

National Ski Patrol
Northern Division
Executive Committee Spring Board Meeting

April 27, 2019

Buck's T4
Big Sky, MT

Executive Committee Members

Director: Karl Uhlig

Assistant Director: Dan Schaefer

Administrative Assistant: Jana Barnes

Treasurer: Jeannette Amrine

Region I Director: Rusty Wells

Region II Director: Ron Wiggins

Alumni Supervisor: Bruce Amrine

Avalanche Supervisor: Matt Radlowski/Steve Porcella

Awards Supervisor: Erik Sakariassen

Critical Stress Management: Seth Larson

Historian: Steve Thompson

Instructor Development Supervisor: Jeff Motley

Legal: Brent Brooks

Medical: Charles Allen

MTR Supervisor: Troy Walker

Nordic/ Backcountry Supervisor: Dan'l Moore

OEC Program Supervisor: John Fradette

OET Supervisor: Michael Marlow

OET Assistant Supervisor: Ron Wiggins

Polaris Newsletter: Joann Lacey

Registration Coordinator: Bill Lay

Young Adult Program Supervisor: Vicki Motley

Website Coordinator: Justin Data

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Location: Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky Montana. Scheduled to begin at 9:00 am

Skype: If someone wishes to call in we will try to have conferencing. Let Jana know if interested in this.

Bucks T-4 will be providing lunch at noon.

Introduction - Karl Uhlig.

1. Welcome and meeting purpose.
2. Division Director's report
 - a. National Board Meeting highlights.
 - b. NSP Organization planning Board subcommittee.
 - c. National Elections.
 - d. Members survey from fall of 2018.
 - e. Mountain Guard Insurance; no errors and omissions or directors and officers insurance.
 - f. Card for Joann Lacey
 - g. Polaris Articles
 - h. OEC, OET, MTR, AVI continuing education requirements
 - i. Division web site, who maintains it?
 - j. Mentoring pilot project, PPT slides.

Board of Director Update—Mike Huber

Meeting Goals

1. Program Advisor Reports

Advisors, please give a brief summary on the 2018-2019 season, what you would like to see happen for the 2019-2020 season, and discuss proposed budget. Discussions should summarize any written reports.

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| a. Director's Report | Karl Uhlig |
| b. Assistant Director's Report | Dan Schaefer |
| c. Administrative Assistant | Jana Barnes |
| d. Treasurer, Investment account | Jeannette Amrine |
| e. Region I Director | Rusty Wells |
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| r. OET Program Supervisor | Mike Marlow |
| s. OET Assistant Supervisor | Ron Wiggins |
| t. Polaris | Joann Lacey |
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2. Fall Meeting dates: September 20, 21, 22, 2019.
 - a. Location:
 - b. Costs:
 - c. Guest speaker:
 - d. Continue to offer to Alumni that the ND provide free entrance to the Saturday evening banquet for themselves and one guest and mention that a free breakfast comes with the price of a room.
 - e. Continue to offer 1/2 event reimbursement for first time attendees?
 - f. Draft Agenda: Golf, Mini Sessions, OEC Refresher, Banquette, Vendors (who to invite?), Scholarships, Discuss guidelines for reimbursements, etc.
3. How to incentivize other patrols and patrollers to become involved in OEC stations.
4. National Dues increase. NSP Board approved a \$5 increase taking dues from \$55-\$60.
5. E-Commerce on Division website to pay for some Division expenses
Set Polaris Article and publication deadlines. For reference this past season's publication dates were supposedly November 10, April 1, August 10. Article submission due dates were two weeks prior to publication.
6. 2020 Senior: One or two locations?
7. WTO Dates, Location and possible name change?
8. Communications with Justin Data and postings to the Division web site.
9. Possible Division sponsored Friday evening dinner for the E-Board before the Spring meeting.
10. Northern Division Facebook page? Should we have one? If so who will take responsibility?
11. Any New Business?
 - a. Purchase of a toboggan for bike patrols (from Fall Meeting Minutes)

Please note: Bucks is opening the Bar at 7:00 especially for us. Please plan to enjoy a drink of your choice and network with your board members. The restaurant will not be open so please have something to eat elsewhere prior to joining your friends at Bucks Bar on 4/26.

