

Inyo County Search and Rescue General Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2106

Call to Order at 7:04 PM

7:10 PM **September Missions**

Baker Creek Lost Boys Matt Larson: 2 brothers (24 and 26 years old) from LA, going South Lake to Big Pine. Missed a turn, ended up down Baker Creek. The brothers ended up lost, called for a rescue around 5 PM. Lane, Lindsay went in on an OHV to Baker Creek CG. Rachel and Matt approached from Glacier Lodge Road. Contact with subject around 7 PM, and started hiking out with subjects. Long hike out (7.5 hours), had to stop every 15min.

Bear Creek Spire Body Recovery Party of two climbing the East Ridge of Bear Creek Spire. A woman in her 20s stepped on a loose rock while the party was free-soloing, and fell 800-1000 feet. The recovery took two days with CHP air support from H70 crew from H40.

Big Pine Hunter Rescue A hunter got a deer and was hiking out with it. The subject tried to cross a creek, slipped, and hurt/broke his leg. Texted out for help with DeLorme unit. In Response, a SAR team of two left Bishop around 11 PM, didn't make contact until 3 AM. The subject was cold and unable to walk, so the group spent the night in place. In the morning, the subject crawled about 200 meters to helicopter LZ (CHP H82). Deer got transported out via helicopter along with subject and SAR members.

Surprise Canyon Rescue Got a DeLorme emergency contact that a 36-yr old female was stuck on a cliff in Surprise Canyon in Panamint Valley. The subject also contacted her friends, who reached her before Inyo SAR arrived and helped her down from the ledge. SAR team of three hiked three hours and made contact with the subject and her friends, just as they were descending from the ledge.

7:43 PM **Treasurer's Report**

Ed: \$1,000 in donations from victim's family from Temple Crag recovery last year. \$700 in expenses in September. Balance is at about \$45,000.

7:46PM **New Business**

- **New slings** for rescue slings. Matt got color-coordinated Black Diamond slings, and they look really nice. Matt will mark the new gear (hiking poles, etc.) with orange nail polish.
- