The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. K. Kostuk, Patrol Director presiding.

Present Board Members: Present Board Members: K Kostuk, S. Dawick, L. Boyd, T. Philpin,

Ronnell DeNegre, Chris Warren, B. Polio, J Rigby, R. Coffey, J Scarcella

Absent: N. Wardrop, T. Kim

Non-members: J. Barter, K. Fitzpatrick, C. Morris

**K. Kostuk, Patrol Director:** Opening comment regarding a rough start to the season due to a number of patrollers needing to quarantine secondary to possible COVID exposure. A couple of the shifts have been short due to quarantine, requests went out for additional help by Patrollers, a couple have stepped up to fill in the gaps and thank you’s have gone out to those individuals.

Minutes of December 2020 were reviewed; R. Coffey motion to accept, J. Rigby 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

**S. Dawick, Assistant P.D.:**. Super crazy year, patrollers have been bouncing around the shift schedule, updated schedule has been sent to H. Bender for posting on the website. Suggestion was made to look at the sched for the coming week, who has requested sub for their shift and a blast email could be sent out looking for additional coverage. We are struggling but we are making it. Sunday evening and Friday afternoon have the least manpower. There was also a suggestion that if manpower became an issue, a patrollers would be asked to take on an additional third shift. Scott will put together a list to be sent to K. Kostuk to be sent out via eblast.

**Treasurer Report:** L. Boyd presented report for December 2020. NSP Dues have been paid, J Rigby Motion to accept, B Polio second, all in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**1. Safety Committee:** K Fitzpatrick: Eastern Safety team has a concern regarding Sundown’s Safety Day. Advertised as having a D.J. – concerned about crowds as well as handing out stickers – cross contamination. K Kostuk will speak with management.

**2. Medical supplies/Oxygen**: B. Martin: Well stocked for the season, plenty of O2, plenty of masks that we can hand out to injured individuals if necessary.

**3. Toboggans**: N. Bird: Not present, no report

**4. Radios:** J. Cegelka: not present but K. Kostuk did receive an email from him stating he needed to replace a couple of batteries.

**5. Lift Evacuation:** C. Boyd: Not Present. No report.

**6. Nominating Committee:** J. Barter: Will be working on finding individual interested in filling Board vacancies for the coming year. Having conversations with patrollers.

**7. Building Committee:** C. Warren: Created an additional space outside of Top Shack. Thanks to D Scully, C. Boyd & J. Barter allowing time to be taken from patrol duties to work on the space. C Warren was also thanked for work done outside of Top & Bottom Shack as well as making repairs to the toboggan cart.

**8. Finance Committee:** D. Ohanesian, L. Boyd, R. Coffey, J. Scarcella. Not Present. No report.

**9. Equipment**: Empty: No Report.

**10. Food Services:** C. Morris: Well stocked for the season. Purchased 2 additional containers of disinfectant wipes.

**11. SWAP:** B. Garfield, K. Fitzpatrick, J. Segretta. – Final number not available at this time, L. Boyd has deposited 4 checks from shops, planning on working up a report comparing last years SWAP with this years.

**12. Web Site:** J Segretta Not present, No report

**13. OEC**: N. Wardrop: Not present. K Kostuk stated emails have been going around questioning the possibility of having this years candidate class get out onto the hill to continue training. It should be noted that the written test was given in December, but the skills evaluation and the final scenario evaluations were put on pause due to COVID restrictions. Inquiry was made to P. Knight regarding Eastern Divisions status for OEC training, response was nothing has changed since December. B. Polio posed a question regarding the Patrol’s on the snow requirements to become Patrollers. K Kostuk stated we want to make sure they can function on the hill in the conditions we experience during the winter ski season. C. Morris made the suggestion to have the candidates come out and shadow Patrollers on a shift to get first hand knowledge of what we do. May even have members of the crew do scenarios, keeping COVID precautions in place. R. DeNegre suggested candidates observe the Aid Room. J. Barter reminded the committee; the candidates are not OEC Technician, they are not Alpine Patrollers, they cannot treat patients, they cannot assist in treating patients, they can only observe. Biggest question is how to keep candidates safe during training. Comes down to the instructors and the candidates as to what they want to do. B Polio is committed to moving forward with on the hill OEC training. She will reach out to the Candidates and Instructors for their input.

**14. OET**: J. Barter: Division has stated that Divisional classes have been canceled for the season, however, if local patrols want to hold their own OET classes, they may do so. This season there are 11 candidates.

**15. Legal Advisor:** G. Cantwell: Not Present. No Report.

**16. Medical Advisor**: S. Goldblatt: Not Present. No Report.

**17. Scheduling:** S. Dawick: Comments in Assistant Patrol Director report.

**Old Business:**

R Coffey brought up the VAMS program that could get us vaccinated which would be beneficial to the Area. Area Management would need to petition VAMS. Patrollers in VT were going to be vaccinated since they’re considered essential.

Any issue with COVID P&P that were instituted this season? Patient screening forms have been been filled out. Out of the 22 incidents in the first week, there were only 2 missing.

**New Business:**

L Boyd made a comment regarding the purchase of, and use by Patrollers of pre-filled disposable plastic water bottles. Her concern is that they are wastefull, have a lower quality than tap water and not environmentally safe. K. Kostuk stated the purchase was due to COVID concerns by the Patrol’s Medical Advisor. Patrollers dispense water for their use, from the water jugs that are normally brought to Top Shack each day and there was a fear of cross contamination. K. Kostuk stated L. Boyd’s concerns were duly noted and would be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. C Morris stated he will not restock the current supply of bottled water once it runs out.

C.Warren questioned why there’s no skinning up on Sundown this season. K Kostuk will ask management and get an answer.

R. Coffey motion to adjourn at p.m. J. Rigby 2nd, all in favor, motion carries.

Next steering committee meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.via Zoom