



February '04 SnoJob



This month, my Article will be just like my wife Mary, Short And Sweet. This is a reprint from recent e-mails to ensure that everyone has been informed.

The Proposed Bylaws Revision has been posted to the website and is available for review .

Message from the President
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Please look them over and share your thoughts. We are a "member driven Organization" and while the Bylaws Revision Committee put an enormous amount of energy and foresight into this, YOU the membership need to be satisfied with the changes. Go forth and read!

Please send comments to:
(e-mail) MHSP@onebox.com
(snail mail) 2790 May St, Hood River, OR 97031
(personal touch) Bring printed copy to next General Meeting Feb. 9th
(verbal) The last choice, to all Council members, especially after debriefing.

The next step in the adoption process will be to go back to committee and include the new concerns in the revision and submit to Council.

After all that is completed, the Council will send out copy and notice to the membership that voting will take place at the General meeting.

Our original choice was to have the voting take place at the Feb. General Meeting, but due to timing and publication issues, the March General Meeting will need to be our voting session.

A 2/3 majority vote of those present will need to take place to ratify these amendments per our current bylaws.

AWARDS

During the next several months, we will be seeking nominations for the various awards presented to your fellow patrol members at the annual banquet in May. In addition to submission by letter of nomination to all Council members, we now have an e-mail address to electronically receive your nominations.

MHSP-AWARDS@comcast.net

The same rules apply to this new method. Simply state the award, the nominee and (briefly) the actions that merit an award. Please send it with a return address in case we need additional info..

See you on the slopes, Bill

February General Meeting
February 9, 2004
Meeting Starts @ 7:00 PM
Athey Creek School
In This Issue
Bylaw Changes

Bylaws Revision

At the March general meeting we will be voting on the first revisions to be made to the bylaws in over ten years. While every member is encouraged to read the new bylaws in their entirety, here is a summary of the changes thus far proposed. If you have comments they may be sent to mhsp@onebox.com or brought, in writing, to the February General Meeting.

Vice-President Report

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Article II – Definitions

Changes definitions for Patroller and Associate members to Hill Patroller and Associate Patroller members.

Adds definition for Nordic Patroller members.

Article III – Membership

Adds membership category for Nordic Patrollers

Makes training certification requirements more generic to accommodate changes in first aid and other certification without requiring future bylaws amendments.

Expulsion section re-written to add an option for immediate expulsion of a member and to make the hearing process clearer.

Article IV – Meetings

Removes specific day of the month from the specification for general meetings.

Adds specification that Robert's Rules of Order 10th edition shall be used for all meetings.

Article V – Officers and Executive Council

Adds the voting position of Nordic Director to the Executive Council.

Changes the qualification for office to being active for the previous three years instead of any consecutive three years.

Adds provision for absentee ballots at the election of officers. Absentee ballots must be requested in writing, returned prior to the election and may not count in a run-off if cast for a candidate not qualifying for the run-off.

Specifies that voting will be conducted separately for each office with the results announced before the election for the next office.

Specifies the procedures for run-off balloting in case of a tie or lack of clear majority.

Specifies that a member leaving the meeting before the completion of the elections forfeits their opportunity to vote in any run-offs or subsequent elections.

Amends duties of Treasurer to include responsibilities for audits and requirement to obtain council approval for changing investments or bank accounts.

Article IV – Authority to Act and Fiscal Management

This is a new section describing the Council's authorization to spend patrol monies and to enter into contracts.

Article IX – Dissolution and Winding Up

Adds a "housekeeping" section to deal with potential dissolution of the organization and distribution of the assets. This is a formality required for some grants and fundraising.

Red, White or Blue?

Exactly what color uniforms should the Associates be expected to wear? Should the Patrol allocate more money towards sleds or radios? How many days per year should a Patroller be expected to volunteer? Do you think the Patrol should put more emphasis on First-Aid skills and less on skiing ability? What is the big deal about amending the By-Laws and how will it affect me?

Senior Trustee Report

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If you have the answer to any of these questions or would like to influence the outcome of such decisions than you need to contact either Kat Moore, Royal Henkle, Don "let 'err buck" Anstine, Steve "Giant" Knauss or myself as we need to get your name on the ballot for our upcoming elections. Seriously, over the next couple of years *your Council* is going to make a number of such decisions that will directly impact your level and or degree of involvement with the Ski Patrol, so you might as well get involved in the process.

