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Belay Ledge

SENECA ROCKS ACCIDENT

On Sunday, June 5 1983, Brian Garrity of Hartford, CT, was leading out on the first pitch of Conn's East (5.4), when he got off route and found himself on much harder rock somewhere in the vicinity of Soler. He lost his grip and fell. The topmost piece of protection held only long enough to turn Brian upside down before it failed, allowing him to fall about 40', hitting a ledge head first, on the way down. After dangling at the end of his rope a few seconds, head down, Brian got himself turned upright, but then found himself in serious trouble. He was bleeding considerably from cuts on his head and face, and needed to get off the wall as quickly as possible; however, his climbing rope had gotten jammed and his belayer, John Gorde of New York, was unable to lower Brian down.

Lin Murphy and Parker Hill rushed to the fallen climber's aid and began the rescue operations. Parker rappelled down to the injured man, while Lin lowered another rope and set up an anchor for lowering the climber to Broadway Ledge. After tying a new rope to the accident victim, Lin gently lowered Brian, while Parker assisted, preventing further injury.

On Broadway Ledge, Sallie Greenwood began administering first aid, while others went to notify the authorities and obtain a Stokes litter from the Gendarme. Others, including our local area climbers James Eakin, Kathy Rebibo, and Chip (don't recall his last name at the moment), set up the

necessary anchors and pulleys for lowering the Stokes litter.

The victim was then transported down to Roy Gap Road where he was placed in a vehicle and taken to a hospital in Petersburg. Later it was learned that Brian's skull had been fractured and he was evacuated by a helicopter to a trauma center in Cumberland, MD.

I was greatly impressed by the performance of the rescuers, most of whom are from the Washington metropolitan area. The most noteworthy were Lin Murphy, Parker Hill, and Sallie Greenwood, whose quick, decisive actions helped prevent further injury -- or even death -- to the unfortunate fellow climber. I am extremely proud to be a part of a group which includes people such as Sallie, Lin, and Parker.

Pete Grant.

At Base Camp

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PATC MOUNTAINEERING SECTION, MAY 11, 1983.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Wagner, Chairman, at 8:10 P.M.

Joe Wagner announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be at Charlie Dorian's on June 1, and the next regular meeting on June 8.

Reporting on the PATC Executive Committee meeting, Joe also announced that land at Bull Run is being offered for sale to

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MOUNTAINEERING SECTION ACTIVITIES

The MS holds meetings at PATC headquarters (1718 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC) the second Wednesday of each month except August. There is a brief business session followed by a slide show, film, or other type of entertainment. Sunday trips to nearby climbing areas are sponsored on most weekends. Check the Climber's Calendar on back of this publication for scheduled trips. Weekend and longer trips are also scheduled periodically. Sunday trips are usually to areas where there are a complete range of top rope climbs; however, we ask that each participant has had some training or experience prior to the trip. Weekend trips are usually for lead climbers and experienced seconds only, and everyone is responsible for finding his or her own climbing partner.

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PATC (25 acres at \$1,000.00 per acre) but there does not appear to be a means of financing such a purchase at this time.

Marcie Logan reported on a recent trip to Nelson House. She said that it is basically in good shape, but needs repainting and a broken window replaced. She will be trying to organize a work trip for July.

After the announcements the meeting was opened for new business.

A motion that the Mountaineering Section maintain its own treasury in addition to the 1983 PATC budget allocation which will not be sought starting in 1984; that dues for 1983 may be waived for any Section member who is also a PATC life member was made by Charlie Dorian and seconded by Dave Atkinson. After some discussion the motion was amended by Don Barnett and seconded by Pete Grant. The amendment failed to pass. A tie vote (7 to 7) was broken by the Chairman, Joe Wagner. A motion to table the original motion was made by Harold Goldstein and seconded by Bill Stem, but was defeated. A second motion to amend passed by a vote of 10 to 1. The amended motion: That the Mountaineering Section maintain its own membership, collect dues for 1983 and maintain its own treasury in addition to the 1983 PATC budget allocation which in principle we do not expect to seek starting in 1984; that dues for 1983 may be waived for any Section member who is also a PATC life member, passed by a vote of 13 to 2.

