



# TOP TIMES

Official Newsletter of  
Ski Cooper's  
National Ski Patrol

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14 November 2009 Ski Cooper Ski Patrol Meeting Minutes

1. Open 1250
  - a. Thank you from Jeff M. to the patrol
  - b. Presentation of fleece shirt to Dick D. for 35 years of service
  - c. Introduction of key personnel: Harvey Heaston (avalanche program on Chicago Ridge and lots of miscellaneous jobs) Marty Mercer (treasurer), Jessica Hazard (secretary)
  - d. Volunteer is a pay status not a distinction in skills and competence.
  - e. Presentation of fleece shirt to Nancy G. by Harvey H. for her work as dispatch
  - f. Presentation of the Purple Merit Star by Jeff M. to Armand B. for saving a life!
2. Manpower: What we are doing about it
  - a. Meetings with Gerry and mountain management regarding mountain needs and liability issues
  - b. Steve G. recognized Glenn S. for outstanding extra service to the patrol and presented him with a fleece shirt.
  - c. 456 patroller days scheduled for the upcoming season.
  - d. 49 active patrollers currently on the roster
  - e. OEC course summer 2009:
  - f. Candidates: recognition of Rob U. , Briston J., Lyn, V., Mark V., and Jim R.
  - g. Transfers: George T., John H., Nicholas Vernot
  - h. T&T info: Elena. Richard Kingsland passed S&T last year and is moving to T&T
  - i. AM top time: For December, no top time until noon for training purposes. However, 3 patrollers will be bumping through the top
  - j. All instructors will be on the schedule, so manpower can be managed.
  - k. Numbers must be in by Wednesday COB for staffing the weekend.
3. Operations
  - a. Why do you wear the jacket? Scooter: Like to serve the community, ski, be outdoors, and help people. Steve G.: the ability to help somebody, to be recognized by the public, feels good. Steve E. (was inactive): a sense of pride, helping out a fellow human. Robin J.: helping people, camaraderie. Rob U. (new OEC tech): sense of pride, looking forward to applying skills and working with others, sense of belonging. Lyn & Mark V.: serving, rewarding. Scott A.: Like working with professionals who like what they do and know what they're doing.

- b. Customer Service: positive from all of mountain staff. Patrollers are part of the mountain and must promote customer service on the mountain as well. Let's double our efforts and friendliness. Engage with skiing public! Make sure people come back!
- c. Duty: Volunteers are responsible for patron care and transport, mountain safety, and all ski patrol operations on weekends. Runs skied every hour, packing towers and infields, corralling racers.
- d. Chris Johnson: Spoke about the work his dad, robin, does for the patrol. He's dedicated his time and himself to the patrol. Harvey H. presented a fleece jacket to Robin. Standing O for Robin!
- e. Sarah Mercer: Presented a fleece jacket to her dad, Marty M., for his work as treasurer and bringing the family into the Ski Cooper family.
- f. Raising the Bar:
- g. Crew Chief: change from hill leader position. CC will be responsible for mountain operations for the day, more responsibility, reports directly to the patrol director, directs all volunteer operations. Jeff M. and Steve G. are back-ups. CC: Dick Hyde, Scott Adams, Jack Hughes, Glenn Sonnenburg, Dana Bratz, Elena Steiner, Tucker Freed, Robin Johnson, Scooter Berry. CC can cancel training for mountain needs! Trainers will coordinate with CCs. CCs will coordinate with each other and make the mountain work.
- h. Miscellaneous:
  - i. Website: Use it for coordinating all patrol operations, schedules, and messages.
  - ii. Craig Bachman for roster and registration
  - iii. Dana Braatz for scheduling issues. Need help for two days after Christmas.
  - iv. Steve G. for snomo. Snomo qualified will meet separately with Steve after the meeting.
  - v. Bob Dougherty passed S&T last year.
  - vi. Steve D. lead for Young Adult Patrollers. Revamped from last year's junior patroller program. YAP's can assist on a scene and in FAR, will do T&T, S&T.
  - vii. Bill W. for Corporate Avalanche. Best practices for a Fortune 500 company. Teaming activity for a young company on Chicago Ridge with Zack and Chris. Bill acknowledged all the patrollers who came together to make the program successful.

#### 4. Training

- a. IDC: 4 patrollers completed IDC this summer: Craig Bachman, Chris Johnson, Bob Vanatta, and Jessica Hazard.
- b. OEC: new OEC training equipment. Robin will be running OEC training sessions regularly.
- c. S&T Level I: Sarah M. Sunday 12 December, ski skills evaluation. S&T starts 9 January and will run every other weekend until the test 27 March when the test takes place. Ski clinics will take place starting 16 January through 13 March. This is for auxiliaries

who want to work on ski skills. Toboggan training in AM and ski skills in PM in cooperation with ski school.

- d. Ski Cooper National Day: Sarah M. 28 March.
  - e. S&T Level II: contact Jeff M. if interested.
5. Treasurer Report: Marty Mercer. More working capital is needed to do the Avalanche Beacon Training area. Other projects are affordable.
6. Patrol Vote
- a. Trauma toboggan: vote to contribute a total of \$900 toward the purchase, which represents an additional \$200. Bob V. made a motion to vote for the expenditure. Scott A. seconded it. Discussion: Robin Johnson. Harry called the question. The motion passed.
  - b. Patrol Ski Clinics: \$750. Harry made a motion for \$750 for 10 ski clinics for patrollers to improve their ski skills. This is for one year. Marty M. seconded it. Discussion: Chris Johnson, Jim Reilly, Gage C., Sarah M., Jeff M., Karl A. Marty called the question. Discussion continued: Dick D., Bob D., Fred, Ollie, Bob V., Robin J., Glenn S. Bill Babb called the question, and Marty M. seconded. For the motion: 23. Against: 16. Motion passed.
  - c. S&T ski clinics: Marty M. made a motion for \$450 for 6 sessions at \$75 for S&T candidates. Discussion: lots. Scooter called the question. The motion passed by majority vote.
  - d. SAM sling: Harry made a motion to purchase 3 SAM slings for a total of \$220 (\$69.95 each) for stabilizing pelvic fractures, 2 for the trauma pack and 1 for training. The motion passed by a majority.
  - e. Al Lubran for veteran status issues and the veteran committee. Issues tabled.
  - f. Avalanche Beacon Training area: \$1500. Not addressed.
7. Closing: Jeff M. presented Steve G. with a fleece jacket.
8. Motion to adjourn: 1435