ADVISOR REPORTS

Director: Karl Uhlig

Date: April 7, 2019

TO: Northern Division Board of Directors

From: Karl Uhlig, Northern Division Director

RE: 2018-2019 Season End Report

Northern Division Board Members,

The 2018-2019 ski season has been very busy. I've been able to attend both the January and April NSP Board of Director's meetings as well as NSP's signature event, Powder Fall. I will try to keep the highlighted discussions brief in the written format and elaborate a bit during my oral presentation.

National Board Meeting Highlights

The OEC 6 edition is progressing nicely. A search underway for a new National Medical Advisor, committee formed, applications submitted, expect an announcement soon.

Bike Patrols are a hot topic. Mountain bike patrols associated and not associated with ski areas. There is a process for a mountain bike patrol to join NSP. The Mountain Bike committee is determining the procedures for candidate training and testing. Senior and Certified mountain bike certifications are also being discussed.

Dues increase proposed and passed by the Board. More info coming in the Ski Patrol magazine, Sweeps, and other announcements. Dues increase is \$5.00.

The Awards Committee is working on language where Pro patrollers can be recognized for their efforts within the NSP awards system. Currently the criteria for many awards/recognitions includes language that excludes the any patroller registered in the NSP Pro Division.

The National Board is discussing having a committee work on Lift Evacuation Guidelines. I'm not sure what will come of the effort but expect something within the next year.

Look for a new web site interface coming in late April. The new interface should be more user friendly.

The Far West Division is working on a Mentoring Pilot Program. The program initiators are looking for a few patrols to give the draft program a try. Please see PPT presentation with contact information if your patrol or one in your region may be interested in participating please contact either me or the author of the PPT.

The NSP Board has initiated a sub committee to review four of the organization's major emphases. A call for candidates was initiated during the April Board meeting. The committee

overseeing the effort is looking for five (5) candidates from each division to help draft a guiding documents that will help reorganize the organization for the next 5-10 years. Perhaps you've seen the highlight in the latest Sweeps about the [FEMA ICS-100](#) course requirement. The language is: *ICS courses ICS-100, 200 and 700 are available to be registered in the database in the same way as other courses are registered. These courses are for record-keeping purposes since there is not a place for the course completion certificates to be saved in the database. The IOR should register a course then collect the certificates and close the course. The course can remain open for an extended period of time to capture as many completers as possible. Instructions for the ICS100 course, which is now required for all candidates and patrollers, may be found on the main Instructor Resources page. You can find that page after signing in, then selecting Member Resources, then click on Instructor Resources.*

National Elections

I am on the National Elections Committee. The committee will be accepting applications for the fall national board elections until June 1st. During the last election cycle (2018) few people applied and we are encouraging anyone with interest in serving on the National Board to apply. There will be announcements in the Ski Patrol Magazine, Sweeps and other media. If you have ever considered becoming a Board member I encourage you to apply.

Division News

We will be discussing some important events during the April 27th E-Board meeting. In an effort to keep this report short I will point you to the meeting agenda in your packets. There may be additional items of discussion added by any Board member.

Assistant Director: Dan Schaefer

Administrative Assistant: Jana Barnes

I continue to work with the Eboard to plan and record happenings throughout the Division, mainly organizing the Spring Eboard meeting and compiling reports and taking meeting minutes for the Division meetings that occur each spring and fall. The process is fairly easy at this point as we have continued to work with Buck's T4 for our meetings and it is a straightforward process. This may take more coordination and effort if we consider moving meeting locations. I would gladly take any suggestions for further organization or improvement in meeting packets/organization.

Budget: \$750

Treasurer: Jeannette Amrine

Unfortunately, we were unable to make our year-end change to June 30, 2018. This was due to multiple circumstances.

- 1) We were receiving different answers from the IRS on extensions,
- 2) Had a patrol submitting financial information late, and
- 3) We were unaware that we could make a year-end change on an extension. Had we

known, we would have pressed harder to get all the patrol's information on time. Rather than go back and forth with the IRS, we thought it would be better to file a return with a 9/30/18 year-end.

I am tracking expenses and income based on both 'By Budget' and 'By Event'. I'll explain more on this.

Balance in Checking Account as of 3/31/19 - \$62,204.03

Balance in Investments as of 3/31/19 - \$140,327.24

Number of first time attendees for Division Meeting was 4.

Number of first time attendees for WTO was 1.

See Budget Sheet for details.

