



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

Winter Regional Meeting Minutes

12 December 2015, 13:05

Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, 3720 Walnut St, Boulder CO 80301

Minutes recorded by Brian Stuebe

Regular Member Region Teams Attending:

- Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council (via telephone), Alpine Rescue Team, Mountain Rescue Aspen Inc. (via telephone), Douglas County Search and Rescue, El Paso County Search and Rescue, Grand County Search and Rescue, Larimer County Search & Rescue, Inc. (via telephone), Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, Western Mountain Rescue Team (via telephone)

Associate Member Region Teams Attending:

- Fremont Search and Rescue

Guests Attending:

- None

Meeting was called to order at 13:05

Role call performed and a quorum was in attendance.

Spring meeting minutes:

Greg Foley moved to approve the Spring meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Tim Hayden. Approved unanimously.

2015 Reaccreditation Report:

Greg Foley provided the report. Two teams went through the testing in 2015, Alpine Rescue Team and Douglas County Search and Rescue. Both teams passed and have certificates. There were two new lead evaluators. We should continue to bring in new evaluators. Routt was scheduled to test in 2015. They cancelled their test in May and did not reschedule.

Confirmation of Accreditation/Reaccreditation Dates for 2016:

Greg Foley went over the accreditation and reaccreditation dates for 2016. These dates are confirmed.

- Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council : 5,6 March 2016
- El Paso County Search and Rescue : 23, 24 April 2016
- Vail Mountain Rescue Group : 30 April, 1 May 2016
- Fremont Search and Rescue : 14, 15 May 2016

Fremont Search and Rescue will need to go through a table top exercise with a small group of evaluators prior to their accreditation exercises. This is not a pass/fail exercise. It is intended to get to know them and figure out their policies, safety margins, etc. It needs to be prior to the reaccreditation but can be the night before. Greg has talked with Fremont about this requirement.

Discussion About the Status of Routt County SAR:

There are some rumblings from Routt about dissatisfaction with membership in MRA. They are having issues with reduced membership. They have around 20-25 members currently. Greg Foley talked to the Routt County SAR president, Chad Bowdry, at the MRA Conference in the Spring and they



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discussed the options for Routt. Greg contacted them again by email a couple of weeks ago. The response from Routt had two main points. First, they have membership issues and don't feel that they would be ready to test. Second, they would prefer it if the MRA was more of a training and education organization. Greg Foley has provided opportunities but they will just let their membership in the MRA expire.

Summit County Avalanche Seminar:

Mitch Painovich provided a report about the Avalanche Seminar that the Summit County Rescue Group is putting on. The seminar will be 20, 21 February 2016. It will be \$100/person. Further information is on their website. The seminar will be on Fremont Pass on Sunday the 21st for the field portion of the training. There is money from the Colorado Rapid Avalanche Deployment (CRAD) to help.

Message from Skeet Glatterer:

Chad Edwards passed on a message from Skeet. Skeet is a national MRA Director At Large. Skeet communicated some of the activities of national MRA Board. Skeet offered to pass along any comments and ideas that the Rocky Mountain Region gives to him.

Reaccreditation Supplies:

This is a follow up on a discussion in the Spring about purchasing supplies for accreditation/reaccreditation exercises. Chad Edwards asked Scott Messina about transceiver dummies. Scott will provide a plan for transceiver dummies to the board.

Email Group for the Region Board:

Greg would like to reestablish a Rocky Mountain Region Board email group. There was one in the past but we have not been able to get ownership to that group. Greg has attempted to contact the owner. Greg believes that the archival aspects of the email group will be useful to future boards and would like to create a new group. This will allow future board members to view previous emails and see what was discussed.

Report on Region Finances:

Brian Stuebe reported that the region has \$2664.48. The region is close to the cutoff point where teams will not need to send in dues. It will depend on how much is spent in 2016.

Status on Fremont:

Bruce Fosdick asked Fremont on how they were doing in their preparations for reaccreditation. Fremont indicated that they were progressing and felt that they would be ready.

Rocky Mountain Region List server:

Chad Edwards recommends that we clean up the region email group so that region issues can be cleaned up with some privacy. His suggestion is to send out a message to have people reconfirm their team affiliation or be dropped from the list. There would be plenty of warning for people to maintain their membership in the email group.

Elections:

Chad Edwards asked if there were any objections to performing the election by acclamation since none of the positions are contested. There were no objections to holding the election by acclamation.

Moved by Chad Edwards that Alison Sheets become the Chair of the Rocky Mountain Region by acclamation. Seconded by Tim Hayden. There were no objections. Alison Sheets will become Chair on 1 January 2016.

The Vice-Chair carries on for a second year.



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Chad Edwards asked for nominations for the Secretary-Treasurer position since nobody was previously nominated. Bruce Fosdick nominated Brian Stuebe for the position and Brian Stuebe accepted the nomination. Moved by Chad Edwards that Brian Stuebe become the Secretary-Treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Region by acclimation. Seconded by Greg Foley. There were no objections. Brian Stuebe will become the Secretary-Treasurer on 1 January 2016.

Moved by Chad Edwards that Andrew Simmons become a Director at Large of the Rocky Mountain Region by acclimation. Seconded by Tim Hayden. There were no objections. Andrew Simmons will become a Director at Large on 1 January 2016.

Moved by Chad Edwards that Tony Trumbly become a Director at Large of the Rocky Mountain Region by acclimation. Seconded by Brian Stuebe. There were no objections. Tony Trumbly will become a Director at Large on 1 January 2016.

Roster/Dues/Mission Statistics:

National dues and team rosters are due by 1 January 2016. National would like the mission statistics to be turned in by 1 January 2016. Region dues of \$100/team should also be turned in. Please copy Brian Stuebe when the region dues are sent in and copy him on the team rosters as well.

Reaccreditation Attendance:

Greg Foley mentioned that Paul Woodward has updated the reaccreditation attendance list and posted it on the website. Teams should check the list and verify that it is accurate. The list indicates who is eligible to be lead evaluators.

Moved by Tim Hayden and seconded by Bruce Fosdick to adjourn. Unanimously approved at 13:47.

Attendees:

Name	Team
Scott Messina	Aspen
Alison Sheets	RMRG
Chad Edwards	El Paso
Tim Hayden	El Paso
Andrew Simmons	Albuquerque
Brian Stuebe	Alpine
Bruce Fosdick	DCSAR
Morris Hansen	DCSAR
John Lee	Larimer
Greg Foley	Grand
Mitch Painovich	Summit
Pat Caulfield	Fremont
Forrest Borre	Fremont
Kris Heglar	Fremont
Chris Mackey	Western