

November 2007

Minutes of the 9/21/07
EMARI Region Business Meeting
with
Patrol Directors, ARD's, Program Advisors and EMARI Staff

Meeting opened at 6:15pm. 22 in attendance - Patrol Directors or their representatives, Program/Committee Chairs, Treasurer, Administrator, Regional Director and Assistant Regional Directors. Kim Fletcher, G.Trinkaus-Randall, S. Thomas, C. Strobel, Dennis Gauvin, Deb Foss, Curt Varone, Carolyn Nally - absent.

John Shipman, RD, began meeting with a topic from the 2006 meeting regarding running these meetings according to parliamentary procedures. Mr. Shipman favors casual, open discussion; a less formal approach. Asked if there were any parliamentarians willing to oversee meetings if this approach was adopted - no one stepped forward. Meetings will proceed in open discussion format favoring sharing ideas and concerns without undo constraints.

Motion to accept 2006 Business Meeting minutes by E. McNamara/seconded by J. Slattery. Motion carried.

2007 fall elections for Regional Director and Assistant RD's. John Shipman is running unopposed for RD. Election for RD will take place at each patrol's OEC Refresher. Chris Pringle, Chair of the EMARI Region Election Committee. Those running for ARD are Mike Seward, Chris Pringle.

Introductions: Sheila Daly, new Senior EMM Program Chair; Deb Fowler, Ass't PD for Yawgoo; Jeff Rice, Ass't PD for Bradford and I. Shuttleworth, Blue Hills; all will be voting as proxy this evening. Tom Lorden, official EMARI Region photographer for this meeting.

Discussion and request regarding records and/or memorabilia of EMARI events will be collected and saved to be eventually archived through the Eastern Division and Dartmouth College.

J. Shipman - gave a comprehensive report from Eastern Division meeting held in Albany, NY on Sept. 15, 2007.

OEC textbook - 5th Edition is in the process of being revised/updated.

Dick Wolf - Telecommunications advisor for the Eastern Division and National.

Sherry Overton - new Member Services contact at National.

Lift Evacuation - not NSP sponsored at any level. However, ski areas have indicated that they would like some input from NSP regarding procedures and training.

Some discussion regarding National Appointments tied to the Leadership Commendation Award. The National BOD's voted this down any changes.

Student Program - or - Young Adult Program - discussion about a national student gathering.

Voting - for National Board of Directors. All Patrol Directors asked to update e-mail lists for NSP, by October 1, 2007 for election process to begin October 15 and to run through December 1, 2007. Patrol Directors who have members without e-mail are asked to "adopt" a patroller and set-up a Yahoo address to help that patroller cast their vote. There are 16 total candidates for 4 seats on the Board of Directors. All platforms are on the NSP website. Members are encouraged to vote for their choice to have a voice in how NSP is run.

Subaru and Patagonia had their national contracts resigned and discounts are available to members.

EMARI Business - Program Chairs are asked to monitor and update information on EMARI and Division websites. Division has advised that no reimbursement will be made for programs not listed or current on websites. Bill Gamble is contact for Division website and J. Laitala for EMARI.

EMARI Budget: - J. Shipman would like to develop a template for everyone to send in budget in the hopes that the budget reports will be more accurate and more specific to what is requested and what is actually spent. Ask that Jim Slattery form a committee to look at that request and come up with a template for submitting budget reports.

John Caron - ARD report. See handout.

Dinner - Big thanks to the volunteers who supplied dinner!

Meeting resumed at 7:15pm.

Chris Fletcher, Instructor Development. Since 2003, EMARI has put 70 candidates through the program. Consistent lack of students although spring classes and fall classes have been offered. Budget request of \$540.00, (includes \$20.00 per patroller registered and books as a wash). The ID class can be done in the classroom or by CD-ROM - charge for CD-ROM is \$49.50 and must register on-line. Discussion of the need for Instructor Recruitment. Chris will present program to Nashoba on 9/30 and Ski Ward in November. Budget voted. Much discussion regarding vote of 2006, regarding \$20.00 plus books being included in any programs budget. Betsey Reeves called for clarification of vote from last year that all programs would charge \$20.00 per patroller as registration fee (to cover books?). Jim Slattery states that person running program should be able to include books within the budget and run program as they see fit.

Betsey R. makes motion to segment Chris Fletcher's budget for ID program to not charge for books.