Region I Director: Rusty Wells

A busy and productive season for Patrols in Region 1 of the Northern Division. With many Patrols holding OEC's and good candidate classes.

Showdown: OEC class with 9 students (all passed.), OET training , Avalanche 1 class (12 students, local skiers/boarders and some Patrollers). Patroller 101 class (attended by all patrollers new and old) and work on the ICS 100 class. A skier safety class was presented by Bill Lay at local schools ((24 schools/1,365 students). 7 new Patrollers. Some Patrollers attended the Winter Tip-off. GFSP also had a real life lift evac on the Payloader chair (87 skiers). GFSP also hosted Havre (Eagle Creek Patrol) for the annual OEC Refresher (18 members) under the direction of Mel Canahan. Record snowfall and cold temperatures.

Great Divide: OEC class with 12 students. 4 completed it and took OET training becoming new Patrollers. Greta Divide also hosted the Winter Tip-off

Lost Trail: Hosted the Division Level 2 Avalanche course (and also provided 4 Instructors, several who mentored to become new Avalanche Instructors) Added 2 new Cascade 350 Toboggans. 1 Life Flight mission, per Keith: "a safe year with 56 Patrollers and no Patroller injuries"

Maverick Mountain/Beaverhead Ski Patrol: OEC class with 13 students, 13 passing. 5 candidates completed OET training, the remainder due to work on OET next season. Also hosted an annual Alumni event attended by 15 during the February cold snap.

Snowbowl: OEC class with 15 candidates. Candidates tested for OET on 3/31 and will do their OEC test on 5/4. Patrol is planning on needing 50-60 Patrollers on their roster for next season. Snowbowl hosted a 350 Toboogan clinic with experts from WA,OR,CA ,UT and ID teaching (organized by Mike Marlow) attended also by Patrollers from Lost Trail and Great Divide. The Patrol also helped with the CASA Missoula fundraiser donating 2 "ski with a Patroller" chances that sold big. The 2 participants skied/shadowed 2 Patrollers for the day and also got to serve as volunteer victims for candidate scenarios and practice sled runs. More community visibility and great PR

Flathead Nordic: 6 new candidates who will take their OEC class next year. 3 new OEC Instructors (Rusty thinks he may finally get a chance to not organize the Refresher...) 2 Avalanche classes held (Level 1 Refresher, Avalanche Rescue module) and 4 Patrollers participating in the Level 2 Avalanche class at Lost Trail (and 2 Patrollers helping teach the rescue portion of the Course). MTR 1 and 2 course held with 16 attending the class room and 6 the field session (which was smartly called off ahead of time for its original date of Feb 1,2,3 which was due to predicted negative high temperatures and 20-30 mph winds and later rescheduled). An Instructor Development course was also held with 6 participants. Flathead Nordic continued to monitor Beacon Checkers at several trail heads in partnership with the Flathead National Forest and also continued to help with the Beacon Park at Whitefish Mountain Resort and avalanche awareness classes in partnership with the Flathead Avalanche Center. A number of Patrollers plan to help Glacier National Parkas volunteer bike Patrollers this Spring

Eagle Creek (Havre) : Attended OEC Refresher with Great Falls Ski Patrol. Opened again this Winter and endured some very severe cold temperatures and winds (imagine that, wind in Havre...) this Winter.

Goals for next year are to continue open communications with all of the Patrols and Patrol Representatives in my Region and continue trying to visit the Patrols.

Budget request for \$2000

Region II Director: Ron Wiggins

Alumni Supervisor: Bruce Amrine

Since taking office last April I have been present on five of the national conference calls, attended the Whitefish Alumni Celebration and Powderfall at Snowbird Utah.

Receiving a list of Alumni patrollers from Cheri, I proceed to separate them by year (2017,2018,2019) on excel spreadsheets. Emailed them out to our northern division patrol reps. Unfortunately only a few of them responded. My hope was to locate, confirm their contact information, life status, in the hopes of updating our northern division alumni list.

My feelings are that the local patrol leaders and their membership are the best way of contacting and cleaning up our roster for a better count on the membership.

The Whitefish Alumni celebration was enjoyable as well as eye opening to how beneficial these types of functions can be to maintaining our camaraderie. Some of the activities included: Skiing, Snowboarding, sled rides, cross country skiing, tours to Glacier and of course shopping. We should do more of these functions in every Division. Start the planning now!!

