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At Base Camp

Your Mountaineering Section at Work

The results of the mail ballot on the proposal to require MS members to belong to PATC were tallied April 9th at club headquarters. Thirty-seven percent of the section members eligible to vote returned their ballots. The vote was better than three to one in favor of the proposal.

Accordingly, as current memberships lapse (January 1, 1975) MS members must become members of the PATC. The PATC has reduced the first year's dues for new PATC members who are already MS members to \$5.00, a reduction of \$5.00. There is still a \$5.00 application fee. There will no longer be dues to be paid to the MS. Accordingly, next January, your annual dues notice will include a PATC application, and will ask for \$10.00. It should be noted that PATC does have a junior membership classification. For those twenty and under, dues will be \$4.00, with no application fee. Also, there is a special husband and wife membership classification. The spouse's dues are reduced by \$5.00, and there is no application fee for the spouse.

John Birch and Greg Christopoulos are preparing a report on the effects these changes in the membership rules will have on the financial structure of the section. They will also make recommendations for easing the transition in January. They will appreciate your suggestions.

A very fruitful meeting was held at Joan Templeton's on Friday, April 5. Joan's committee is preparing a new, up-to-date directory of MS members. The new directory is almost ready, but we need a few more names and addresses before Joan can type the final copy for the printer. Judy Frank, Tony Gray, Joe Ney, Joe Nolte, where are you? If anyone has a current address for any of these people, please call or write Joan Templeton, 3903 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Md. 20906, (H) 933-2174. (W) 443-3390.