2011 Winter Rocky Mountain Region of the MRA Meeting Minutes

Frisco, Colorado, December 3rd, 2011

19:04: Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Alpine, Atalaya (by proxy), Douglas, El Paso, Grand (by phone), Larimer (by phone), Aspen (by phone), RMR, Routt (by phone), Summit, Vail

Secretary:

Previous Minutes:
• Motion: Greg Foley: To approve 2011 summer meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Tim Hayden. Motion passed.

Treasurer:
• Contacted national MRA. Did not get a report from them.
• Mechanism for regional funds: Monies are donated to the national MRA in the name of the regional MRA. National holds assets for regions (cash) as a line item in the budget, then reimburses region when expenditure is made.

Regional Chair:
• Troy spoke with MRA president about getting money for website from national. Who suggested to bring it up for discussion at national MRA meeting.
• Encouraged all teams to attend or send proxies for national meeting.

Vice Chair:
• Email List:
  o Regional email list has switched to Google groups, old group will be terminated 1st Jan. Instructions on how to sign up on regional website.
  o One component of good standing requirement is for teams to have at least 3 members on this email list, one of which must be a current board member.
  o Teams must also submit their team roster for good standing.
  o **Action:** Email to be sent out to region reminding of good standing next year.

• 800 MHz DTR – State Radio
A fee is being introduced in Colorado (on 1st Jan 2012) for the DTR system. $100 if team owns own 800 MHz radios. If a team owns their own talk group, same fee.

Very simple to get own 800 MHz talk group. 20 minutes paper work, $100.

If team 800MHz radios are owned by the Sheriffs Office then the SO get the bill. Otherwise the SAR team will get the bill.

New Talk group for CSRB on 800 – CSRB-OPS1

Narrow band compliance coming. Teams should check their status.

Questions to Joe Ben.

• Recertification’s:
  Vail and El Paso passed recertification this year.
  Joe Ben: Motion to recommend El Paso and Vail as having passed their reaccreditations. 2nd: Tom wood. Motion Passed.
  Crested Butte did not recertify this year. Regional board reached out a number of times to try to coordinate an appropriate recertification date.
  Steve Zuckerman: Motion to recommend that Crested Butte become an associate member. 2nd: Bill Clendenning. Motion Passed.
  Crested Butte can approach national MRA an appeal this.
  There will be no recommendation to national to keep CB SAR fully accredited. Means they will drop to associate membership.
  2012 Recertifications:
    - Albuquerque: March 10 – 11
    - Atalaya: April 14th, 15th
    - Aspen: June 2nd, 3rd
  A lot of first time lead evaluators candidates wanting to be lead evaluators.

Old Business:
• New website up and running. BOD will have ability to change content.
  • Request for changes to website should go through the secretary.

New Business
• Bylaws/Policy Committee: BOD Financial Support:
  Drafted a document for bylaw changes to introduce regional dues
  Questions: Do we want them and how much should they be?
  Summit: Will associates and ex-officio pay? A: If ex-officio/associates wants to vote then they will have to pay.
  Summit: Cap on dues?
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- Rocky MRA contribute $8-9K out of $30,000 of national MRA. We can ask national to support annual funds (website, recert supplies. Conference travel) out of national dues by teams.
  - **Action: Joe Ben:** Discussion item (with John Chang?) at national conference in January. Ask national MRA for 20% of what the region contributes.
- Greg Foley: Suggest to go to California region and do a joint proposal.
- June meeting: Is where a bylaw proposal could be presented.
  - **Action: Woody:** Need to identify in national bylaws where verbage would be inserted.
- To simplify process, region could submit receipts once per year only.
- No one knows of any other region collecting dues. Possible that national bylaws state that a region cannot collect dues.
- Every region team could make a donation to the rocky mountain region MRA.
- National dues pay for national directors to travel.
- Will need to add policy to the effect of dates when invoices can be sent in, and expectations on when that will be reimbursed. Possible policy: region encourages all teams to donate $100 per year for the rocky mountain region to the national MRA.
  - **Action: Foley:** re-word a policy change to suggest donations to national.

- **Other teams:**
  - Mesa, Garfield and Custer teams have talked to accredited teams about associate membership.
  - Benefits: Accreditations, depth and breadth of experience to help teams develop regional list communications.
  - Fremont and Mineral counties have also discussed associate membership.
  - Invite then to re-accreditations when they become associate members ($150) they get to come.
  - CSRB and MRA do a lot of work (including maintain DOLA funding which is available to all teams).
  - Approach Sheriffs association? Fact sheet to this sheriff association. Needs to be tailored to this audience. Parallel the MRA to what they know.
  - California region has been going through this. Suggested to contact California region to see if they have any material.
  - CSRB goes to Sheriff conference to talk about CSRB. Week of Jan 4-5-6.

FAQs
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- Why should my team join MRA?
- Why should my team become accredited.
- What does the accreditation mean (standards, sharing of ideas, mutual aid).
- Phone number... email to ask questions.
  - Does MRA have this info?
  - Web page: Fact sheet -> link. Explain the benefits
  - **Action**: Dan Lack to contact California, Bruce, others and put some material together.

- Future reaccreditations: One of Routt, Alpine, Grand or Douglas need to move up 1 year in reaccreditation schedule.

**Elections:**
- **Candidates**:
  - Chair: Dan Lack: RMR
  - Vice Chair: Joe Ben Slivka: Summit
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Loren Pfau: Alpine
  - Director at Large (*2): Steve Zuckerman Vail, Troy Nelson Grand, Leigh Caswell

- **Motion**: Bill Clendenning: Moved that Dan Lack be accepted as regional chair for 2 year term. 2nd Tom Wood. Motion Passes.
- **Motion**: Greg Foley: Moved that Joe Ben be accepted as regional vice chair for 1 year term . 2nd Bill Clendenning. Motion passes
- **Motion**: Joe Ben Slivka: Moved that Loren Pfau be accepted as secretary/treasurer. 1 year term. 2nd Greg Foley. Motion passes.
- **By secret ballot** Steve Zuckerman and Leigh Caswell elected director at large.

21:04: Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Dan Lack. 2011

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