



TOP TIMES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
SKI COOPER'S
NATIONAL SKI PATROL
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This edition of Top Times contains the minutes of the 03-Feb-2007 Patrol Meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Ski Cooper Ski Patrol
03-Feb-2007

Call to Order by Patrol Representative Dan Lynch at 1645 hrs

Minutes from the January 2007 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report by Marty Mercer. \$17349.09 in bank accounts. 4th largest out of the last 11 years at this time of year. Transfer from Cuchara of \$1,255.33. \$80 dues are about the break-even point – at the current rate of expenditures, dues cover the expenses. If we want a surplus for other projects, an increase to the dues is one possibility to raise funds. Marty (with help by Dick Hyde) will look into an account that would earn more than the 3% we're getting now.

Old Business:

Veteran Patroller vote for Chip Reny passed.

Veteran Patroller Committee. Changes the Operating Directive. Dan read each of the six issues on the ballot. See the appendix to these minutes for the issues. Voting will be done using the web tool. The proposed new veteran criteria will be:

- 20 years with the NSP
- 10 years minimum on the Ski Cooper Ski Patrol
- Served in a position of leadership within the Ski Cooper Ski Patrol

Dues-paying members of the patrol are eligible to vote. Mike Beaty, Jerry Nolan and Jeff Nieuwsma will count the votes individually. At the end of the voting period, each will send their results to the Officers, who will ensure that there are no discrepancies between the vote counters that affect the outcome. The results will then be announced.

New Business

1. We want to stay "family friendly" and allow kids in PHQ and the Patrol Room during meetings. Of course, Patrollers should have first priority on chairs, particularly during meetings.

Announcements

1. For S&T training, Elena must be contacted before a candidate is accepted into a training day. If you have a possible candidate, you may bring them to the area, get a comp and ski with them for the day. This will expose potential candidates to our activities. In general, potential candidates will not be able to join the training after the beginning of the S&T Training.
2. National Day is March 3, 2007. There will be a huge pig roast and a race. George Gipson is working with Cooper Marketing and Bill Wallisch (Patrol's PR rep) to promote the Patrol to the public.
3. Another Patrol pig roast is scheduled for March 31, 2007 as a fund raiser.
4. Basic S&T test is March 24, 2007 at Ski Cooper.
5. Larry Emmett will be taking over OEC training from Barbara Florey. Barbara: thanks for your years of excellent service!
6. Remember to pack the infields each morning.
7. Radios need to be put in the chargers correctly so that the indicator light comes on. The daily Safety Coordinator is still responsible to get the radio cabinet key from behind Gerry's desk, count the number of radios in the morning, and ensure that all radios are returned and accounted for at the end of the day.
8. Senior OEC is open all patrollers, including Auxiliaries. Must attend the clinic in order to test.
9. Toboggan shed is now at the top of the Printer Boy platter. Thanks to Robin Johnson for his excellent work on this project!
10. When transporting a patient into FAR, it is suggested to put your gear in the desk nook (by Gerry's former desk) to ensure that it doesn't go home or to the hospital with the patient.
11. There is a new grill at PHQ and we are welcome to use it. Gas is being provided by the area and will be stored in the shed. The key will be probably be located on the side of the white cabinet at PHQ. Please help keep it clean and in good condition.
12. The next Patrol meeting will be on March 10, 2007 because National Day is on March 3.

Motion to adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned at 17:19.

SKI COOPER SKI PATROL

Ballot: Veteran Patrol

This electronic ballot is not technically required because we are not changing the By-Laws, but your Officers want to get the largest vote possible on this topic. You should not be required to drive to Leadville for the meeting just to vote on potentially sensitive issues.

This proposal will change the Operating Directive. For reference, you may click [here to view the current Operating Directive.](#)

Note: items in **bold red font** are required values.

<p>Your name:</p>	<input type="text"/>
<p>Your E-Mail Address:</p>	<input type="text"/>
<p>Issue 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Shall Section 12 of the Operating Directive be changed as follows:</p> <p>FROM: "In the past, our patrol and its membership have benefited from the existence of a category called 'Veteran Status Patroller.' However, due to the current size of the patrol and changing expectations of area management, no additional Veteran Status Patrollers will be approved or added. Patrollers who met the criteria or who submitted for approval prior to July 19, 2005 are 'grandfathered' and eligible to continue service as veteran patrollers."</p> <p>TO: "Provides a means to retain a pool of experienced patrollers who can continue to provide service to the patrol and area. There are two categories of Veterans: skiing and non-skiing. Any patroller meeting the following criteria may apply in writing to the Patrol Representative:"</p>
<p>Issue 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Shall Section 12 of the Operating Directive be changed as follows:</p> <p>First requirement to apply for Veteran status:</p> <p>A minimum of 20 years service with the NSP including 10 years service with the Ski Cooper Volunteer Ski Patrol.</p>
<p>Issue 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Shall Section 12 of the Operating Directive be changed as follows:</p> <p>Second requirement to apply for Veteran status:</p> <p>Must have been one or more of the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have been a Volunteer Ski Patrol officer • be or have been an instructor of record or a Volunteer Ski Patrol designated instructor • have been otherwise distinguished in other capacities to the patrol (have gone above and beyond the call of duty)
<p>Issue 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Shall Section 12 of the Operating Directive be changed as follows: ADD: Applicants for Veteran Status must be approved by a majority vote at a scheduled meeting of the patrol.</p>
<p>Issue 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Shall Section 12 of the Operating Directive be changed as follows: ADD: Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Ski Cooper management, there will not be a policy that veterans may routinely leave early. • Veterans may sign in no later than 10:30 A.M., and patrol the balance of the day, including closing sweep. Veterans doing this should provide advanced notification to the Hill Leader that they intend to arrive late. NOTE: Veterans signing in after 10:30A.M. will not receive credit for a duty day.
<p>Issue 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Shall Section 12 of the Operating Directive be changed as follows: ADD: Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Patrol Representative will work with Ski Cooper management to obtain special recognition for members who have served 20 years or more at Ski Cooper.
<p>Other Comments</p>	