



# 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 08-Mar-2008 Patrol Meeting.

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Meeting Minutes: Ski Cooper Ski Patrol  
08-Mar-2008

**Call to Order** by Patrol Representative Steve Gaylord at 4:46 p.m.

**Minutes** from the February 9, 2008 meeting were amended to show that Jessica Hazard was voted on as an Alpine Patroller. Those minutes were approved as amended. Sarah Mercer took minutes for this meeting. Thanks, Sarah!

**Treasurer's Report** from the February 9, 2008 meeting was approved as presented. No movement in the account since last month other than expenses for the National Day pig roast. Each year the patrol tries to break even on that pig roast and this year is no exception. According to Marty Mercer's preliminary calculations, the patrol will break even on this year's National Day pig roast.

#### **Old Business:**

1. **National Day report:** Steve Gaylord received positive feedback regarding this year's National Day
  - a. A special thank you to Bill Wallisch for coordinating our honored guest, astronaut Jim Reilly. Jim graciously signed over 200 photographs in the lodge during the lunch hour.
  - b. A special thank you to George Gipson for coordinating training time with the Flight for Life helicopter. The crew spent about 90 minutes instructing the patrol on its operation and procedures. There are four helicopter landing sites at Ski Cooper:
    1. at the base area, just outside of the first aid room;
    2. at the top of the mountain, just outside of patrol headquarters;
    3. at the bottom of the triple; and
    4. in Motherlode Flats.
  - c. A special thank you to the Ski Cooper Junior Ski Patrollers who acted as patrol ambassadors during National Day by serving food during the pig roast and assisting the ski and toboggan races.
  - d. A special thank you to Gage Conly, Andrew Conly, Max Montague, Nancy Gaylord, Tiew Hume, Avy Heineken and others who assisted with the

National Day pig roast. This year's National Day pig roast was the biggest and best ever, serving over 200 people.

- e. Thanks to the efforts of Elena Steiner and Chris Mercer, Ski Cooper successfully defended the Charlie Vernier Cup.
- f. Next year, the patrol needs to determine a way to make our patrollers more visible on National Day. One visiting patroller reported being unable to receive assistance from several patrollers visiting from other areas before finally being assisted by a Ski Cooper patroller

## 2. **Uniforms.**

- a. There is no change in the policy regarding a patroller's choice of hat. However, inappropriate hats are prohibited and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Steve talked to Gerry and it was agreed that if either Gerry or Lyn had any objections to a patroller's choice of headwear, they would notify the Hill Leader who, in turn, will ask the patroller to make a change.
- b. Auxiliary crosses and patches are still available from Steve Gaylord. Gerry Noe also had a supply.
- c. All patrollers are encouraged to review the uniform policy set forth in the "Dress and Personal Equipment" section of the patrol's operating directive

## **New Business:**

1. **Radio chatter.** Robin Johnson moved to prohibit patrollers from calling for a run from the top of the double chair. No second and motion died. All patrollers are encouraged to use discretion when calling for a run from the top of the double chair.

## **Announcements:**

1. **Comp tickets** for the third period are identified with a "3rd Period" marking on the back and will expire on December 31, 2008, despite the printed March 30, 2008 expiration date.
2. **Probation.** Denise Baugh reminded the patrol that a failure to satisfy duty days for the season will result in probation for the next period. Patrollers on probation lose the right to receive comp tickets and the right to use the season passes issued to them and their family members. All patrollers are encouraged to review the probation policy set forth in the "Failure to Complete Periodic or Annual Duty Day Requirements" section of the patrol's operating directive.
3. **Upcoming events:**
  - a. Saturday, March 15: ski with the patrol
  - b. Sunday, March 16: ski skills screening test
  - c. Saturday, March 22: Avalanche I practical. Harry Gardner is instructing this class and seven patrollers are taking part
  - d. Saturday, March 29: fundraiser pig roast

**Motion to adjourn** at 5:10 p.m. Seconded and passed.