



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

2011 Summer Rocky Mountain Region of the MRA Meeting Minutes

Eagle, Colorado, May 21st, 2011

20:04: Meeting called to order

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

Secretary:

Previous Minutes:

- Motion: Bruce Fosdick: To approve 2010 winter meeting minutes as written. Seconded by George Janson. Motion passed.

Treasurer:

- No report

Regional Chair:

- National MRA Award:
 - Kevin Harner (RMR) requested the region consider nominating Flight For Life for a national MRA award.
 - Many regional teams have used FFL in the past 12 months.
 - Unanimous support for the nomination.
 - Kevin Harner and Joe Ben Slivka will coordinate.

Vice Chair:

- Email List:
 - Regional email list will be switched to Google groups from the RMR system.
 - Vice Chair to draft an email list expectations document.
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- 800 MHz DTR – State Radio
 - A fee is being introduced in Colorado (on 1st Jan 2012) for the DTR system.
 - If teams radios are owned by the Sheriffs Office then the SO get the bill. Otherwise the SAR team will get the bill.
 - Contact Joe Ben if teams require more information.
- Recertification's:



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- No word from Crested Butte on their recert for 2011.
- 2012:
 - Albuquerque: March 10 – 11
 - Atalaya: Last week in March
 - Aspen: Late May.
- Vice Chair suggested that the region put a restriction on recert dates to no later than June 1st. This is due to some scenarios requiring certain conditions not being able to be performed in that teams county if the date is too late.

Old Business: By-Laws:

- Motion: Greg Foley: To accept bylaws as proposed on regional website document. Regional team automatic proxy language removed. Seconded: George Janson.
- Motion passed unanimously (teams that were present).
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New Business

- BOD Financial Support:
 - Tim Cochrane approached the BOD with an idea to provide financial support to the regional BOD for travel to national conferences.
 - Discussion:
 - Foley: Possibility of regional dues. California MRA sends 1 regional board member to national per year. They have a \$25/\$30 / team/year dues.
 - Most teams financially support members to travel to conferences.
 - Straw vote: many teams would support a dues system (\$50 ?)
 - Foley: To draft a Bylaws change for discussion at Winter meeting
 - How much?
 - How to reimburse?
 - What is it allowed to be spent on.
 - When due?
 - What about smaller teams? \$75 regular teams, \$50 associate?
 - Possibility of a corporate sponsor: Donor could earmark donation to national for use by Rocky MRA.
 - Dan Lack: Will find out from national the specifics of the current fund and if National MRA would restrict monies in any way.
- Regional Website:
 - Regional website hosting has changed to a commercial provider.
 - Woody has donated the first years cost.



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- Regional Chair to approach National MRA for yearly support of that cost. Approx \$100.
- Narrow Banding of Radio Frequencies:
 - All teams need to be aware that narrow banding will remove protections for MRA1 and MRA2.
 - If teams want MRA1 or MRA2 after 31st December 2012 they need to specifically license them.
 - Ask Joe Ben for more information.
- National Conference:
 - June 17th and 18th. Pre-conference 15th and 16th.
 - Pre-Conference: HolyCross hikes, Unified area command class.
 - Saturday Sunday Plan:
 - 4 major scenarios.
 - Looking for regional teams to bring ropes/litters/trucks to assist with scenarios.
 - Special registration fee of \$45 for those helping with logistical support.
 - Joe Ben: doing comms for the scenarios. Offered participation options in that area for interested people.
- El Paso Recert:
 - EPCSAR thanked the lead evaluator and scenario leads for their recert for the fair scenarios.

21:50: Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Dan Lack. 23rd June 2011

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