



TOP TIMES

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National Ski Patrol
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This edition of Top Times contains the minutes of the 26-Sep-2009 Patrol Meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Ski Cooper Ski Patrol 26-Sep-2009

Call to Order by Patrol Representative Jeff McLaughlin at 4:42 p.m.

Minutes This is the first meeting of the new season. No previous minutes to approve. Jessica Hazard penning minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report If you haven't paid dues, checks are payable to Ski Cooper Ski Patrol and are \$85. Please pay Marty ASAP. This year we are starting with \$20,650, which is up about \$5,000 from last year. Corporate Avalanche Challenge, a team building program, was instigated by Bill Wallisch, and made about \$6,000. A certificate was presented to Bill for this accomplishment. This event puts us side by side with mountain management and is a win/win scenario. The group stayed for two days doing avalanche drills and had a discussion about how to apply the skills they learned in working together to their corporate relationships.

Old Business:

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New Business:

1. **Ski Area Agreement** - Patrol is under the control and supervision of Ski Area Management. NSP does not control the responsibilities of patrollers at individual mountains. We do not act on our own.

2. **Website** - It's a great tool, so please look at it and make use of it. Last year it worked great for S&T, events, etc...
 - a. This year, scheduling will be on the website, crew chief can use it to post messages about the coming weekend, see who will be patrolling, etc...
 - b. Emails and Communications - Email patrol on the website for anything that does not need a response or discussion (it is under the communicate tab, email patrol. To send an email that people can reply to or discuss, send it from your own account to patrol@skicoopervolunteerpatrol.com.
 - c. Online scheduling - Everyone needs to put in a test schedule to make sure the function works on the website. Under schedules, select PDays, type in your number, and schedule some days. You should then get an email telling you the days you scheduled. This will make it much easier for the scheduler, so please test! You will need to re-enter your days when the testing is done.
3. **OEC** - October 10th is the practice test, and we need help from anybody who is able to play patients and give feedback. October 17th is the Practical Test - we need instructors to be evaluators, and people capable of playing patients in full ski garb. It's at Fire Station 18, and a map and schedule are under the OEC section on the website.
4. **Offices** - Nominate Jessica Hazard as secretary, motioned, seconded, and passed. Harvey Heastan, Marty Mercer are Assistant Patrol Reps, Marty doubling as Treasurer.
5. **Documentation** - is being updated. Check website under documents-doc index
6. **Qualification Matrix** - This will be done by Jessica as a check-off list to make sure everyone has all the qualifications to be on the hill this year, including OEC refresher, CPR refresher, Toboggan re-certifications, etc... If you do your training somewhere else, please email Jessica the information - jessieh9@hotmail.com.
7. **New Toboggan** - Cooper Patrol would put in \$700 toward a new Cascade "Trauma One" rescue toboggan. The mountain would like us to go in on it. We should have it by the beginning of the season. This will be discussed at the OTH refresher. We have a partnership with CMC - we use the same toboggans, we have a symbiotic relationship and we all get a lot out of it. Motion passed to put in \$700.

Announcements:

1. **Patroller of the Year** - Marty Mercer, who does so much work for National Day, the website, and corporate avalanche course and patrol financial involvement
2. **Roster Administrator** will be Craig Bachman
3. **Patrol scheduling** will be done by Dana Braatz.
4. **OTH Refresher** - November 14th. If you must miss, the Paid Patrol refresher is the Tuesday after ours. Jerry says he can possibly do another one for those who must miss. We have some huge changes in the way we do lift evacuation training this year.
5. **New Candidates** - Lynn and Mark are returning to take OEC and return to patrolling. Scott is an EMT and is challenging the course. James and Josh Denning are two young adult patrollers who know OEC, are receiving ski training, are members of NSP and are doing as much as possible on the Patrol. They are sponsored by Steve Denning
6. **Lift Evac & Harnesses - Steve Laurence** - We must spend more time doing lift evacuation practice - Jerry wants us to do it as long as it takes to get it right. The mountain is requiring us to have our own harnesses. Patrol will be purchasing these and they will be sized up at the OTH. Dress warm - we may be outside a lot longer than we have been in the past. Everyone needs a carabiner that locks. There will be more emphasis on a cooperative effort this year.
7. **Ski Cooper Shirts and Hats** - Harvey has sign-up sheets for shirts and hats with our logo on it. Hats are \$16 and shirts are \$20. Shirts come in blue, white, and black. The hats are black. Email Harvey if you didn't get a chance to order. He will try to have them ready for the OTH refresher. He will take the money when you get the shirt and/or hat.
8. **Work Party** - Jerry and the mountain really appreciate the extra work we do.

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10. **LT100 Movie** - A movie was made of the LT100 bike race - if you are interested, you can preview it on raceacrossthesky.com.

11. **National Day - Sarah Mercer** - National Day was very successful last season, and we had many patrollers come from out of state to participate. If you are looking to help or participate, please call Sarah. It will be Feb. 27th, this year, so mark your calendars!

Service Awards and Course Completion

1. **S&T Basic Awards - Sarah Mercer** - Passed Basic Training - Bob Venatta, Richard Kingsland, and Bob Dougherty. Any auxiliary interested in S&T, please come out and train for the season. Congratulations!

2. **S&T Senior - Chip Reny** - Congratulations to Chris Johnson for passing both S&T and SEM last season. Karl Abowitz is officially a Senior Patroller after passing S&T, SEM, and Avalanche. Congratulations!

3. **SEM - Robin Johnson** - Congratulations to Jack Hughes, Karl Abowitz, Bill Babb and Chris Johnson for passing the test.

4. **Service Awards –**
 - a. Five year - Dana Braatz, Harvey Heastan, Max Montague, Gage Conley.
 - b. Ten year - Glenn Sonnenburg
 - c. Fifteen year - Jack Hughes, Marty Mercer
 - d. Twenty year - Mike Beatty
 - e. Thirty-Five – Dick Dougherty

Motion to adjourn at 1:38 p.m. Seconded and passed.