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This edition of Top Times contains the minutes of the 08-Nov-2008 Patrol Meeting.

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

Call to Order by Patrol Representative Steve Gaylord at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes from the September 27, 2008 meeting were taken by Gage Conly, but not forwarded to the Secretary. Those minutes will be available shortly.

Treasurer's Report from the September 27, 2008 meeting was approved as presented. \$20,969 in all accounts. Last year at this time we had \$22K. Fundraisers such as the pig roasts plus Cooper dues are covering our expenses. Our dues went from \$80 to \$85 because National increased their dues by \$6. Division raised their dues an additional \$4, so next year our dues will be \$90.

Old Business:

1. **Training:** Jeff McLaughlin is heading up the training program. One of the initiatives is a fully stocked trauma pack that was used in training.
2. **OEC class** is being coordinated by Larry Emmett. Karl Abowitz was thanked for helping out as an instructor. The OEC class started in July and will finish next week. Jeff McLaughlin was also thanked for his help in this class
3. **OEC completion certificates** were awarded to Jim Heller and Matt Mogg.
4. **OEC Candidates** were introduced.
5. **T&T Training** process was started in the OEC class. Bob Mobeck will be scheduling 5 straight days after the hill opens so that new members can complete T&T quickly.
6. **SkiCooperTraining.com** is new and will enable the training instructors to communicate with candidates. Check it out!
7. **S&T Training** will be administered by Jeff McLaughlin, Elena Steiner, and Chip Reny. Can participate in Level 2 training even if you don't plan to test for Level 2, and can participate in Level 1 training if desired to refresh your skills. Recall that training days do not count as duty days. May be running sleds on opening runs to gain additional practice.
8. **S&T training** will require an application and acceptance become a candidate. Next year, OEC will be required before applying to become an S&T candidate.

9. **Alumni Status** affectionally known as the "Geezer Group" has the purpose of allowing Patrollers to continue to contribute after their active patrolling days are over. Dan Lynch led the committee (Harry Gardner, Annalynn Thompson, Jerry Nolan, ?). The "Ski Cooper Alumni" members will register with NSP as alumni status with an affiliation to Ski Cooper. Members will be at least 55 years old, registered with Ski Cooper for at least 15 years, and registered with NSP for at least 20 years. Alumni will no longer patrol and will not need to maintain OEC certification. Can help as instructor, greeter, be a Mountain Host, snowmobile driver, dispatcher, etc. Benefits may include a season pass, special coat, coffee mug for home and one for use at Ski Cooper, plaque, etc. This document will be posted on the member's web site and can be discussed on Patrol.Chat@SkiCooper.org.
10. **Summer improvements** reported on by Gerry Noe. Chris Sutton will be in charge of the Chicago Ridge program (prices have been raised to \$275 low season/\$325 high season). New counter in Men's room. New solvent & oil recovery containment systems. New snow cat for Chicago Ridge allows for a backup machine. Our ski pass benefits have been reduced at the direction of upper management: members with families no longer get comps to give away.
11. **Scouter Berry** awarded Blue Merit Star to Chip Reny for heroic application of ski patrol skills in the attempt to save a life. Chip was the first on the scene of a motorcycle versus bus accident with two patients. Unfortunately both patients suffered extensive trauma inconsistent with life.

New Business:

1. **Bob Dougherty** is an Auxiliary at Loveland who wants to have a secondary affiliation with Ski Cooper. Vote to accept Bob passed. Welcome!
2. **Sarah Mercer** will be coordinating National Day 2009. There is already a web site: www.SkiCooperNationalDay.com. The date is always the first Saturday in March which will be March 7, 2009.
3. **5 year certificate** was presented to Larry Emnett. Congratulations!
4. **Robin Johnson** made a motion to purchase 6 FRS radios for use in training. Seconded. Steve Denning will donate 10 FRS radios to the patrol. Robin Johnson withdrew the motion.
5. **Robin Johnson** made a motion to buy a new grill for use at the Leadville 100 and the pig roasts. Motion is to spend no more than \$350. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements:

1. **Scheduling** is important. Be sure that you sign up early and often or you will likely be assigned over the holidays.
2. **Robin Johnson** donated some gloves and medical supplies for patroller use.

Motion to adjourn at 12:48 p.m. Seconded and passed.