Powderfall was very educational and I met and saw a lot of new faces. The Alumni program has received a kick-start and interest and excitement is steadily growing.

Please reach out to patrollers who have left your patrol or who are leaving and get their contact information to your patrol rep and me. This will help keep them in the information loop and also, invite them to participate in training events, testing and public events that your patrol is doing.

So far I have made new friends, met a lot of people, all with one thing in common:

Patrolling!!!

Avalanche Supervisor: Steve Porcella/Matt Radlowski

First, a big thanks to Matt Radlowski for his leadership and work as the Avalanche Director. I am working closely with Matt to take on this new position. Matt has led the charge on setting up a drive to store and catalog all things Avalanche education related. I will be growing and expanding this centralized process. We hope to use Matt in the future for Avalanche classes because of his 'human factors' expertise. Thank you again Matt for all your service!

Steve Thompson and I will be reworking the Level 2 study guide and exam this summer to bring it up to 2019 Avalanche education standards.

Recently the American Avalanche Association (A3) agreed that the NSP L1 and L2 curriculum exceeds A3 guidelines, therefore the NSP will now be listed as an endorsed provider on the A3 website. This gives the NSP the go ahead to complete the edits for L1 and L2 courses to make them cross compatible with A3 L1 and L2.

We also have an outstanding core group of avalanche instructors in the Northern Division that recently helped teach the L2 at Lost Trail such as Dan'l Moore, Rusty Wells, Jonas Grey, Steve Thompson, Chris Gaughan, Matt Galiher. There are other Avalanche educators in the Northern

Division that I hope to meet and support. I hope to work with new folks that want to become instructors. I encourage all NSP Avalanche educators to become A3 members to stay current with the latest in avalanche forecasting, history, and science. Please let me know what I can do to help the Northern Division with Avalanche education. While new to this position I appreciate ideas and input anyone may have. Please use the two email addresses to get a hold of me:

Sfporcella@gmail.com, Northerndivisionavalanche@gmail.com

Keep on climbing and see you in the steeps!

Awards Supervisor: Erik Sakariassen

April 27, 2019 Spring Executive Board Meeting, Northern Division NSP
Report from Erik Sakariassen, Division Awards Advisor

- 1.) In March, all Division Awards Review Board, National Judges, and Division National Appointment Judges were appointed for a 2019 term by Division Director Karl Uhlig. Review Board members are: Bill Knudson chair, Jamie Cottom, Don Paul, and Trevor Motley. National Judges are: Marie Ando and Allan Rabbitt. Division National Appointment Judges are: Kurt Weinberg chair, Steve Thompson, Vicki Motley, and Chris Quinn.
- 2.) All National Outstanding Awards submissions were due April 15 this year to insure enough time for the awards committee to make their selections and to collect required signatures before submitting the nominations to the national office.
- 3.) Merit Star, Patroller's Cross, Distinguished and Meritorious Service Award, and National Appointment nominations are due to me by June 17th.
- 4.) The deadline for nominations for the Mark Behan Outstanding Instructor Award, the Dwight Chambers Rising Star Award, the Dr. Warren Bowman Outstanding OEC Instructor Award, and Northern Division Patriot Star Awards is July 22nd. Those wishing to submit nominations should contact me by email for copies of the appropriate forms.
- 5.) The National Awards Committee met by conference call January 24, 2019 to confirm nominations of five patrollers to the NSP Hall of Fame. The committee also discussed an RFA to remove the word "volunteer" from all individual outstanding nominations in the NSP P&P, essentially opening up nominations to paid patrollers. In the past, the NAW has been opposed to this change and the committee remains opposed. National Awards Advisor Jerry Sherman has requested a face-to-face meeting of the National Awards Committee for 2020 to be held in conjunction with the NSP Board of Directors meeting in January 2020.
- 6.) Colleen Finch of the Great Falls Ski Patrol has agreed to take over as Northern Division Awards Advisor starting in 2020. Her contact information has been forwarded to National Awards Advisor, Jerry Sherman, and to Cheri Overton, who oversees the awards program in the national office. Cheri has granted Awards Advisor privileges to Colleen on the NSP web site so that she can access patroller profiles. This will be my eighth year serving as division awards advisor and I wish to thank past and present executive board members for all of your help and support in making the awards program a success in the division. I intend to make myself available to Colleen for whatever future assistance she needs to insure a smooth transition.

