



Central Division Certified Meeting Agenda

3/8/24

Granite Peak, Wausau WI

Call to order (5 min)

- Sergeant at Arms – Marty Blazkowski
- Scribe - Daren Lukes

Recognize officers (5)

Mike Schons DD
Les Robinson ADD
Anne Blaedow ADD
Jeff Olsen Western RD
Jim Hughes North Central RD
Jay Zedak Division Avy Advisor
Tracy Buchanan Division OET Advisor
Marty Blazkowski NSP-C Ski School

Recognize Volunteer Helpers/Supporters (5)

Approve 2023 Meeting minutes (5)

Recognize Evaluation Teams (5)

Chair Evac- Mike Taylor
LAR- Marty Blazkowski
Area Ops- Jamie Roell
Avy- Jay Zedak
Ski- Jon French, Tom Anderson
Toboggan- Lauren Vearawyck
OEC- Chris Raudabaugh

Announce Thursday and Friday Results (20)

- Award New Pins if needed

Old Business (10)

- Crystal Mountain Qualification Clinic (Kyle)
- Program Rebranding (Ron)?
 - Update on National Board conversation
 - Modify our approach to expectations to hold events
 - Lift ticket cost vs space/lane rental
 - What value do we bring to the area
 - Training
 - Increased inclusion of local and region patrollers
 - Risk management
 - Do we run a safe and effective evaluation
 - What can we do better while maintaining a standard
 - (Skills course conversation)
 - Does a trained patrol create a positive financial effect

Chair Evac/ Rope Rescue Seminar, Fall Patrol Festival, Highlands (Mike Taylor)

- Test of concept, Well received
- Hands on Discussion based learning
- This could grow to other areas of ski patrol universe
- Focus wasn't "look what us certified assholes can do", rather, lets all learn stuff!
 - This approach spurs conversation, increases learning opportunity, and develops professional patrol relationships

New Business (20)

- 2025 Evaluation Locations/Dates (Tom A)
 - Marquette 2/26 - 28/2025. (Wednesday Thursday Friday???)
 - Minimize exposure to negatively affecting the paying public
- New certified areas
 - Big Powderhorn
 - HARD NO!
 - Return to Ripley in conjunction with Bohemia
 - Rick B - 2025 area qualification process

Certified Program development , Evaluation test of change

- Certified vs Certified Alpine?
 - Risk creating a schism within the group
- Development of the APP testing format
- Test selected modules as chosen by the participant?
- 3 year cycle only on ski/ride and toboggan?
 - You pass it, you keep it indefinitely.
- Open Evaluation Criteria
 - Any patroller can participate and test any module.
 - No number assigned till all modules complete
- Toboggan Skills Course evaluation change
- Certified Emeritus (Ron)
 - See emailed file