



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

2011 Winter Rocky Mountain Region of the MRA Meeting Minutes

Frisco, Colorado, December 3rd, 2011

19:04: Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Alpine, Atalaya (by proxy), Douglas, El Paso, Grand (by phone), Larimer (by phone), Aspen (by phone), RMR, Routt (by phone), Summit, Vail

Secretary:

Previous Minutes:

- Motion: Greg Foley: To approve 2011 summer meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Tim Hayden. Motion passed.

Treasurer:

- Contacted national MRA. Did not get a report from them.
- Mechanism for regional funds: Monies are donated to the national MRA in the name of the regional MRA. National holds assets for regions (cash) as a line item in the budget, then reimburses region when expenditure is made.

Regional Chair:

- Troy spoke with MRA president about getting money for website from national. Who suggested to bring it up for discussion at national MRA meeting.
- Encouraged all teams to attend or send proxies for national meeting.

Vice Chair:

- Email List:
 - Regional email list has switched to Google groups, old group will be terminated 1st Jan. Instructions on how to sign up on regional website.
 - One component of good standing requirement is for teams to have at least 3 members on this email list, one of which must be a current board member.
 - Teams must also submit their team roster for good standing.
 - **Action:** Email to be sent out to region reminding of good standing next year.
- 800 MHz DTR – State Radio



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- A fee is being introduced in Colorado (on 1st Jan 2012) for the DTR system. \$100 if team owns own 800 MHz radios. If a team owns their own talk group, same fee.
- Very simple to get own 800 MHz talk group. 20 minutes paper work, \$100.
- If team 800MHz radios are owned by the Sheriffs Office then the SO get the bill. Otherwise the SAR team will get the bill.
- New Talk group for CSRB on 800 – CSRB-OPS1
- Narrow band compliance coming. Teams should check their status.
- Questions to Joe Ben.
- Recertification's:
 - Vail and El Paso passed recertification this year.
 - Joe Ben: Motion to recommend El Paso and Vail as having passed their reaccreditations. 2nd: Tom wood. Motion Passed.
 - Crested Butte did not recertify this year. Regional board reached out a number of times to try to coordinate an appropriate recertification date.
 - Steve Zuckerman: Motion to recommend that Crested Butte become an associate member. 2nd: Bill Clendenning. Motion Passed.
 - Crested Butte can approach national MRA an appeal this.
 - There will be no recommendation to national to keep CB SAR fully accredited. Means they will drop to associate membership.
 - 2012 Recertifications:
 - Albuquerque: March 10 – 11
 - Atalaya: April 14th, 15th
 - Aspen: June 2nd, 3rd
 - A lot of first time lead evaluators candidates wanting to be lead evaluators.

Old Business:

- New website up and running. BOD will have ability to change content.
- Request for changes to website should go through the secretary.

New Business

- Bylaws/Policy Committee: BOD Financial Support:
 - Drafted a document for bylaw changes to introduce regional dues
 - Questions: Do we want them and how much should they be?
 - Summit: Will associates and ex-officio pay? A: If ex-officio/associates wants to vote then they will have to pay.
 - Summit: Cap on dues?



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- Rocky MRA contribute \$8- 9K out of \$30,000 of national MRA. We can ask national to support annual funds (website, recert supplies. Conference travel) out of national dues by teams.
- **Action: Joe Ben:** Discussion item (with John Chang?) at national conference in January. Ask national MRA for 20% of what the region contributes.
- Greg Foley: Suggest to go to California region and do a joint proposal.
- June meeting: Is where a bylaw proposal could be presented.
- **Action: Woody:** Need to identify in national bylaws where verbage would be inserted.
- To simplify process, region could submit receipts once per year only.
- No one knows of any other region collecting dues. Possible that national bylaws state that a region cannot collect dues.
- Every region team could make a donation to the rocky mountain region MRA.
- National dues pay for national directors to travel.
- Will need to add policy to the effect of dates when invoices can be sent in, and expectations on when that will be reimbursed. Possible policy: region encourages all teams to donate \$100 per year for the rocky mountain region to the national MRA.
- **Action: Foley:** re-word a policy change to suggest donations to national.
- Other teams:
 - Mesa, Garfield and Custer teams have talked to accredited teams about associate membership.
 - Benefits: Accreditations, depth and breadth of experience to help teams develop. regional list communications.
 - Fremont and Mineral counties have also discussed associate membership.
 - Invite them to re-accreditations when they become associate members (\$150) they get to come.
 - CSRB and MRA do a lot of work (including maintain DOLA funding which is available to all teams).
 - Approach Sheriffs association? Fact sheet to this sheriff association. Needs to be tailored to this audience. Parallel the MRA to what they know.
 - California region has been going through this. Suggested to contact California region to see if they have any material.
 - CSRB goes to Sheriff conference to talk about CSRB. Week of Jan 4-5-6. FAQs



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- Why should my team join MRA?
- Why should my team become accredited.
- What does the accreditation mean (standards, sharing of ideas, mutual aid).
- Phone number... email to ask questions.
- Does MRA have this info?
- Web page: Fact sheet -> link. Explain the benefits
- **Action:** Dan Lack to contact California, Bruce, others and put some material together.
- Future reaccreditations: One of Routt, Alpine, Grand or Douglas need to move up 1 year in reaccreditation schedule.

Elections:

- Candidates:
 - Chair: Dan Lack: RMR
 - Vice Chair: Joe Ben Slivka: Summit
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Loren Pfau: Alpine
 - Director at Large (*2): Steve Zuckerman Vail, Troy Nelson Grand, Leigh Caswell
- Motion: Bill Clendenning: Moved that Dan Lack be accepted as regional chair for 2 year term. 2nd Tom Wood. Motion Passes.
- Motion: Greg Foley: Moved that Joe Ben be accepted as regional vice chair for 1 year term . 2nd Bill Clendenning. Motion passes
- Motion: Joe Ben Slivka: Moved that Loren Pfau be accepted as secretary/treasurer. 1 year term. 2nd Greg Foley. Motion passes.
- By secret ballot Steve Zuckerman and Leigh Caswell elected director at large.

21:04: Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Dan Lack. 2011

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