8.) I would like to recommend that the fiscal 2019-20 awards budget remain at \$1700.

Critical Stress Management: Seth Larson

The ski season has come to a close, and hopefully everyone had a great season. In Red Lodge we were lucky to have a mild year as accidents go and no stress debrief was required. I would like to poll the patrols in our division to see if this program is something they would like to continue going forward. I know there are local resources they can all use, such as fire departments and hospitals.

For the last two seasons no one has reached out to me for assistance to facilitating a debrief for them. This could be due to any number of reasons. I feel this is a great program that we offer. It should not be seen as weakness to reach out for help. We all handle stress differently.

As closing I will be stepping down as advisor to this program due to an upcoming deployment. I will be in another country this time next year.

Historian: Steve Thompson

NORTHERN DIVISION HISTORIAN REPORT - 2018-2019

As the temperature climbs from another below zero night here in Seeley, it's time to look towards wrapping up the 2018 - 2019 ski season and start thinking about filling up the wood shed again.

I wanted to share a couple of items from this past season - one pretty cool and the other rather shameful. Priscilla and I attended the 50th SOS Fair in Missoula. While getting ready for her appearance, it was discovered that Priscilla has misplaced her patrol uniform (I don't even want to think how that came about!!!!) As a result she appeared in a stylish one piece ski suit. Dealing with her may turn out to be an e-board action. More on that at a later date.

At last Fall's Division meeting, Stan King gave me some real ski patrol history treasures. One item was a copy of the "MINUTES OF THE Fortieth Annual Meeting OF THE National Ski Association of America, held in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 20th to 23rd, 1947". I want to share a portion of those minutes from a section titled "REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SKI PATROL COMMITTEE 1946-47".

"March 8, 1948 marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the NSPS. There is no time to review its growth other than to say that starting from scratch there are now 193 active patrols registered with the national office as follows:

89 Eastern Division 15 Central Division 8 Intermountain Division^[11]13 Southern Rocky Mountain Division 11 Northern Rocky Mountain Division 37 Pacific North West Division 20 California Division.

As near as we can judge this means approximately 3,000 active local patrolmen and women. In addition there have been 862 men appointed as national patrolmen and 34 women given that status.

During the past season it was both satisfying and indicative of a healthy trend to have a great many new areas request full information on how to form a patrol. These came largely from areas that recognized the necessity of a patrol as a fundamental move in their development. All requests were answered and funneled through division channels.

On the other hand the Sun Valley patrol refused to register with the NSPS on the basis, that too many skiers who wore the NSP badge were observed who in their opinion would not be

capable of handling a loaded toboggan on their terrain. This was an eye-opener, which indicated the possible future necessity of recalling all badges and re-issuing on the basis of tested ability.

In October 1946 a letter was received from the commanding officer of the Mountain Training Center at Camp Carson stating confidentially that orders had been issued terminating the MTC as of June 1, 1947. He asked frankly if there was anything we could do to help save this necessary type of training. This posed a real problem, for though the NSPS had maintained close contact with the powers in the War Department during the war, these men had been transferred and new officers held their jobs. However, through happy circumstance, a meeting was arranged in early January with General Devers, commanding Army Ground Forces, at Aspen, Colorado. Hours were spent in discussion and together with ex-eastern NSPS divisional chairman, Bob Livermore, a trip was made to Camp Hale with General Devers. Here he was treated to a maneuver in a driving blizzard when icicles formed on his nose and damn near pierced his upper lip. He saw conditions in the mountains as they can be. Some three weeks later a letter was received from the ex-commanding general of the Tenth Mountain Division, George P. Hays, then commanding the Sixth Army, saying, 'General Devers has just passed through here on his way to Alaska. The orders have been changed and the MTC will go on. I don't know how it was accomplished, but congratulations!' No claim is made here other than the fortunate opportunity of helping the General to see the rigors of the winter in the mountains."

1947 - 2019 Doesn't sound like a lot has changed — we still have training issues and icicles still can damn near pierce our upper lip.

Instructor Development Supervisor: Jeff Motley

The National Instructor Development committee continues to work on the rewrite of the ID program. The committee has already finished the continuing Ed piece of the ID program bringing it into alinement with the other education programs.

The National ID Committee has also put forward a version of a New E Course that is receiving not so favorable reviews and the Committee is working to address these concerns. The rewrite of the ID manual continues.

I was unable to attend the Powderfall meeting and have not received a report from that meeting.

The Instructor development program supervisors continue to have monthly conference calls, and as feed back from the new on line course comes back, changes and improvements are being made. (As bad as it is it's the best that we have)

The Northern Division this past year continued to see instructor growth as members work through the Instructor Development E Course and have discipline mentors assigned.

I feel that the budget amount for 2019/2020 should be \$750.00 and the Division course fee of \$00.00 should stay in effect for the next budget year.

Legal: Brent Brooks

Medical: Charles Allen

No Report

MTR Supervisor: Troy Walker

Students taught during the 2018-2019 season

There were 16 MTR1 & MTR2 students enrolled in the Flathead Nordic MTR course this season. Due to having to change the field course dates because of extremely cold weather only 6 were able to complete the entire course and pass.

We also had 1 Northern Division student take the MTR Level 1&2 combined course where we done local class trainings for them and then they attended a Field session held in the Intermountain Division at Pebble Creek Resort in Pocatello Idaho this season

Areas hosting MTR courses during the 2018-2019 season

Flathead Nordic – MTR Level 1& 2 combined Course

Events occurring during the 2018-2019 season

These items listed below are on a National Level Occurring during the season of conference call meetings by the MTR Committee, along with putting some final touches on decisions at our face to face meeting at Powder Fall Face to Face meetings for MTR Committee:

1. Changes to MTR Program
2. Succession Planning National MTR Supervisor
3. MTR & Nordic input for OEC 6
4. MTR Online Integration courses & Material
- 5.* NSP Ground Based Lift Evacuation & MTR Instructors roll in the program.

See last 2 pages to this report for more details.

What classes will be held in the 2019-2020 season

Lost Trails Patrol: MTR Level 1 & Avalanche Level 1 Combined Course.

MTR 1 & 2 Combined Field course session to be held at Alta, Utah in the Spring of 2020. Students can do Classroom portion at home area then attend Alta Field Session. Students and Instructors are invited from all divisions to this event. As part of this course this coming year there will be Instructor Recertification Training for Continuing Education credits. There will be CE available for MTR, Avalanche & Nordic Patrollers.

Budget for the MTR program during the 2019-2020 season

No Budget changes are requested for this year.

Mountain Travel & Rescue Supervisor Report

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MTR F2F MEETING, 2-3 APRIL 2019
SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

1. MTR TEXTBOOKS

- By October 2022 MTR courses will use the following textbooks for MTR F, MTR 1, and MTR 2:
 - *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills*, 9e
 - *Introduction to Search and Rescue* (for SAR content)
- There are two main reasons for the change:
 - *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* is an internationally recognized standard guidebook for mountain travel, and *Introduction to Search and Rescue* is arguably the most widely recognized entry-level text for SAR in the United States.
 - *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* undergoes review and revision by professional experts roughly every seven years, a frequency that NSP's largely volunteer experts have difficulty sustaining.
- The MTR program committee will provide guidance to the content of these texts that covers the material prescribed in the *MTR Instructors' Manual* through the following channels:
 - A *Ski Patrol Magazine* article
 - Information posted on the NSP website
 - NSP's monthly instructors' newsletter.
- Instructors may start using these textbooks, instead of *Mountain Travel and Rescue 2e*, immediately.
- Between now and October 2022, MTR instructors may use any of the following combinations of textbooks, provided the courses cover the material prescribed in the *MTR Instructors' Manual*:
 - *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* (9e), with *Introduction to Search and Rescue* for SAR content
 - *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* (9e), with *Mountain Travel and Rescue* (2e) for SAR content.
 - *Mountain Travel and Rescue* (2e).
- Mountaineers Books still has roughly half of the originally printed copies of *Mountain Travel and Rescue* (2e), so the supply should suffice to allow continued use of the book through the transition period.
- It may be worth noting that Mountaineers Books publishes both *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* (9e) and *Mountain Travel and Rescue* (2e).

2. SUCCESSION PLANNING

- Myron Allen's term as NPD ends in November 2020. MTR supervisors should start thinking about who might be an appropriate successor. Essential attributes include:
 - Knowledge of the MTR program
 - Ability to draft and work with documents
 - Awareness of the relationships between MTR and other NSP educational programs
 - Sensitivity to the needs of different geographical divisions and different types of patrolling.

