

Rocky MRA Minutes 04-04-03

The following are the minutes from the regional board meeting held Friday evening in Boulder. Meeting was called to order at 20:15

Board Member Attendees:

Paul "Woody" Woodward – Regional Chair, Alpine
Greg Foley – Regional Vice-Chair, Grand
Jim Koegel – Secretary / Treasurer, Summit
Scott Messina - DAL, Aspen
John Young – DAL, Crested Butte

Team Attendees:

Albuquerque
Alpine
Aspen
Douglas
Larimer
Park
RMR
Routt
Summit
Vail
Western state

- 1) No minutes of previous meeting to reviewed and accept. Will be done at next Meeting.
- 2) Review of Regional Directors meeting held in January 2003
 - Proposed change in Regional Policies for reaccreditation's will not be proposed based on Regional survey done on regional listserver
 - Board stated that the Evaluator guidelines need to be reviewed
- 3) Treasurers Report:
 - Region has \$843 (we can access this money whenever we need it)
- 3) National MRA:
 - Following teams have not paid their dues to National – Western State, Colorado Ground SAR
 - Regional Chair can carry unlimited proxies for teams in the region that are not sending representatives to the National Meetings
 - It was decided that the Region would endorse Scott Messina from Mountain Rescue Aspen as a National MRA Member at Large Candidate
 - International Evaluators from our Region – this will be coordinated and approved by the Regional Board
- 4)Regional Accreditations/Reaccreditations:
 - Park CO. SAR has postponed their Accreditation due to a number of critical members having to go to the war in Iraq.
 - Any Team's that can move up a year for their reaccreditations were encouraged to do so
 - Discussion about the number of Evaluators/Observers attending reaccreditations. It was mentioned that it should be limited to 30. It was then decided that this will be left up to the host team and the Lead evaluator.
 - Other proposal – should teams be required to attend one reaccreditation per year or leave as it is currently in that each team must attend 3accreditations/reaccreditations in the 5 year period between their reaccreditations. It was also discussed making a requirement for teams to attend the Regional Meetings. No action was taken concerning these issues.
 - Guidelines for Evaluators and team members going through the accreditation/reaccreditation exercises – This is currently a work in progress.

- It was proposed by Board Member, John Young that the Region put together a traveling Evaluators kit for the lead evaluator and the Evaluation team. This would include vests, surveyors tape, clipboards, etc..
- Discussion about encouraging all teams to have pretests for their teams prior to the reaccreditations.
- Discussion about requirements for people that serve as the Scenario Leads for each Accreditation/Reaccreditaions. At this time it will just be left up to the Lead Evaluator as to who can be a Scenario Lead.

5)Regional-Other

- Teams are encouraged to get their members signed up on the Regional Listserver. Any members wanting to do this can send an email to Jeff Sparhawk at jsparhawk@rmrg.net
- There was a discussion about the Region developing their own Rocky Mountain Region Patch. Kevin Silver from Albuquerque will look into possible ideas for this.
- Discussion about having a traveling Regional award. After much discussion it was decided that the Regional Teams should try and nominate more of their members or members from other teams for some of the National awards that are already there. Bruce Fosdick will also get information out to the teams about the current CSRB awards.
- ICS discussion. Should the Region set a standard for all teams within the Region. The region will contact Tim Manning in Albuquerque about already established National standards.
- Beacons – should the region worry about the old frequency beacons? After discussing this it was decided that the Region should not!
- Radios – Discussion about whether or not the Region should set a standard for radio use. No action was taken on this issue.

6) Scheduling of next Regional Meeting

- It was decided that the next regional meeting would be held in Summit County in early December (we believe it to be Dec. 5th) at the same time that they host their Avalanche course.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by John Young, Secretary