

Patrollers optimistic deal will be struck before ski season

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When the Canyons Professional Ski Patrol Association sat down with Vail Resorts to negotiate this spring, Pete Earle, president of the association, was hopeful a deal would be struck before the ski season ended.

But, for a number of reasons, the two sides were not able to come to an agreement. And since several of the negotiators for the association – which is a member of the union chapter United Professional Ski Patrols of America and has long patrolled the ski area that is now known as Canyons Village at Park City – were out of town over the summer, the parties agreed to table discussions and reconvene this fall.

This summer's merging of Canyons Resort and Park City Mountain Resort was one factor that muddied the negotiations, as the sides were uncertain how that would affect the association, Earle said.

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