



## Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

### Rocky Mountain Region Winter MRA Meeting

14 December 2019

**Attending:** Alison Sheets (RMRG), Scott Messina (Aspen), Lynda Wacht (ART), Pat Caufield (Fremont), George Jansen (Larimer), Andreas Schmitt-Sody (AMRC), Chris Wentz (RMRG), Emilie Jue (RMRG), Brian Steube (ART), Mark Franklin (RMNP), Erin Greenlee (AMRC), Woody Woodward (ART), Jeff Sparhawk (RMRG), Mike Lukens (RMNP), Howard Paul (ART), Martin Allen (Summit), Greg Foley (Grand), Tim Hayden (El Paso), Tim Smith (Grand), Scott Sutton (Vail), Daniel Knudson (Park), Helen Rowe (Summit)

Start 12:08

#### Old Business

- Approval of spring minutes. Sheets recommended. Messina seconded..

#### New Business

- Re-accreditation schedule 2020
  - Douglas County
  - 5/16 and 5/17 Alpine Rescue Team
    - Alpine has submitted the letter to cover Article 9, Policy 2
  - There are four teams being reaccredited in 2021. Messina requested that a team move their reaccreditation up one year. No team is able to do that.
  - Messina would like to see more people mentored to be the lead evaluator
  - Messina brought up the suggestion to have a pre-test questionnaire, to cover questions like safety factor, who is the Incident Commander, what the medical protocols are. There was concern raised about it becoming a game to trip up teams--it will be up to the lead evaluator to set the tone to avoid that.
  - Alaska has requested to be scenario leads during our re-accreditations, due to the lack of teams in their region and the inability to stay current. There was discussion on issues such as retests.
- Policy Changes

- Annual mission reporting is going to be mandatory, along with submitting dues and rosters. Failure to do so results in losing the team's good standing, which means the team will be unable to vote and loss of pro deals.
- Budget needs to be submitted 60 prior to the winter meeting; budget can be in the red.
  - There was discussion on the increase of paperwork for the teams. It is something most teams are already doing, it is just becoming mandatory.
- Spring conference is being renamed to the "Spring Business Meeting". The change in terminology is to distinguish the Spring Conference from the Spring Business meeting.
  - There is a financing change to help support smaller teams. Teams can request funds upfront to pay for facility and related expenses. It will be paid back after the conference. If a conference does not make money, losses will be divided commensurate with the monetary input from the team and the MRA.
- Funds. The region spent all of the scholarship funds this year. The remaining budget is \$3279.56, so dues will be waived for next year.
- Alison want people to think about what they want from the MRA.
- Elections
  - Chair: Andreas Schmitt-Sody
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Lynda Wacht
  - Officers at Large:
    - Helen Rowe
    - Daniel Knudson
  - A special thanks to Alison for all her work as Chair.

Adjourned 13:32