- MTR INPUT TO OEC 6e
 - The MTR program committee would like to see more material related to remote and backcountry patient care (extended OEC or XOEC).
 - It is probably too late to import this material in the form of sidebars added to currently drafted chapters.
 - Myron Allen and Rick Shandler will confer with the leaders of the OEC 6e project to determine whether it is possible to include a separate chapter on XOEC.
 - An alternative is to produce a supplemental document to post on the OEC, MTR, and NBC websites.

- ONLINE MTR RESOURCES AND RESOURCE SHARING
 - Goal: Develop online resources for MTR courses, including online course materials
 - Sheila Summers has established an MTR “sandbox” in NSP’s learning management system.
 - Members of the MTR Program Committee are administrators and can post materials for testing and further discussion.
 - Some divisions may want to mirror these materials on other systems, such as the open-source LMS Moodle.
 - The next objective will be to go live with classroom portions of the MTR F and MTR 1 curriculum.

- MTR AND GROUND-BASED LIFT EVACUATION
 - National board member Dave Walker visited the committee and explained NSP’s plans to adopt lift evacuation as part of its education programs.
 - The MTR Program Committee agreed that the MTR program is the natural program to oversee the delivery of this curriculum and the development of lift-evacuation instructors.
 - NSP envisions a separate course in lift evacuation, taught by NSP-certified lift-evacuation instructors. The course does not need to be part of any existing MTR course, nor does any existing MTR course need to be a prerequisite.
 - Lift-evacuation instructors need not be MTR instructors, nor vice versa.
 - NSP is working with the National Ski Areas Association and others to revise and update NSP’s 1998 *Lift Evacuation Manual*. That committee hopes to have a draft by June 2019.
 - The MTR Program Committee will have responsibility for reviewing the draft.
 - The purpose of the lift-evacuation curriculum will be to teach principles and best practices, not to dictate local area operations or protocols.

Nordic/Backcountry Supervisor: Dan'l Moore

Busy season for FNBP, the only Nordic patrol in division. Continued working with the Flathead N.F. and Avalanche Center. Ran an Avalanche Level 1 refresher and organized rescue module. Had 5 students and 2 instructors participate in Avalanche Level 2 at Lost Trail. Ran a combined MTR 1-2, had 18 students registered and 6 complete the whole course. Will try and offer field session to those who missed it next season.

The tri-advisory mini-sessions at the fall division meeting seem to be well accepted. We should continue this effort.

I believe the Nordic/BC budget is \$1500. I feel that just barely covers expenses for our 2 meeting each year, especially if we cover costs for instructors of mini-sessions. Perhaps the budget should be increased to \$2000. If not, we can make \$1500 work.

There does not seem to be any communication from the National Nordic/Backcountry program. I know Avalanche, OEC, and MTR division supervisors communicate via email, conference calls, etc., about changes, directions of their programs.

OEC Supervisor: John Fradette

We had a busy year with 10 registered OEC classes for a total of 50 enrolled students. Unfortunately, the reports from the National office do not tell me the number that passed the course. However, reports from the Instructor Trainers and Instructors of Record indicated an over 90% pass rate. That tells me that our active instructors are providing a quality level of instruction.

Most if not all of the refreshers in the Division use the hybrid format. Scheduling still can be a little congested on certain weekends. The new spinal motion restriction protocol was delivered at all of the refreshers. The change was not too different from what we were already doing, it was more a matter of making sure the assessment is complete and better guide as to when to employ spinal motion restriction.

I appointed eight new instructors plus four that should be been appointed two years ago. I also reinstated four others. The ones that were delayed for two years was due to their ID course not getting posted to their records. I believe this had to do with the cut over to the new computer system. On an encouraging note, I get a lot less questions and problem with the process to become an instructor.

The instructors that were reinstated were done after attendance at an OEC instructor continuing education (ICE) course. Failing to attend an ICE course is the primary reason for losing instructor status. While I appreciate the fact that some patrols are short on OEC instructors, attendance at an ICE course once in a three year cycle is a national requirement. I hold at least one each year at the Division meeting. The instructor can cover some of their costs by helping at the OEC refresher. I have in the past looked for other delivery methods such as a webinar for the ICE course, but meeting in person with instructors from other patrols has a lot of benefits. I also encourage all instructors to be aware of the requirements for renewal and their instructor expiration date.

