



Mountain Rescue Association
Rocky Mountain Region

Spring Regional Meeting Minutes

23 April 2016 1900, El Paso County

Regular Member Region Teams Attending:

- Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Alpine Rescue Team, Douglas County Search and Rescue (via phone), El Paso County Search and Rescue, Grand County Search and Rescue, Larimer County Search and Rescue, Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, Summit County Rescue Group

Associate Member Region Teams Attending:

None

Meeting called to order at 1903

Role call performed and a quorum was in attendance.

Winter meeting minutes:

Greg Foley moved to approve the Winter, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Andrew Simmons. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Avalanche Dummy Funds:

Scott Messina built a couple of dummies to be used in avalanche scenarios for the region. They cost \$187. These dummies have already been used for the Albuquerque reaccreditation.

Andrew Simmons moved to reimburse Scott Mesina \$187 for building the region avalanche dummies. The motion was seconded by Brian Stuebe.

The motion **passed** unanimously by the board members in attendance (Foley, Sheets, Simmons and Stuebe)

Discussion about the use of the dummies:

Greg Foley enquired whether the dummies would be available for teams to use. Nobody had problems with region teams using them but there was no decision about where they would be stored. Paul Woodward offered to store them at the Alpine Rescue Team headquarters. There was no decision made on where to store the dummies.

Chad Edwards mentioned that the region might need to change the policy regarding the target size of avalanche transceiver boards. The dummies are longer but not as wide as the policy requires. Alison Sheets indicated that the policy should be reworded to allow the use of the new avalanche dummies for transceiver boards. Paul Woodward offered to



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suggest some wording changes and indicated that it might be a good time to see if there are other changes that would make sense to implement at the same time.

Proxies for the National MRA Meeting:

Alison Sheets started the discussion about the upcoming National MRA Meeting. Skeet Glatterer will be running for the MRA national Vice President position. The region will need proxy votes to support members from our region. Alison Sheets and Greg Foley both mentioned that they will be attending and could carry proxies. Please send proxies if you are not sending a representative.

MRA Conference Scholarships:

Alison Sheets - Nobody in the region has applied for a scholarship at this point. The purpose of the scholarships is encourage other people to go to the conference. The scholarship is enough to pay the majority of the cost for conference and some travel. We have ~\$1500. RMRG has one person who might apply in for the scholarship.

Greg Foley - Grand has a member that will apply.

Alison Sheets – Members that apply should have at least two years in SAR. They should have never attended a national conference outside of the region. Please spread the word.
Paul Woodward - There was some discouragement from some national members that people who received the money last year did not go to the business meeting at the conference.

Alison Sheets - That was not part of the discussion this year.

Chad Edwards - Was that ever brought up beforehand? Do we even want newer members there?

Greg Foley - It is not a requirement. Teams have to approve the people that are going. The first time member will likely not be the voting representative.

Paul Woodward - Did you get the email from Charley? There was a question about a HAATS pilot attending and whether they would be eligible.

Alison Sheets - They are not eligible.

Chad Edwards - That is something that the national organization should pay for.

Rocky Mountain Region Website:

There was a discussion about who as access to change the website.

Paul Woodward – Gerrit Padgham has the only access.

Paul Robertson – Paul offered to assist with the website.

Brian Stuebe – There needs to be more than one person with access to make changes.

Greg Foley - Somebody needs to send the information to Gerrit. Gerrit does not know what the content should be.

Woodward - Sent him that information in December

Alison Sheets – The events page still has 2014 information.

Chad - Provide the logos



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Greg Foley – The logos need to be updated.

Chad Edwards – Recommends that we give Woody the authority, along with somebody else, to update the content of the website.

Alison Sheets moved to give Paul Woodward the authority for the oversight of the Rocky Mountain region historical documents and website content through 2017, concurrent with the service of the Region Chair.

Brian Stuebe seconded this motion.

The motion **passed** unanimously (Sheets, Simmons, Stuebe, Foley voting)

Teton County SAR Application:

Alison Sheets – Teton County SAR has submitted the documentation and Alison has reviewed it. The application appears to be in order and complete. Do we need to vote on it?

Andrew Simmons – Is this an application for Associate?

Alison Sheets – Yes, the application is for Associate Membership.

Greg Foley – Is there a timeline on accreditation?

Alison Sheets - They don't know. They are sending somebody to Vail's reaccreditation to observe.

Greg Foley - Do we have a liason to work with them?

Greg Foley - They will have to fit within the accreditation schedule of the region, assuming that they want to become accredited. We should provide a liason at the Vail reaccreditation for them.

Alison Sheets - Alison will be at the Vail reaccreditation and can be the liason.

Paul Woodward - The team has to be in existent for 5 years for membership.

Alison Sheets – Teton County SAR has been around for 15-20 years. It is not a big team.

Greg Foley - Do we have to do anything?

Alison Sheets – The policies do not say. Should the teams vote or just the Board members?

Chad Edwards - Our bylaws say that the information that they provide to the region is minimal but National gets a lot. When and if they accredit, all that stuff has to be provide to the Region. We should capture it now.

Paul Woodward – Paul Woodward will create a file with the information.

Greg Foley moved that we accept Teton Mountain Rescue as an Associate Member of the Rocky Mountain Region of the Mountain Rescue Association pending their approval with the National Mountain Rescue Association organization.

The motion was seconded by Andrew Simmons.

The motion passed unanimously (representatives of all the teams present voted in favor).



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Reaccreditation Dates:

The reaccreditation calendar was reviewed to see where Teton County SAR might fit in. The current Associate Members in the system will take precedence in selecting dates. The first year with an opening is 2018 and the next year would be 2020. Greg Foley brought up the question about what might happen if Fremont SAR doesn't pass an exercise in their accreditation. How would we handle that? Chad Edwards believes that we need a priority systems. If teams are in their fifth year since their last reaccreditation, they have priority. Teams in their fourth year are next in priority. Alison Sheets will show Teton the schedule that we currently have. We will have some years with four teams accrediting or reaccrediting in that year which is a lot. We might have to reconsider the requirements to be an evaluator in order for us to have enough evaluators for each exercise.

Meeting closed at 19:58

Attendees:

Name	Team
Brian Stuebe	Alpine Rescue Team
Andrew Simmons	Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council
Mitch Painovich	Summit County Rescue Group
Paul Robertson	Grand County Search and Rescue
Greg Foley	Grand County Search and Rescue
Chad Edwards	El Paso County Search and Rescue
John Toll	El Paso County Search and Rescue
Paul Woodward	Alpine Rescue Team
Martin Allen	Summit County Rescue Group
George Janson	Larimer County Search and Rescue
Alison Sheets	Rocky Mountain Rescue Group
Bruce Fosdick	Douglas County Search and Rescue