



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

2010 Winter Rocky Mountain Region of the MRA Meeting Minutes

Frisco, Colorado, December 4th, 2010

19:08: Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Albuquerque, Alpine, Atalaya (by proxy), Crested Butte, Douglas, El Paso, Grand, Larimer, Aspen (by phone), RMR, Routt, Summit, Vail, Western State (by proxy), Park, Eldorado Canyon (by proxy), Grand Tetons (by proxy), Rocky Mountain NP (by proxy).

Secretary:

Previous Minutes:

- Motion: Greg Foley: To approve 2009 winter meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Don Davis. Motion passed.
- Motion: Don Davis: To approve 2010 summer meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Dawn Alpert. Discussion: corrected minutes to reflect Douglas Counties attendance at the meeting. Motion passes with updated attendance list

Regional Contacts:

- Regional contact list has been updated with most teams providing two contacts. This list will be sent to teams in early January.

Treasurer:

- ~\$111.43 available in account. Spent \$82.83 previous year on A/R supplies.

Vice Chair:

- Indicators are that all regional teams are current with national dues.
- Reminder that national dues must be paid prior to the Winter Business Meeting on January 7 - 9 in order for teams to have a vote. They cannot be paid at the meeting this year."

Statistics:

- Request for teams statistics for 2010 is about to go out.
- A request for a summary report from each team will also go out. This might include notable missions, mutual aid calls, trends in missions, major team events, awards/recognitions. An example from 2009 will be sent to all teams.



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A/R Exercises:

- 2011: Vail – May 21/22; El Paso April 16/17, Crested Butte likely 4/5 June.
- Motion: Troy Nelson: To accept Grand, Routt, Douglas and Alpine as having fulfilled their recertification requirements. Seconded by Dan Lack. Motion passes.
- There is a need for 1 team from the 2010 schedule to volunteer to move forward a year to even out teams numbers across the years. Routt and Alpine have moved in the past. Suggested that Grand or Douglas be the ones to consider moving. These teams will consider this and get back to the board.

By-Laws:

- By-laws committee gave a summary of the genesis of the by-laws committee and described the general changes and motivations behind the changes. Comments were received from many teams via email, at the summer meeting, at A/R exercises and via posting to the regional website.
- Motion: Greg Foley: To amend by-laws as presented in amendment 1. Seconded: Woody.
 - Discussion: Summit: Communication tools should go in policy. Committee: region only has A/R exercise policy not general policy. Douglas: do not agree with amendments 3 – 5. Legislating team behaviour should not be the role of the region. Committee: Request for a team roster is to allow the region to validate membership. It can be just a list of names. Regional by-laws have to be approved by national MRA. Summit: Believes amendment 3 is a national MRA issue.
 - Vote: Roll call vote taken. Detailed results attached to minutes for all bylaws votes. Motion did not pass with 9/18 supporting motion.
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- Motion: Greg Foley: To amend by-laws as presented in amendment 2. Seconded: Woody.
 - Discussion: RMR: basic changes made in this amendment are very positive. Douglas: Have concerns over requiring a call roster. Committee: presented a general discussion on what was changed.
 - Vote: Roll call vote taken. Detailed results attached to minutes for all bylaws votes. Motion passes with 16/18 supporting motion.
- Motion: Greg Foley: To insert the wording of amendment 3 into amendment 2. Seconded: Woody.



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- Discussion: Albuquerque: there are other ways to encourage participation that should be pursued. Summit: asked whether the amendment would allow teams to abstain or opt out of the automatic proxy. Committee: Responded to Summit; wording is in the amendment to allow this.
 - Vote: Roll call vote taken. Detailed results attached to minutes for all bylaws votes. Motion passes with 12/18 supporting motion.
- Motion: Bruce Fosdick: To table amendment 4. Seconded: no second.
- Motion: Woody: To insert the wording of amendment 4 into amendment 2. Seconded: Greg Foley.
 - Discussion: Douglas: region should not legislate team behaviour. Albuquerque: question as to how does an individual get onto the regional email list. Don Davis: Is working with the regional board to make it much easier to subscribe to the email list.
 - Vote: Roll call vote taken. Detailed results attached to minutes for all bylaws votes. Motion passes with 12/18 supporting motion.
- Motion: Woody: To insert the wording of amendment 5 into amendment 2. Seconded: Greg Foley.
 - Discussion: General Discussion that this amendment has much wider implications than originally intended.
 - Vote: Roll call vote taken. Detailed results attached to minutes for all bylaws votes. Motion does not pass with 3/18 supporting motion.
- Woody will summarise the documentation of the bylaws votes and send out to the region.
- Douglas: Request that all proxies for such votes are available as hard copy at the meeting.
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Policy:

- Summit: Does not want to see the lead evaluator lose his/her vote. There are occasions when the LE has had to vote.
- Routt: What is the reason for lowering the vote to 2/3? Committee responded: 2/3 vote was to conform to the rest of the wording in regional documentation and this is an attempt to minimize the impact of an individual who has an agenda against a team.
- Grand: Concern over the section discussing scenario lead losing the ability to undertake that role if team does not pass first reaccreditation exercise.



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The team is accredited until the end of the year and the individual is still skilled. Agreed by Aspen.

A/R Worksheet:

- An update to the A/R worksheet was presented to the region just prior to the meeting. This added to each scoring page room to put scorers name, affiliation etc. There are no context changes.
- General consensus was that adding your name should be optional. Not allowing the option could open up issues between individuals and teams.
- Woody: No teams have ever asked for the official vote sheets.
- El Paso: if you vote to fail a team there must be a very explicit discussion on why.

Board of Directors Vote:

- Motion: Bruce Fosdick: To accept the 2011 board of directors as the list presented. Chair – Troy Nelson, Vice Chair – Joe Ben Slivka, Secretary/Treasurer – Dan Lack, Director at Large – Steve Zuckerman, Director at Large – Leigh Caswell. Seconded: Dawn Alperti. Motion passes.

21:18: Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Dan Lack. 9th December 2010

Regional Board Contacts for 2011:

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Details of By-Laws Votes

Team	Amend 1	Amend 2	Amend 3	Amend 4	Amend 5
Albuquerque	X	✓	X	X	X
Alpine	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Atalaya	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Crested Butte	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Douglas	X	X	X	X	X
El Paso	X	✓	✓	X	X
Grand	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Larimer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aspen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RMR	X	✓	X	✓	X
Routt	X	X	X	X	X
Summit	X	✓	✓	X	✓
Vail	X	✓	X	X	X
Western State	X	✓	X	✓	X
Park County	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Eldorado	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canyon SP					
Grand Tetons NP	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Rocky Mountain NP	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
TOTAL	9/18	16/18	12/18	12/18	3/18