A second motion: That new membership be granted without sponsorship upon written application and payment of annual dues, passed.

A third motion: That members (individuals and couples) living outside the greater Washington Metropolitan area may request non-resident membership status and shall pay two-thirds of annual dues; that joint/family memberships shall cost regular annual dues plus two-thirds for each additional member, also passed.

A fourth motion: That Up Rope be available through membership only except for copies to be used for publicity, exchange and good will, passed 10 to 8. Two amendments were proposed, but both were defeated.

A fifth motion: That annual dues be \$15.00, passed.

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A sixth motion: That the Mountaineering Section By-laws be amended by changing and adding as submitted in proposals 1-9, dealing with selection of officers, duties of officers, duties of executive and standing committees, honorary membership, parliamentary authority and reflecting affirmative votes for previous motions 1 through 5, was made by Charlie Dorian. There was considerable discussion regarding proposal 5 on selection of officers. Harold Goldstein and others pointed out that many Mountaineering Section members would object to not being able to vote for the President of the Section unless they were also members of PATC. The motion passed as written when Joe Wagner broke an 8 to 8 tie by voting in favor of the motion.

A final motion was made that the Executive Committee be charged with looking into the objection voiced by Harold Goldstein and others, and present some alternative suggestions to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. followed by a slide program presented by Bud Keith on a proposed 1984 Everest Expedition.

Justine H. Carson, Secretary

Chairman's Corner

Proposals to make the Mountaineering Section financially self-reliant and to define its own membership were approved at the Section meeting on May 11. Also adopted were annual dues of \$15/year, starting in 1983, and several changes to the by-laws concerning officers and committees. I want to thank for the support these proposals received and hope that members who opposed some of the changes will continue to help the Section with their contributions.

As reported in last month's issue (April/May, p.2) you will continue to receive UP ROPE; however, you need to fill out the application form below and mail it to us together with the appropriate dues payment before September 1.

If you live outside the greater Washington metropolitan area and do not regularly attend Section meetings and participate in MS activities, you may register as a non-resident member. If payment of the full amount causes hardship, please see me. If you are an MS honorary member or a PATC life member, payment of dues for 1983 may be waived upon request.

If all Section members pay their dues, we hope to survive 1983. Joe Wagner.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE MOUNTAINEERING SECTION, PLEASE FILL OUT REGISTRATION FORM BELOW, AND MAIL IT TO US TOGETHER WITH YOUR SECTION DUES.

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Annual dues:
Individual, \$15.00
Family/joint membership
\$15.00 + 10.00/member
Non-resident, \$10.00

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/REINSTATEMENT

(Check one)

Name _____
(If couple or family, give full name of all)

Address _____

Telephone-Home _____ Work _____

Occupation _____ Date of birth _____
(Persons under 21 years)

Member of PATC ? Yes

I wish to join/rejoin the PATC Mountaineering Section and will support its objectives.

Date _____ Signature _____

Registered by Secretary on _____ Initial dues of \$ _____ received.

Climber's Calendar

July 10	Hermitage, PA	James Eakin	598-6047
July 13	Monthly Meeting	Program: "The Shield (El Cap)" by Tony Rickert.	
July 17	Annapolis Rocks	TBA	
July 24	Great Falls, VA	TBA	
July 31	Crescent Rocks	TBA	
Aug 7	Bull Run	TBA	
Aug 10	Please note: there's no August meeting!		
Aug 14	Little Stony Man, VA	Pete Grant	960-6033
Aug 21	Sugarloaf, MD	TBA	
Aug 28	Annapolis Rocks, MD	Pete Grant	960-6033
Sep 3-5	Shawangunks, NY	TBA	
Sep 7	Executive Committee Mtg	Joe Wagner	966-6379
Sep 11	Great Falls, VA	TBA	
Sep 14	Monthly meeting	8:00 P.M., PATC Headqrts Program: "Western Climbing -- Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming" with James Eakin.	

For trip information, call the leader or Charlie Dorian (H: 946-2373; W: 893-5900). Day trips are to top-rope climbing areas. Weekend trips (designated by *) are to lead climbing areas -- please arrange for your own climbing partner.

Trip leaders needed. Please contact Charlie Dorian if you would like to volunteer.

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