



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

Board Action
24 August 2014

Authorization of the Purchase of Supplies for Reaccreditations:

- Moved by Brian Stuebe and Seconded by Chad Edwards that the board authorize the purchase of the reaccreditation supplies suggested by Woody, not to exceed the amount of \$250
- The motion passed unanimously with the following board members voting via email:
 - Chad Edwards, Greg Foley, Alison Sheets, Brian Stuebe and Steve Zuckerman

Summer Regional Meeting Minutes

17 May 2014, 1900
Winter Park Mountain Lodge, 81699 U.S. Hwy 40, Winter Park
Minutes recorded by Brian Stuebe

Regular Member Region Teams Attending:

- Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Alpine Rescue Team, Mountain Rescue Aspen Inc., Douglas County Search and Rescue, El Paso County Search and Rescue, Grand County Search and Rescue, Larimer County Search & Rescue, Inc., Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, Routt County Search and Rescue, Vail Mountain Rescue Group

Associate Member Region Teams Attending:

- Chaffee County North, Fremont, Mesa, Park County Search and Rescue Team

Guests Attending:

- Fremont County, Mesa County

Role call performed and a quorum was in attendance.

Winter meeting minutes: Moved by Alison to approve amended winter meeting minutes. Seconded by Greg. Passed unanimously.

Discussion on A/R attendance and expanding MRA team numbers:

- Greg expressed that it is a conundrum. Evaluation teams are generally large now and region growth will increase those numbers; however, it is important to have observers.
- George agreed about importance of not burning out regular attenders and having too many teams accrediting in a given year. How to maintain testing standards and not overwhelm testing team.
- Potential problem in bringing on new, qualified evaluators if we have to limit attendance.
- Suggestion on allocating evaluators/observers to various parts of the scenario (Grotheer/Mangnum)
- Growing teams might spread out participation.
- Possibly use technology to broadcast some of the evaluation (GoPro)
- Decided to create a task force to come up with options:
 - George Janson -- To ping the region
 - Bob Feroldi
 - Scott Messina



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Consider committee and objectives for high angle reaccreditation scenario options:

- Greg brought up topic at last meeting. Consider guidelines of high angle (keep status quo, change). There has been no effort to this date since last meeting.
- Discussion on benefits and cons of current standard/process especially considering litter loading.
- Committee: Greg Foley (lead), Andrew Simmons, Bob Feroldi, Tim Hayden, Peter Mangnum, Alison Sheets to discuss various ideas.
- Possibly put written reaccreditation scenarios on website
- Look at National Ski Patrol system

Discussion on national statistics collection (ESRI):

- Point of Contact for each team to get a login for ESRI. Teams need to decide on who is the contact for each team.
- Statistics are to be collected by mission versus aggregate.
- Brian Stuebe to acquire teams point of contact information for this to try to coordinate how it is done.

NASAR/MRA 2015 Conference Update:

- Region is to support CSRB and NASAR with site selection, instructor selection, off-site training locations and activities.
- Site has not been selected yet.
- Will be in Colorado.
- Combination of NASAR/CSRB/MRA involved.

Fremont Membership:

- Sent dues and roster to national MRA.
- Chad moves that the region presents Fremont County's Associate membership at the next National meeting. Seconded by Greg. Passed unanimous.
- Fremont is planning on full accreditation in two years.
- El Paso and Douglas will be sponsors.

Other Teams of Interest:

- Garfield approached Chad and National. Looking to move forward with Associate membership. Aiming for winter meeting.
- La Platte. Chad tried to contact them but has not received a response.
- Mesa. Frank James looking at getting the process started.
- Mineral. Chad contacted by Sheriff of county. Chad will send them information. Need to determine their category based off whether they are non profit or not.
- Park. Currently associate members. Looking for accreditation in two years. Would like to see a plan. Need a sponsoring team.
- Chaffee. Currently associate member. Will get with Chad for a two year plan. Would like to do high angle next Spring.



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- Teton. Communication is poor at the moment.

Other Items:

- MRA/NASAR conference in New Jersey
 - Grand, Alpine, Larimer, Douglas are sending representatives.
 - Letters of proxy should be sent to a representative.
 - Chad moves that Tom Wood be the regional representative to the national meeting with George Janson as backup. Seconded by Greg Foley. Passed unanimously.
 - Chad will write a letter authorizing Tom as official representative.

Greg Foley moves to adjourn. Seconded by Alison Sheets. Adjourn at 2030.

Attendees:

Name	Team
Scott Messina	Aspen
Alison Sheets	RMRG
Joe Weinmeister	Chaffee
Hans Albrick	Chaffee
Bob Feroldi	Alpine
Frank James	Mesa
Mike Verbit	Larimer
Eric Cheldelin	Douglas
TJ Pizani	Fremont
Tim Hayden	El Paso
Chad Edwards	El Paso
Greg Foley	Grand
Scott Grotheer	Alpine
Ann Marie Cooper	Vail
Peter Mangnum	Aspen
George Janson	Larimer
Andrew Simmons	Albuquerque
Andreas Schmitt-Sody	Albuquerque
Michael Boatwright	Routt
Brian Stuebe	Alpine
Nick Sealy	Park