Ed McNamara opens discussion stating that to be fair across the board that all books for any program should then be no charge. John Caron brings up people from other regions, how will those registrants be handled. Betsey R. adds that for this year alone, ID course be allowed to charge \$20.00 for the course and EMARI will pay for the books for anyone who pays EMARI dues. Students using on-line method will pay the \$49.50 for the CD-ROM. Chris F. monitors the process. Ingrid S. asked question, would the student who pays \$49.50 for the CD-ROM be charged the \$20.00 course fee.

At 7:49 pm, Jeff Rice seconds a motion (original motion missed by me) to vote ID Budget. In favor, 4 - Opposed, 4 - Tie vote. More discussion regarding inclusion of books and need for instructor recruitment.

Ed McN makes a motion that EMARI pay for the OEC Instructor Manual and ID Manual for ONE YEAR ONLY for any dues paying EMARI patroller entering Instructor Development program. Motion seconded by John Shapazian. Betsey R. moves the discussion to a vote: Vote passes 5 to 6: EMARI will pay for OEC Instructor Manual and ID manual for anyone entering ID program for 2007/2008.

At 7:55 pm. Dick Townsend, MTR program. Program has 3 new instructors coming out of the MTR 1 course held at Ragged Mountain. Will have a course at Yawgoo, on Nov 10 and 11. Mr. Townsend asked that Patrol Directors talk up the program at all refreshers. Discussion that the MTR/Avalanche/Nordic programs may fit in with state police Search and Rescue teams.

Avalanche Programs. One course available. Lack of terrain in this area may be reason. Need more Avalanche instructors. In NJ Region, avalanche instructors are subsidized for travel and lodging to areas with better terrain in order to attract more instructors.

MTR II course is \$90.00 per person. Three people ready to go through program, request that EMARI pay for these three people. Some discussion that in the past MTR monies would go back to Division. J. Shipman states that no MTR monies will go back to Eastern Division, will stay in EMARI until rebate is clarified by the Eastern Division Director and program advisor.

BUDGET: \$250.00 was deleted for ropes/equipment. Certified has equipment that can be used for this program. Budget request of \$770.00 to include \$90.00 per person for three people to complete MTR II course: John C. motions/J.Rice seconds - vote held: budget passed at \$770.00.

Jim Ledger: Student program. A portion of Eastern Division Alumni funds go back into the student program. Application was made to Division and \$135.00 was reimbursed by Division to EMARI. No budget for 2007-08. Each area is encouraged to start a Student program at their respective areas. Must be an adult patroller to

oversee program, but must be a group effort by management and patrol. E.McN motions and Betsey R. seconds that all Alumni funds go to Student program. Vote and motions are passed.

8:25 pm: Awards - J.Shipman reporting for Deb Foss. Budget request of \$600.00. E.McNamara moves budget be accepted, second was made and votes cast – Budget passed at \$600.00 for Awards program.

Cal Goldsmith - Ski and Toboggan. 2006/07 program, 12 candidates were tested and 9 passed. Six or seven days were spent up north in clinics and testing. Working with NH and Maine regions to continue offering training and testing in those Regions. Cal requesting that lodging and mileage be reimbursed for Examiners on testing weekends. J.Shipman states that NSP policy is that 1/2 of a double room fee is reimbursed per patroller. Budget request of \$1800.00. E. McNamara motions - Ingrid S. seconds. Votes cast and budget is passed at \$1800.00 as requested for S & T program.

Dave Walker Certified. Program had 8 sessions in 2006/07 season. 6 candidates from EMARI region. Budget request of \$300.00. Dave will forgo including the cost of the manual in his budget. Motion made/seconded. Votes cast - budget of \$300.00 passed for Certified program.

Dave Hemendinger, ROA. OEC Enhancement Seminar date in February (watch website). Instructor refresher was Sept 8. \$500.00 was spent for Instructor books. Budget request of \$1050.00. Ed McNamara motion to accept, J. Caron second. Votes cast - budget of \$1050.00 for OEC program is passed.

8:50 pm.

Sheila Daly, Senior EMM. Changes in program approach this year. One-day initiation into program. All required skills requirement will be covered beginning Saturday, November 10 at Wachusett. All patrol directors are requested to talk about the program at their refreshers. Program must be pre-registered. Budget request of \$1500.00. Betsey R. motions to accept; Chris F. seconds. Votes are cast and budget of \$1500.00 for Senior EMM program passes.

