Mountain Rescue Association
Rocky Mountain Region

Summer Regional Meeting Minutes
Aspen, CO – June 2, 2012

Roll Call (those in red absent):

- Regular Member Teams: Albuquerque, Alpine, Aspen, Atalaya, Crested Butte, Douglas, El Paso, Grand, Larimer, RMR, Routt, Summit, Vail, Western,

- Associate Member Teams: Park, Crested Butte

- Ex Officio Teams: Eldorado Canyon State Park, Rocky Mtn Ntnl Park, Grand Teton Ntnl Park.

Sec/Treasurers Report Loren Pfau:

- Approval of Minutes

  o Minutes of the December 2011 were approved subject to one modification. Greg Foley of Grand was in attendance in person, not via conference call.

- Financial Condition

  o Financial report submitted and approved. Region has no remaining funds as the balance was used to pay for this year's web hosting fees.

Region Chair – Dan Lack:

- Discussed the upcoming China exchange. Participating teams will discuss the possibility of issuing press releases regarding the activity.

- Mountaineering museum exhibit:

  o *Opened 24th May. Alpine and RMRG helped coordinate with the museum. National MRA was also involved in providing information, team statistics.*

- Regional teams good standing:

  - Thank you to all region teams for completing the new requirements. It is a small added burden but with these requirements comes great benefits for the region. In a few years of this requirement, the Rocky MRA will have the most comprehensive statistics on mountain SAR in the US.

- Missions statistics for national teams:

  - In collating statistics from the national MRA for the mountaineering museum only 27 out of 89 teams stats were available. Colorado reported 13 of 14… because of our good standing requirements. Dale Atkins will be taking an agenda items to the national meeting to request that national MRA consider some form of compulsory stats reporting.

- Regional website costs.

  - If we can get the region website transferred over to www.mra.org by the end of the year we will not have to pay for web hosting, and the domain name can lapse. Do we want to let www.rockymra.org lapse?

- National Meeting:

  - Greg Foley has been nominated for the national board of directors.

  - Teams not attending the national meeting should consider sending a proxy vote so that our region is represented.

  Discussion about the National meeting and who would be attending:

  · Will attend in person – Alpine, Douglas, Grand, Larimer, Vail

  · By proxy – Atalaya, Aspen, El Paso, Routt, Summit, Western (None of these teams have determined yet who will carry their proxy)

· By Proxy – RMRG (will be carried by Alpine)

· Albuquerque was not at the meeting and it is unknown if they will attend in person or by proxy.

Strongly encourage all teams not attending to provide a proxy so the Region has full representation.

Vice Region Chair – Joe Ben Slivka:

- 2012 reaccreditations

  o Two complete and one still underway as of the meeting

- 2011 reaccreditations:

  o Crested Butte is planning on remaining an associate member of the MRA. Dan Lack spoke with Nicolas from CB SAR who was going to pay the dues to make this happen.

- Grand County has agreed to move their A/R Exercise up one year to 2014 to help even out the number of teams each year that go through the reaccreditation process.

- Atalaya has scheduled their A/R Exercise for August 25, 2012

Old Business:

- Bylaw Review Committee – Region Dues: Greg Foley

  o Discussion on the proposed Bylaw change to provide for an optional $100/year contribution per team to help pay for Regional representation at the MRA meetings. Asked that all teams take this back to their Boards for consideration and respond back to the Region with their positions by

1 August 2012 so it may be voted upon in the December Regional meeting.

New Business:

- Donahue motioned to have the regional website as part of the national site as long as the region retains administrative access. And, the rocky mountain region would maintain the regional domain names. 2nd by: Clendenin   unanimous vote in favor

- Many teams informally volunteered to pay the cost each year of maintaining the domain names. It was suggested that many the payment rotates each year to another team. Estimated cost is around $10/year