



TOP TIMES

Official Newsletter of
Ski Cooper's
National Ski Patrol
Named by Rob Brustad

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This edition of Top Times contains the minutes of the 05-Jan-2008 Patrol Meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Ski Cooper Ski Patrol
05-Jan-2008

Call to Order by Patrol Representative Steve Gaylord at 4:49 p.m.

Minutes from the November 10, 2007 meeting were approved as written. Sarah Mercer took minutes for this meeting. Thanks, Sarah!

Treasurer's Report from the November 10, 2007 meeting was approved as presented. \$20,700.46 is the current balance in our account and reflects payment of the majority of our expenses for the year including NSP dues, radios, and Junior Patrol bibs. This balance is better than ten of the last twelve years. It appears that increasing the Ski Cooper Ski Patrol dues to \$80 has put the patrol in the position it was looking to be in: not losing money, not making money, and no need for a yearly fundraiser.

Old Business:

1. **Uniforms:** Management approved the patrol's decision that Auxiliary Patrollers will wear the same red uniform jacket or vest as Alpine Patrollers with a NSP front patch that says Auxiliary and a white back cross. Management will also require the white back cross to say AUX. Nancy Gaylord has created an AUX patch that can be temporarily affixed to the white back cross.
2. **Season Pass Photos:** If you haven't had your picture taken already, please have it taken the next time you patrol.
3. **Cooper Master Program** is not off of the ground yet, but will be initiated within the next few weeks. Sign up with Gerry Noe if you're interested.

New Business:

1. **Scheduling:** The patrol's scheduling requirements are set forth on the first page of the Operating Directive. All patrollers should review those requirements. Annalynn Thompson suggested that if a patroller is assigned as Hill Leader or Safety and needs to find a substitute for the day, that person should email those who are also scheduled to notify them of the change. Steve requested that patrollers refrain from requesting to leave early.
2. **Sweep:** Steve Gaylord announced that sweep is getting sloppy and reminded patrollers to review the runs and wave-offs. If you are unfamiliar with an assigned

run and review of the flashcards does not refresh your recollection, then request a different run or assistance from a patroller who is familiar with the run.

3. **Memorial:** The Forest Service has denied the request for a ski patrol memorial. Other options are abound, particularly finding new use of a current facility.
4. **Patient Care:** Clint received a letter regarding our treatment of a child on the Sunday after Christmas. The child's father, who wrote the letter and is a doctor, expressed concern that the child was treated without his consent. Also, he expressed anger over the patrol's attitude toward him and a negative comment about him overheard by his other child. Management reminds all patrollers to be aware of your public relations role. Some tips were offered:
 - Always ask a child's parent for permission to provide assistance to the child.
 - When providing treatment, explain what you're doing and why.
 - Refrain from talking about an incident where members of the public can hear you.
 - Treat all incidents with the same respect that you would expect from medical professionals.
5. **Medical Advisor:** Dr. Lisa is the patrol's medical advisor. As the patrol's medical advisor, Dr. Lisa reviews our procedures and policy. This is a step back from her previous role as the patrol's medical director.
6. **Transfer & Transition:** Bob Mobeck announced that Wendy Mobeck is drafting language to incorporate T&T into the patrol's Operating Directive and Bylaws.

Announcements:

1. **Rob Brustad** was named the Assistant Region Director for the Rocky Mountain Division. Congratulations!
2. **National Day** will be held on March 1, 2008 and will be coordinated by George Gibson. More information will be e-mailed to the patrol. Contact George if you're interested in participating.
3. **Radios:** Harvey Heastan reports that the patrol has purchased four new radios. All toboggans will receive new tail ropes and new stabilizing stakes. Harvey and Steve Gaylord planned to improve the use and functionality of the radio cabinet.
4. **Transfer & Transition:** Steve Endicott, Steve Denning, and Bob Vanatta have passed T&T.
5. **S&T** has four candidates this year. Eight patrollers completed the instructor course last November.