Our annual election of officers is scheduled for the second Monday in April, and I will begin the process of soliciting nominations from the floor at our February General Membership meeting. Additionally, nominations of any active member in good standing that has served for three (3) consecutive years can also be submitted in writing. Virtually every position on the Council (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Patrol Chief and Associated Director) is subject to "challenge", while we still have a mandatory obligation to elect a subsequent First-Aid Chief and Junior Trustee as due to term limits both individuals tenure's terminate at the end of this ski season.

If you'd like to hear more about anyone of the Council positions or to throw your name into the "cap", you thought I was going to say hat didn't you.... please contact myself or anyone of the previously mentioned Nomination Committee members and we'll be happy to fill you in on the associated benefits of assuming a more proactive role in the future of *your* Patrol.

Keep your tips up....

New T-Shirt

Make room in your closet for this year's MHSP t-shirt. The shirts are white this year and you have the option of choosing short sleeve or long sleeve. The cost is \$10 and \$15 respectively. Look for Peggy O'Leary or Brett Bender at the General Meetings in February, March and April to order one. Cash is preferred. You can also purchase a shirt at Fun Day on April 24, 2004. Feel free to email Ian Malkasian at ian-mal@mac.com with questions.



Nordic Patrolling is in full swing, covering trails, special events and SAR callouts. On Saturday, January 17th the Nordic Patrol covered "REI Days" at White River. With 5 patrolers, a trauma sled and pack, we came early and prepared. At about 2pm, a case was reported 1 mile up the canyon (blown knee, very large person). Eric Holstrom quickly located the patient and did preliminary care, AK and Megan Helzerman hauled in the sled, Jeff talked on the phone (to the Hood River County Sheriff) and David Jun, positioned high in the canyon, came to assist. The evacuation went well (thank God for gravity - see photo). At the same time, Todd Burwell was helping two lost snowboarders, via cell phone, find their way down to Govy. We also mobilized for two other SAR callouts, both terminating with the subjects coming out after dark. Everyone is doing a great job, but there are still gaps in patroller coverage. For all Nordics – please get on the hill if at all possible. The public is counting on us being there and coming through.

Nordic News
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Greetings all! I hope the winter is going well for you! This month I would like to again express my thanks to all the **apprentices** who are putting forth so much effort this season. For the Associate Apprentices and the Associate Supervisors, please pay special attention to Akana Ma's recent e-mail to you regarding apprentice training (thanks, Akana!). By following through with his suggestions we can all help ensure that this will be a productive year of great value. For all Associate Patrollers, please be sure to complete your **first responder update** this module. This is an important part of keeping these critical skills fresh in our minds. Finally, please take a few minutes to carefully review the proposed by-laws revisions so that you will be well-prepared to vote on them.

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As always, feel free to contact me with any comments, suggestions, or questions you may have.

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY.

The **Snojob** is available for patroller comments on a space available basis. If you would like to submit an article, please follow these simple rules:

- Submit in MS Word format (Arial 10pt please).
- Resist the desire to be creative with graphics (simple is better for downloading).
- Send article to MHSP Secretary (ckdk@comcast.net) and the Editor (rchenkle@hotmail.com).

Submitted articles will be published on a first come first serve basis if space permits. You will be notified if your article will not appear in the next newsletter.

Sno News Is Good News

To: All Patrollers
From: Your Golf Benefit Committee
Date: January 2004
Subject: 8th Annual Mt. Hood Search & Rescue Golf Benefit (September 12, 2004) at the Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club Silent Auction and Raffle

The Golf Benefit Committee would like to provide each member with an easy opportunity to significantly contribute to the patrol we all love so much. Those of us that work on the golf tournament, to help fund the great things that you do, need a little help. Part of this event is a silent auction and raffle. We would greatly appreciate any help that you would give by donating or soliciting a donation to the auction and/or raffle. Items that "sell the best" include the following:

Vacations get-a-ways to the beach, mountains, etc.
Ski and/or Golf packages
Local Hotel & Restaurant packages
Event tickets
Frequent Flyer Miles to match up with other great vacations packages
Items that you would like of value greater than \$500
Anything else you think others would like of any value

Just think, if each of you were to get just one great item from someone you know, or with whom you do business, it would make this year's fundraiser the best ever. The 2003 John Keyes Memorial Golf Benefit raised over \$25,000. We would like to increase that by 50% this year and with each of you helping just a little, we can make it. Our Sustainability Committee has been developing some fantastic strategic plans to make our patrol and facilities better than ever. The money we raise through this tournament will help all of us reach our goals. This is also a great time to solicit these items since many companies' fiscal year starts in January and they have yet to expend all their budgeted donations. Wait-

ing too long will not give us the results we need.

Thanks to all of you who give so much already. Paraphrasing Jerry McGuire: "**Help Us Help You!**"

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Joel Stevens

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