
30. Added section eliminating veteran status. Discussion: Dan Lynch explained that over one-third of the patrol will be eligible for veteran status within two years, resulting in a possible crisis regarding for hill coverage; suggested forming a committee to honor veteran status. Motion by Marty Bruckner to keep current rules until committee is formed and new rules are created; no second. Dick Dougherty suggested voting on change as is and if committee would be formed that's fine. Steve Gaylord requested moratorium to prevent problem of hill coverage; noted that operating directive could be changed next year. Bill Thompson reminded the patrol that veterans may not ever leave early without the hill leader's permission. Motion by Dick Dougherty to pass change as is and to form a committee to define how to recognize and give benefits to future veterans as suggested by Dan Lynch. Stephen Laurence will lead the committee. Vote passed.
31. Delete section defining veterans. The criteria will be reviewed by the Veteran committee. Vote: fail (proposed change rejected)
32. Specifying responsibilities of veterans. Vote passed.
33. Specifying responsibilities of veteran auxiliaries. Vote passed.
34. Changed to reflect current practice with regard to veteran patrollers. Vote passed.
35. Clarification of veteran practice regarding leaving early and arriving late. Discussion: Veterans may not arrive early, so proposed change needs to be changed. Motion to allow Dan Lynch to rewrite the paragraph for more clarity; vote; pass. Result: proposed change rejected for now
36. Clarification of policy regarding substitution of a veteran. Vote passed.

Summary: Dan Lynch will incorporate the approved changes into a final 2005/6 Operating Directive and publish for patrol members.

- **Update** regarding new radio procedure
- **Motion** to buy five new radios. Vote passed.

New Business

- **Dick Kubiko** was voted on as an auxiliary patroller. Vote passed. Welcome aboard!

Announcements

- **Jeff Nieusma** was introduced. Jeff is a former EMT/FF and is challenging the OEC test to become an Auxiliary. Jeff graciously hosts the patrol website and is being recruited by Mike Beaty.
- **Young Adult Patroller day** is March 11 and 12 at Sunlight
- **Kay Redmond** sent the patrol a card from with thanks patrol for kindness; the certificate of appreciation hangs on a wall in her room
- **Ellen and Forey Hamilton** have decided not to continue with Ellen's chemotherapy treatment. She is in our thoughts and prayers
- Dan Lynch filed a tax exemption form with the Columbine Inn; if you are going to stay there, tell them you are a ski patroller and remind them of the tax exemption form; the price is \$50 per night.
- **March 4 is National Day**; there will be a pig roast; need a patroller to head up the race team
- **Patrol's pig roast** as a fundraiser will be April 1. We need patrollers who are not on duty to help serve food (family members can help too). Please send suggestions for how to advertise to Steve Gaylord.
- **Instructor's clinic** will be held February 8 at 6 p.m. in Monument; contact Dan Lynch if you'd like to participate

Motion to adjourn; second; vote: pass