

Rocky MRA Minutes 12-05-03

The following are the minutes from the Regional Board meeting held Friday evening in Summit County. Meeting was called to order at 19:00

Board Member Attendees:

Paul “Woody” Woodward – Regional Chair, (Alpine)  
Greg Foley – Regional Vice-Chair, (Grand)  
Jim Koegel – Secretary / Treasurer, (Summit)  
Scott Messina - DAL, (Aspen)

Absent - John Young – DAL, (Crested Butte)

Team Attendees:

Albuquerque / Alpine / Aspen / Douglas / Grand / Larimer / Park / RMR / Routt  
Summit / Western State

Absent – Crested Butte / El Paso / Vail / Colorado Ground SAR / Eldorado Canyon State  
Park / Grand Teton National Park / Rocky Mountain National Park

Visitors – John Woods – Chaffee County SAR

1) Minutes of previous meeting (04/04/03) where accepted and approved.

2) Treasurers Report:

-Region still has \$843 (money allocated for reaccreditation supplies have not been paid yet.

3) National MRA:

- Five teams from our region plan on having representatives at the upcoming National Meeting in Salt Lake City.
- National has changed the due date for National dues to January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any team failing to submit dues prior to the winter meeting will lose their voting privileges at the Winter Meeting.
- Teams not having a representative attending the National meeting should submit their proxies to either the Regional Chair or to a representative from another team that will be attending. The Regional Chair may carry all team proxies. A team representative may only carry up to 5 other team proxies.
- As for International Evaluators, members of teams in the Rocky Mountain Region can only be International Evaluators at the same level they are in our Region. Example – If you are not a Lead Evaluator in our Region, you cannot be a Lead Evaluator for a International accreditation/reaccreditation.
- Teams were again encouraged to nominate teams / members from the Region for National awards. Awards are given out at the summer meeting.
- The Summer MRA meeting will be held in Anchorage, Alaska.
- At the Summer National Meeting, 4 members from the Rocky Mountain Region were recognized for their achievements in Search and Rescue. Roz Brown (Alpine Rescue Team) was given a 30 year Service Award. Phil Luethy (Alpine Rescue Team) was given a 20 year Service Award. Charley Shimanski (Alpine Rescue Team) was awarded the “Outstanding Achievement in Mountain Rescue and Education”. Tom Wright from the Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council was given the Lifetime Achievement Award. Tom was presented his plaque this night by the Rocky Mountain Region Directors and members of his own team.

#### 4)Regional Accreditations/Reaccreditations:

- 2004 will have 3 teams going through the reaccreditation exercises – Larimer / Western State / Summit. Vice Chairman will begin recruiting Lead Evaluators for each of these exercises.
- 2005 will also have 2 teams going through the reaccreditation exercises and one team going through their initial accreditation – Alpine / Grand / Douglas
- Douglas County submitted their five (5) accreditation packets to the Regional Directors.
- Grammatical changes to our current Policies, Article 9 Policy 1 and 2 where approved unanimously. This included changes to the Scenario Lead qualifications.
- New accreditation/reaccreditation Guidelines will be sent out to all the current Lead Evaluators for their comments and suggestions. It is the goal of the Region to have these Guidelines in place and approved prior to the National meeting in Salt Lake City.

#### 5)Regional-Other

- Regional Listserver – the question was asked, if a team that is not part of the MRA can they be on the Regional Listserver. The decision was made that a team must be a member of the MRA. Information on the listservers could be forwarded from current Regional teams.
- Radio frequencies – Jeff Sparhawk presented information on some possible new Operation channels that could be used by the Regional Teams. He also reported on some Fcc changes. He encouraged each team to check the Fcc website to make sure their license is current.

#### 6)Elections

- The following slate was presented for a vote for the new Directors/Officers for 2004. The slate was approved by an affirmative vote of those members' teams present and voting.
- Regional Chair – Paul “Woody” Woodward (Alpine)
- Regional Vice Chair – Greg Foley (Grand)
- Treasurer/Secretary – Scott Messina (Aspen)
- DAL – Steve Chappell (RMRG)
- DAL – Mike Schmitt (Summit)

#### 6) Scheduling of next Regional Meeting

- It was decided that the next regional meeting would be held either during one of the Spring reaccreditations or during the SAR conference. The Board will make this decision and then pass it on to the Region.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Jim Koegel, Secretary