



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

Rocky Mountain Region Spring MRA Meeting

26 March 2020

Attending: Pat Caulfield (Fremont), Woody Woodward (ART), Alison Sheets (RMRG), Scott Messina (Aspen), Lynda Wacht (ART), George Jansen (Larimer), Andreas Schmitt-Sody (AMRC), Brian Steube (ART), Erin Greenlee (AMRC), Howard Paul (ART), Greg Foley (Grand), Scott Sutton (Vail), Daniel Knudson (Park), Helen Rowe (Summit), Jeff Sparhawk (RMRG), Russell Giesey (Larimer), Scott Walker, Zak Kline (AMRC), Amy Allbritton, Charles Greenwald (RMRG)

Called to order at 19:03

Old Business

- Approval of spring minutes. Foley motioned. Caulfield seconded.

New Business

- New teams ready to join? Messina has heard nothing but will double check with Garfield
- Re-accreditation schedule 2020
 - Proposal to push all teams back a year without loss of re-accreditation
 - Bylaws allow for teams to push their schedule based on events out of their control
 - Motion has to be passed by the national MRA board.
 - Any discussion on what to do if it does not pass will happen in July if necessary.
 - Request for any team to currently scheduled in 2021 to remain in 2021
 - Because of the current shutdown, no team feels they can stay in 2021
 - As a result, no new teams will be able to have their accreditation in 2022
 - Schmitt-Sody will draft the proposal for the region board
 - There was discussion on whether the region needed to vote
 - Final determination was that it needed the region's support but not an official vote.
 - There is overall consensus for the proposal
- Regional training committee - Helen Rowe

- A discussion was opened to having a regional committee on training to consolidate resources
- There are currently resources available through CSRA
- Next step is to set up a working group
 - Ideally this would include the training leads and other interested parties
 - Email training@scrg.org
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - Wacht and Mather are looking to bring the national committee to the regional level, and possibly team level, to help bring the initiative to a local level, including the values statement and training
 - There was discussion on how the values statement should be sent to the teams for voting. Kayley may have a list of the team reps along with email addresses.
 - It is being sent before the end of April.
- Open discussion
 - Rowe raised a question on fund raising at a regional/national level. This was tabled until the December meeting.
 - Knudsen asked what teams are doing to replace field trainings.
 - Summit is having an eight week fitness challenge.
 - Messina asked if teams were tracking COVID-19 within their teams
 - No one really is
 - Two team members are quarantined in Fremont County
 - Grand is having one member approach a subject initially to limit exposure
 - Summit is only responding if there is an immediate life threat
 - Sheets mentioned that there are guidelines for approaching a subject and the use of PPE

Adjourned 20:13 Wacht motioned, Jane seconded