

Wisp Ski Patrol

Minutes – Meeting 04/09/16

Extended Leadership Meeting @ 10am

Attendees: Steve C. Rick H., Harry H., Marvin G., Wendy T., Lauren B., Joe C., Bill F., Melody, Brian S., Dan S., Lisa H., Ron K.

Next meeting to be scheduled for approximately June 2016

Item #1 – OEC Concerns

- OEC Instructor Participation – a good number of OEC instructors did not participate in the class the past few years. Basically the same instructors are stepping up to fill in the empty slots to keep the classes going. Next step: send an email to those who did participate, requesting that they get back in the rotation.
- Where to hold OEC practical sessions? – Several options were discussed (pumphouse, yurts). The course starts June 1 and there are 8 practical sessions. Location was still TBD, but Steve was going to look into it.

Item #2 – Senior EMM

- Brian and Melody are leading the charge. Need to nominate candidates from Wisp and provide support for Brian & Melody to hold a clinic. Looking for an incentive, possibly, to encourage folks to get their Senior designation.

Items #3&4 – Budget/Finance and Fundraising

- Want to include food for senior clinic and candidate events in annual budget
- Ideas to raise money – gofundme, golf tournament (next year), t-shirts, guest bartender, 50/50 raffle, casino night, chili cook-off.
- Discussed wanting more support from the mountain.

Item #5 – Website

- Add a donate button
- Lisa & Wendy to work on fixing the database
- Pursue the ability to e-sign in for patrol days
- Consider adding head shots to the roster

Item #6 – S&T 2016-17

- Feedback from candidates is that they are looking for more formality, and positive, greater communication with additional process explanation.

- Solutions discussed include providing more individualized plans/communication, re-emphasize that this is a 2-year program (in connection with the OEC course, will add an orientation segment to the OEC class to go over responsibilities, duration, the whole big picture of being a candidate, including what S&T training is like.

Item #7 – Round Table (asked each attendee to comment on 1 item)

- Brian - lack of recognition from the resort
- Bill – good training in a short season
- Dan – training book is a good idea
- Melody – growing more leaders
- Ron – this meeting has been enlightening
- Lauren – Emphasized how we all care about the ski patrol and we need a return to more structure
- Lisa – sick of meetings
- Harry – been fun but can be frustrating. Discussed yellow card process (an aside)
- Joanna – need to work on a way to add young “blood”
- Wendy – NSP database is messed up – encourage people to check their pages. FYI, next year everyone will pay dues online
- Joe – bring future generation into leadership early to get them invested
- Marvin – good to facilitate communication in order to plan/run the patrol better
- Steve – good season even though short / recruiting slow but consistent and we’re all talking about good stuff
- Rick – succession planning, looking to create more cohesion between east & west

Core Leadership Meeting

Attendees: Rick, Marvin, Wendy, Joanna

- Budget – reviewed last year's budget and a few clean up items. Stayed very close to on-budget
 - Learned that we really need to re-vamp the banquet process and refresher breakfasts.
- CPR dues will be going up
- Projected 2016-17 budget reviewed, Marvin kept notes on the print out and need to confirm when the domain name registration expires and what the cost is to renew

General Meeting @ 2pm

Very sparsely attended. Even less people than the extended leadership meeting in the AM. Snowing like a banshee.

- Budget Summary
 - Need fundraising! Rick to check back in with the fundraising committee. Adding donate button, going to try to push the t-shirts more this coming year.
 - Jackets – discussed whether to ask the mountain to contribute to the cost
 - Supply food for any clinics / OEC as well as holiday weekends.
- Refresher – add stocking station on the Saturday refresher (only for Wisp people)
- S&T Manuals – make e-version free but charge cost + shipping if the candidate needs a printed version.