

Inyo County Search and Rescue General Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2106

Attendance: Julie, Ed, Mike, Lane, Matt, Max, Paul, Ian (Filling in for Elsbeth)

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM

6:07 **Upcoming Trainings**

- Trainings are planned for October 20 and 22, but have not determined what they are or should be yet. If anyone is interested, open for ideas. Paul suggests a pulley review or a GPS review.
- Julie suggests soliciting donations from Garmin/DeLorme for new GPS units, thinks that we can use 6-10 new units. Matt volunteers to look into the grant process. Side note--Julie suggests that the team switch to decimal degrees from UTM's, because air ops typically utilize decimal degrees.
- Nov 18-20 Saline Valley training to train for the MRA search recertification. Deputy Vaughn is amenable to taking the command post out to Saline valley. Mike will coordinate with Nick about tires, etc. for the command post.
- Possible winter training with Tuolumne winter rangers. Possibly drive the snow cat up Tioga, ski into the hut, and do a training with the T Meadows staff.
- Rigging for Rescue, hoping to have another training next spring. Thinking Spring Break (April 17, 2017). Thinking two-tension system, MPD, day of training on a Vortex(?).

6:25 **New Business**

- We need a new **Winter Race Series** team. Julie is thinking that a team of three from the team could help coordinate, with a main point person. We make about \$1,500, and it is good public relations for the team. Karen does much of the work for the events. SAR collects prizes and donations, some of the PR for the events.
- **Call outs.** Julie looking into other options. Quote from one company (One Call Now)--\$11 per person/year. Has more functionality then current system: email, text, call, call a sublist, send via app. Also less expensive then CallingPost. County wants to switch their system (Code Red), but we might not have the flexibility to adjust list.
- **SAT phone:** Matt brings up that we need satellite communication, especially after mission to Death Valley last week. Julie says that Inyo County will pay for a subscription for one of the sat phones. Julie will email the County to ask if they can take care of it. Matt will help. Julie proposes that if there is no movement from the County after a month, we pay for a yearly subscription and use that year to get the team over to a DeLorme system.
- Matt: WFR is coming up soon, brings up that a team member cannot afford to pay for the training and then later get reimbursed. Proposes that the team pays for WFR training in advance. Put to vote, and everyone is in favor (Yeas: 5, Nays: 0)
- Max: Has taken a job at Death Valley. Will help coordinate SARs for the park in the future.
- **Radios:** Paul R. says that BAMRU wants to program their radios to some of the Inyo SAR repeaters. Wants to check in with the Board to get an okay, and other board members give the green light. Paul will give them Silver, etc. to program

- **SmartBoard** system: Matt says that the SmartBoard is up and running, that it was useful for a search a couple of weeks ago, and that we should utilize more often.
- **New slings** for rescue slings. Matt got color-coordinated Black Diamond slings, and they look nice. Matt will mark the new gear (hiking poles, etc.) with orange nail polish.
- **Banquet**: Whiskey Creek is an option again. We should contact Mountain Rambler Brewery. Joe has been very accommodating, and the consensus is we should ask him to do it again. Planning for mid to late January, possibly a Wednesday (apparently the Brewery's least busy night).
- **Email addresses**: Does anyone want an @inyosar.com email? Very easy to set up.
- Matt put another headlamp into First Out, so now there is two extra headlamps just in case.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.