



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

Board Action
2-3 February 2015

Approval of Changes to the A/R Exercise Guidelines:

- Moved by Greg Foley and Seconded by Brian Stuebe that the Board accepts the changes to the A/R Exercise Guidelines for the Rocky Mountain Region, MRA as attached.
- The motion passed unanimously with the following board members voting via email:
 - Chad Edwards, Greg Foley, Alison Sheets, Brian Stuebe, Tim Hayden

Spring Regional Meeting Minutes

2 May 2015, 1937

Alpine Rescue Team, 28802 Rainbow Hill Rd, Evergreen CO 80439

Minutes recorded by Brian Stuebe

Regular Member Region Teams Attending:

- Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Alpine Rescue Team, Mountain Rescue Aspen Inc., Douglas County Search and Rescue, El Paso County Search and Rescue, Grand County Search and Rescue, Larimer County Search & Rescue, Inc., Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, Routt County Search and Rescue (via telephone), Vail Mountain Rescue Group, Western Mountain Rescue Team

Associate Member Region Teams Attending:

- None

Guests Attending:

- None

Role call performed and a quorum was in attendance.

Winter meeting minutes: Winter meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion on the Status of Routt County Search and Rescue:

- Chad Bowdry indicated that Routt County Search and Rescue will not be performing their reaccreditation this year. They would like to be considered for an Associate Membership. They are down to 23-24 members and they are struggling to put in the time necessary for reaccreditation. They are working on a new member class to build up members.
- Greg Foley brought up the possibility of not dropping the entire reaccreditation but to consider reaccrediting in a couple of the disciplines.
- Chad Bowdry indicated that they might consider doing a vote for associate membership at the Winter region meeting.
- Recommendation on waiting on voting on associate membership until the Winter Region meeting. This allows Routt eight months to do a partial accreditation in the Fall.
- Paul Woodward noted that Routt County is full accredited through 31 December 2015. He recommends doing one or two reaccreditation disciplines to stay in the schedule.



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- Chad Bowdry will take the suggestions back to Routt to discuss this and hold off on the vote until December 2015.

Albuquerque Police Department Ex Officio Membership:

- Andy Simmons indicated that Albuquerque Police Department (APD) approached Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council (AMRC) about becoming an ex officio member of the Mountain Rescue Association. The police department wants to become more of a technical team. They currently have an open space team. The APD expressed a desire to join a national organization to become connected to the national conversation. APD has city and county jurisdiction as the first in team to the mountain. AMRC is a state resource. They work with APD as mutual aid. APD does not charge for their services. APD has done some scree and have been training with high angle. They do very little winter SAR activities. AMRC will continue to work with APD.
- Nobody present at the meeting had any issues with the concept of APD becoming ex officio members.

Reaccreditation Schedule:

- 2015
 - Alpine Rescue Team
 - Douglas County Search and Rescue
 - Routt County Search and Rescue (cancelled Spring activities)
- 2016
 - Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council
 - El Paso County Search and Rescue
 - Vail Mountain Rescue Group
 - Fremont Search and Rescue
- 2017
 - Atalaya Search and Rescue
 - Mountain Rescue Aspen
 - Chaffee County Search and Rescue
 - Park County Search and Rescue
- 2018
 - Rocky Mountain Rescue Group
 - Summit County Rescue Group
- 2019
 - Western Mountain Rescue Team
 - Grand County Search and Rescue
 - Larimer County Search and Rescue
- Possible teams to be fit in
 - Routt County Search and Rescue
 - Crested Butte Search and Rescue
 - Garfield County Search and Rescue

Forest Service Permits:

- Greg Foley indicated that Douglas County Search and Rescue (DCSAR) had been approached by Forest Service employee, Nick Schrade, while they were on Berthoud Pass. Nick Schrade was not in uniform and was in a personal vehicle. Nick asked DCSAR whether they had a special use permit. Nick is from the Sulfur District out of Granby.
- Scott Messina stated that part of the reaccreditation process should be to determine whether or not we need to get a permit.



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- Chad Edwards indicated that part 251 of the federal regulations, evaluated in 2004, was trying to minimize permits if they are not necessary to the management of the forest.
- Paul Woodward suggested going through the Sheriff.
- Larimer provides the Forest Service a heads up but does not get a permit.
- Paul Woodward offered to assist in this particular instance.
- Greg Foley will send out an email giving people a heads up.

MRA Conference Scholarship Money:

- Chad Edwards indicated that there is scholarship money available to help people attend the MRA conference. There has been only one application so far. More money is available.

Accreditation/Reaccreditation Guidelines:

- Alison Sheets would like more clarification in the guidelines for the number of attendees to accreditations. We need to consider balancing between the different reaccreditations for the year. 30 people per day might be too excessive.
- There is a conflict between limiting the group size and providing opportunities for people to meet the requirements to become scenario leads.
- One possibility is to limit the number of observers from Associate Members if they are not moving towards accreditation.
- Chad Edwards recommends self policing by the teams. Lead Evaluators have the authority and Chad recommends keeping the same guidelines for the time being.

Reaccreditation Supplies:

- Paul Woodward suggests that the region consider using region funds for accreditation supplies. His suggestion is for things like transceiver dummies and for training signs.
- Scott Messina and Paul Woodward will come up with some avalanche dummy options.

Authorization of Funds:

- Motion to reimburse Alison Sheets for purchasing of supplies used during the reaccreditation of Alpine Rescue Team.
- Approved by Tim Hayden, Greg Foley, Chad Edwards and Brian Stuebe

Adjourn at 20:41.

Attendees:

Name	Team
Scott Messina	Aspen
Doug Pavey	Aspen
Alison Sheets	RMRG
Chad Edwards	El Paso
Andrew Simmons	Albuquerque
Tim Hayden	El Paso
Bob Feroldi	Alpine
Brian Stuebe	Alpine
Ann-Marie Cooper	VMRG
John Lee	Larimer



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Bruce Fosdick	Douglas
Grant Durham	EPCSAR
Anna Durham	EPCSAR
Steve Zuckerman	Vail
Ryan Paill	Western
William Roberts	Western
Ben Ammon	Western
Paul Woodward	Alpine
Greg Foley	Grand