



## Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

### Rocky Mountain Region Winter MRA Meeting

16 December 2017

**Attending:** Paul Woodward (ART), Alison Sheets (RMRG), Dale Wang (RMRG), Greg Foley (GCSAR), Scott Messina (Aspen), Scott Sutton (VMRG), Martin Allen (Summit), George Jansen (Larimer), Pat Caufield (Fremont), Lynda Wacht (ART), Andreas Schmitt-Sody (AMRC), Debbie Kelly (Aspen), Bob Feroldi (ART), Tony Trumbly (ART), Ethan Costain (Larimer), Nick Bablon (Larimer), Charles Gruenwald (RMRG), Jonathan Wilson (La Plata), Don Smith (Chaffee), James Orlet (Chaffee)

Start 18:15

#### Old Business

- Reaccreditation
  - Schedule
    - Park County: 18-20 May (Accreditation)
    - RMRG: 21-22 Apr
    - Summit: 2-3 June
    - La Plata will most likely be an associate in 2018, testing later.
  - 4 per year is a tough schedule--thoughts on revising the process to accommodate more teams? Park will make 15 teams. Currently, the Rocky Mountain region has one of the more rigorous schedules for being re-accredited.
- Proposal to streamline re-accreditation forms.
  - There will be no fundamental change to the process.
  - The goal is to have new paperwork by 2019.
  - Since it is not a policy, no vote is currently required.
  - No objections to beginning the process.
  - Secretary will email the group to solicit volunteers
  - Get a draft completed in 2018 to be used by a few people during re-accreditations or possibly pre-tests and offer feedback.
  - Then a final vote
- National dues and completing reporting
  - No way to determine if mission statistics have been completed by any team

- Possible ways to complete: have an attestation, add people responsible to the mailing list for tracking
- Payment needs to be made between Jan 1 and Jan 31 of the same fiscal year for reporting purposes
  - Cannot vote at national if dues are not paid
- Regional dues
  - Cannot vote or be re-accredited
  - Also need to submit a log of members
  - Cannot keep more than 2 years worth (\$2600). Currently have about \$3000, so regional dues are waived
  - Money is for members to go to the national meeting
    - Priority goes to the board members
    - The goal is to make sure the region is represented as every team needs to be represented either by member or proxy

### **New Business**

- Website
  - Policy changes to avalanche test need to be added (Woody will do this)
  - The national website will be hosting a new platform soon
  - Posting scenarios on the website--Woody will send to Scott Messina and Lynda Wacht
    - Need to make sure these are always written before the re-accreditation weekend and sent to the lead
- Elections
  - DAL: Martin Allen (Summit)
  - Dale Wang (RMRG)
  - Sec/Treas: Lynda Wacht (ART)
  - Chair: Alison Sheets (RMRG)
- Extending past end of year for CCSAR (if they do not pass winter tests)
  - Need a special vote to extend them
  - Would like for it to be before the February national meeting to be eligible for voting at the meeting

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