Working in cooperation with Mike Marlow, he and I used a portion of our budgets to purchase a wheeled litter. This wheeled litter is packable and is intended for use in the extraction of an injured person from a non-urban setting. It is available for any patrol providing support for bike or trail races.

I do not have a lot of detail regarding the new OEC 6 manual other than it is well underway. The planned release date is summer of 2020. With the constant changes in

emergency medicine, there will be some definite changes in how we will handle patients. For those of you that are not aware, we have a contract with a new publisher, J&B, which is the publisher of the OEC 4. J&B is a very much larger company than what they were when the OEC 4 was published. As a larger firm, J&B has a wealth of adjunct material available to us so look forward to much better on-line course material and information available to all OEC Technicians.

OET Supervisor: Mike Marlow

Intro To Patrolling (PAT) Classes Taught (per registered classes)

Red Lodge (?? Registered but no students?), Great Divide, Lost Trail, Great Falls, Huff, Snow Bowl, Casper Mountain, Beaverhead

Approximately 50 new candidates taught registered. (GF - the entire patrol was put thru PAT)

Mandatory Toboggan Refreshers were held by: (for a total of 162 patrollers, so approx. 1/3 of the Division)

Lost Trail, Great Divide, Great Falls, Huff Hills Ski Patrol, Beaverhead, Red Lodge, Antelope Butte, Casper Mountain, Montana Snowbowl, Sleeping Giant, Meadowlark

Which means the following patrols had NO NSP compliant patrollers:

EagleCreek (except for Ed Hill who attended WTO), **Turtle Mountain and Deer Mountain (Is Deer Mountain still a patrol?) FrostFire?**

Cascade 350 Toboggan Enhancement Seminar

Montana Snowbowl 17

No Odd courses registered this year ... yay!

National OET team – Working on our portion of PAT Course, and finalizing the 5 Fundamentals of Skiing to roll out

And ... I would like an \$10,000 WTO Budget and a \$4,000 OET Budget.

OET Assistant Supervisor: Ron Wiggins

Polaris Newsletter: Joann Lacey

Registration Coordinator: Bill Lay

This season the Northern Division registered 470 patrollers. Last year at the end of the “Year”, we were at 471. I show dues collected of \$22,560. Last year were at \$23,418 with the Alumni and some late fees. (6) Patrols used the option of a single charge to the patrol and the other (10) had individual patrollers do their own payments. Not sure how many Alumni as this didn't Per my last download, we have (148) Alumni registered with the Division, but not all of them have paid their current dues..

Please go to me for registration questions or the FAQ on the website or customercare@nsp.org .

My Budget is for stamps and mailings along with my expenses are mileage and room for the E-board's Summer meeting and the Fall Division meetings.

I have not heard what is going on with the upcoming year's AR's. I am also ask you go through and check your information on my 2019 Officers/Supervisor's file that was sent out a month ago.

I plan on staying in my position next year. Still having fun and enjoying it. Not sure where my position may be after up-coming changes at National. I do have reservations, as does my contact at National, about this change. It does appear that National is doing away with my position or pushing it away, so will leave that to the Board.

Young Adult Program Supervisor: Vicki Motley

There are many wonderful opportunities for the youth of today. Belonging to the National Ski Patrol is one of those opportunities. The skills that are learned within this program are numerous. The National Ski Patrol is undertaking rewriting the young adult patroller guidelines/handbook. At the National level we have been able to add the category of young adult patroller to the registration process. Please make sure that your young adults are listed as such. This will help us to correctly identify all of the young adult patrollers throughout the National Ski Patrol System. National has also offered opportunities through scholarships for young adult patrollers to attend Powderfall. They have designed specific things for them to attend while at the conference.

The Northern Division also offers up to 2 - \$500 scholarships for Young Adult Patrollers. This information will go out to all patrollers through an EBlast.

Website Coordinator: Justin Data

G Suite EMail -- Due January 2020
\$49 for one year

Web Site Hosting -- Due August 2019
\$99 for one year

Domain Name Registration -- Due March 2020
Options: \$19.95 for one year, \$33.90 for two years, or \$74.80 for five years
Recommend the five years, as we know we will want to keep this domain name.

Total Budget: \$222.80

Plans for the year: To add additional/new artwork, update content. Would like to add a Facebook page for the Division and connect it to the web site. We will need to determine who would be able to have access to post to the FB page as a page administrator.