John Laitala, Webmaster. 2000 visits to the EMARI site. Request is made to keep information coming and to monitor for correct and current information. Budget request of \$71.40 for hosting fee. Betsey R. motions to accept, Ingrid S. seconds. Votes are cast and budget of \$71.40 is passed.

Carolyn Nally (absent): Alumni. \$200.00 budget request for Alumni outing. Betsey motion/John seconds. Votes cast - \$200.00 request is passed.

Ingrid Shuttleworth: EMARI Newsletter and Special events: Budget request of \$70.00 for incidentals. Motion/seconded. Votes cast - \$70.00 request is passed.

9:00 pm

Bernie Vallee: Ski Expo. Bernie discussed new policy of the EXPO Center now charging every non-profit for a booth rental fee. John Shipman stated he has requested reimbursement and received from Eastern Division the \$475.00 fee for a booth at the Ski Expo. Expo is to be held in Boston at Bay Side Expo from November 15 to November 18. Bernie is looking for volunteers to staff the booth at the expo. Bernie requested a check for \$500.00 up front to reimburse parking for volunteers on site. Jim Slattery had a request/comment that Bernie's budget should include the cost of the booth - making the budget request \$975.00. Motion by E. McN/J. Caron seconded. Votes cast and \$975.00 budget passed for Ski Expo.

Budget request of \$900.00 for three Assistant Regional Directors to attend meeting in Albany. \$500.00 for Regional Director. Motion by E. McNamara/second by J. Caron. Votes cast and passed

Jim Slattery, Treasurer. Planning regarding the anticipated release of the new OEC 5th Edition. In the past, there was an incentive given (to instructors) to purchase new texts. Jim encourages us to plan as far as spending to save/put aside funds to offer this incentive again. Requests better descriptions of line items for budgets or requests for reimbursements. Motion by Ingrid and seconded by Betsey to accept Treasurers report/budget as is. Voted and passed. Total Budget approved at 9:15 pm.

John Laitala: EMARI logos. Voted on logo (John has since sent us all copy of final look)

Special Olympics - new EMARI Region contact/advisor - Janet Read

9:45 pm: Is there a historian for EMARI Region? Deb Fowler requested a posting on the website/newsletter to encourage interest or to gauge interest in collecting and archiving EMARI events, records, stories, past officers, etc.

9:50 pm: Assistant Regional Director Elections: Secret ballot of all Patrol Directors or proxies. Mike Seward and Chris Pringle are the two candidates. Votes are cast and counted: unanimous vote for Mike Seward and Chris Pringle as EMARI's new Assistant Regional Directors.

Joe Greenwood is the Alternate Regional Director. Voted by Exec Committee. Deb Fowler motion/Betsey Reeves seconded. Votes cast. Results are unanimous for Joe Greenwood, Alternate Regional Director.

Patrol Director Reports:

Blue Hills: Ingrid Shuttleworth in place of Simon Thomas. Is there a Blue Hills happening this season? Simon will update.

Bradford: Jeff Rice, Asst. PD. 15 people interested OEC course this fall. Currently have 78-80 patrollers. Paid patrollers during the day.

Yawgoo Valley: Deb Fowler, Asst.PD. Conducting an OEC challenge course in November and a MTR 1 course. Currently have 60 patrollers.

Nashoba Valley: Betsey Reeves, PD. Not much new. Will be combining OEC refresher with Ski Ward on Sept. 29.

Ski Ward: John Shapazian, PD. Dwindling patrollers. Supplement days with paid patrollers. Volunteers are evening and weekends. Active Tuba Park that we also patrol.

Wachusett Mtn: Ed McNamara, PD. Three assistant patrol directors. 150 patrollers. Spring 2007 held an OEC course - now have 10 new candidates on the patrol. Have an active Student patrol.

OEC Refresher Cycle C study guides had misinformation regarding use of ibuprofen for treatment of frostbite. No patroller can administer any medication and giving warm water for a person experiencing an asthmatic episode is not correct protocol. Nothing by mouth.

Ruling or recommendation from NSP: that if a patroller fails to complete the current refresher cycle, the patroller should not be on the snow that season. The refresher can be completed during that season.

EMARI Business meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

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