

**Unofficial Meeting Minutes**  
**Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Fall Line Officers Meeting**



November 11, 2007  
Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Ski Area

8:00 – 8:30 Registration, Refreshments

8:30 – 9:30 Section Chief meeting.

9:38 Region Meeting was called to order by Regional Director, Gerit Lewisch. Opening comments were made. The Region Director welcomed special guests Mrs. Diane Tuthill and Mrs. Barbara Green, owners of the Blue Mountain Ski Area. Introductions were made by all attendees by individuals introducing themselves.

**In Memoriam:**

The passing of following patrollers was announced:  
Don DeMuzio, Blue Mountain, George L. Dein Jr., Upper Delaware Nordics, Jim Gibbons. Spring Mountain.

**Minute of Silence:**

**Section Chief Reports:**

Each Section Chief reported on the meeting held prior to the Region meeting

Central Section: John Stinsman

Northern Section: Paul Spear ( standing in for Bobby Morgan)

Pocono Section: Sue Ballek

Southwest Section: Bob Bernatos

**Special Awards: Given by Gerit Lewisch and Ed Hirshman**

Award recipients:

Bruce Holmberg received the MSA, Meritorious Service Award.  
Flo Rutherford received the MSA, Meritorious Service Award

A Unit Citation was issued to Roundtop Ski Patrol  
Ray Tullet received the DSA, Distinguished Service Award

Past National Instructor Development Supervisor Ed Riggs presented:  
Yellow Merit 5Stars for work done at the national level Instructor  
Development Course  
Flo Rutherford, Bruce Holmberg, Marty Sonnenberg,  
Howie Wyandt and Douglas Howlett.

### **Bylaws-Relationship with Ski Area Management**

**Bob Scarlet** discussed the importance of patrols having up to date bylaws. With the changes that have taken place with NSP it is important to document the role of your Ski Patrol and its members while working under the direction of your Local Ski Area and their management. George Hannon was to co-present with Bob Scarlett but was absent due to illness.

### **Awards – How to be Successful**

**Ed Hirshman** presented a program of how awards should be done to be successful at the patrol, Section, Region, division and National level. It is no “secret” – it is all in the book, just follow the directions.

**12:15 Lunch was served**

12:50 Meeting Resumed

### **Pennsylvania Ski & Winter Sports Museum – Hall of Fame**

**Ed Hirshman** presented a program explaining the importance of the Ski & Winter Sports Hall of fame which included the names of the past inductees and what is involved in the selection process for an inductee. Membership in the association is growing and they encourage all patrollers to join.

### **National, Division and Regional Reports**

Region Director Gerit Lewisch reported on the changes at National and reminded the forum to make use of their voting right.

Gerit Lewisch attended the Eastern Division Fall Meeting in Clifton Park NY and represented the region as a board member.

The Region Director is working on the Ski Patroller recognition by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The work is ongoing with the prospect looking good to be accepted as First Responder. The PAASA (Pennsylvania Ski Area Association) has been notified of

our undertaking. Gerit Lewisch attended the PASAA Spring Meeting in Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania Ski Area Association supports our application to the State. The region received a non profit mailing status and the "Regional" will be sent by snail mail, but the region looks for a Marketing Coordinator to defray some of the cost.

### **Region Director's Wish List**

Timely contribution of articles to the Regional. Deadline is June 1, 2008  
Written reports of activities by Advisors for each region meeting.  
Timely return of the 990's by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to the Region treasurer.

### **Region OEC Fall Refresher Recap**

**Dennis Zercher** presented a powerful program on the organization of and administration of the OEC refresher cycles. Everyone was brought up to date on organization of and the whys, whens, wheres, hows, of OEC refreshers.

### **Budget and Finance**

**Jack Bogdon** gave a brief to the point report on the financial status of the EPA Region.

Gerit Lewisch asked for permission again to contribute \$ 100.00 per student participant to the Eastern Division Student Seminar which will be held 2008 in Killington, VT. (In 2007 the region supported the program with \$ 2,200.00).

### **Committee Reports**

Limited reports were given by program administrators' including:  
Greg Johnson – SEMM  
Wayne Eckelman - Student Program  
Bob Barrette – Alumni

**Bob Davies – Elections: He reported that Gerit Lewisch had been reelected as EPA Region Director for another two year term.**

Section Chiefs of the Pocono Section and Central Section are up for reelection of their final term

### **Open Discussion**

The floor was open for discussion of any matters not previously discussed but there was none.

1:55 p.m. the meeting was adjourned