

MRA Region meeting minutes – Loren Pfau

Saturday, December 7, 2013

1:19 PM

Summer meeting minutes: Approved

Discussion of teams seeking MRA Membership

Chair recommended teams seeking to join the MRA start as Associate Members and then move on to Regular Member status as they gain some experience within the Region.

Interested teams:

- La Plata
- Fremont
- Garfield
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- Custer
- Ouray

Provide Regional MRA contacts to teams interested in joining

- Chair should coordinate introductions between interested teams and current MRA-accredited teams so that new teams have a sponsor team to work with

Discussion on current 3 team per year A/R Exercise schedule

- The region currently has 13 Teams that have to go through the A/R Exercise every 5 years. If the Region gets more than 15 Regular Member teams, then having 4 or 5 a year becomes a bigger challenge for the Region to support; if we add more teams we need to reassess the current process for running reaccreditations

2014 reaccreditation schedule:

Western State	4/12-4/13
Larimer	4/26-4/27
Grand	5/17-5/18

RMR Flood Support

- Thanks from RMR and Larimer for other team support
- 3500 man-hours - half from other teams
- FEMA didn't know how to use MRA teams
 - Lack understanding of Mtn SAR skills
 - Approach urban SAR taskforce in CO to get a dialog going on how MRA teams can support future disasters
 - Didn't know what to do with us - maybe set up under Ops as a group or branch vs being assigned to a Division
 - Will share after action report with Region

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Region Contribution Policy

- Drafted to explain how the funds can be used / controlled for use
- Woody, Tim and Chad drafted
- Check endorsement at National level may be an issue. Language may want to exclude using the “-RMR” on checks as this could cause a deposit to be rejected. Rather should note designation for Region funds in the memo section of checks
 - Chad to ask Kayley Bell if this is acceptable
 - Region BoD should propose a budget for use of funds each year

MRA-NASAR-CSR National SAR conference - 2015 National Conference

Will take place in May or June; Howard Paul asked Region for their support in making a case for the Conference to be held in Colorado

- Motion for joint sponsorship across organizations, with RMR MRA playing a role in coordinating
 - Strong support for bringing the Conference to Colorado
- Chad made motion, Dan seconded, unanimous
- MRA cohost conference with Regional support
- Howard Paul authorized by BoD to put together a proposal for NASAR and MRA Winter meetings indicating Region support

High Angle Scenario – Greg Foley (discussion item)

Can we do an accreditation without requiring a mid-wall litter load?

National require?

Alternatives?

Discussion centered around what we as a Region want to do. Consensus seemed to be there was flexibility in the National requirements so that something other than a mid-wall load may be acceptable if that alternative is the testing team’s protocol. Agreed we can’t change for 2014 but Region to research.

Action: Have Steve Zuckerman form a working group to inquire on scenarios and opinions from regional teams as to approach on this requirement going forward.

RMR MRA SAR Museum

Paul Woodward shared Alpine’s vision of creating a Colorado Mountain Rescue History Center Alpine is looking into funding options for building a secure facility to house artifacts from our collective mountain rescue history. Asked teams to think about what items they may have that they would like preserved and held safe for the future. Alpine will update the Region as its discussions with benefactors progress.

Election of 2014 Board

Chad Edwards (El Paso) and Brian Stuebe (Alpine) selected as Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

Alison Sheets (RMRG) and Greg Foley (Grand) selected as Delegates.

Spring Meeting Date and Location

Grand volunteers to host during their recert. Meeting to take place on 17 May.

Meeting Attendees

Team	Name	Voting?
Alpine	Howard Paul	N
Douglas	Bruce Fosdick	Y
Larimer	George Janson	Y
Grand	Tim Smith	Y
El Paso	Tim Hayden	Y
El Paso	Chad Edwards	N
Western	Chris Mackie	Y
Park	Kathy Strueke	N
Park	Ron Brunges	N
Larimer	Lee Lang	N
Larimer	Russell Giese	N
Alpine	Paul Woodward	Y
RMRG	Dan Lack	Y
Fremont	Pat Canfield	N
Fremont	Forrest Borre	N
Alpine	Brian Stuebe	N
Douglas	Paul Ashton	N
Alpine	Loren Pfau	N

Published Agenda:

Rocky Mountain Region MRA – Winter Meeting

7 December 2014 @ 1PM

Location: Alpine Rescue Team "Shack" – intersection of I-70 and Evergreen Parkway

Conference Dial-in Number: [\(712\) 432-1500](tel:7124321500)

Participant Access Code: 262489#

Agenda Items:

- Approve meeting minutes from May meeting in Summit – Loren Pfau
- RMRG-led discussion of support during the September floods – Dan Lack
- 2014 reaccreditation schedule:
 - Western State 4/19-4/20
 - Larimer 4/26-4/27
 - Grand 5/17-5/18
- Region Contribution Policy – Chad Edwards
- Garfield County Region membership discussion – Dan Lack
- Possible joint MRA/NASAR/CSRB National SAR Conference on the Front Range – Howard Paul
- High Angle Rescue Scenario Discussion – Greg Foley
- Alpine proposal to create a Rocky Mountain Region MRA SAR museum – Paul Woodward
- Election of 2014 Board members (Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Director at Large (2))
- Set tentative time and location for Spring meeting

2014 Candidates:

Chair:

- Chad Edwards (El Paso)

Secretary / Treasurer:

- Brian Stuebe (Alpine)

Director at Large (2):

- Pete Mayhak (Alpine)
- Alison Sheets (RMR)
- Greg Foley (Grand)

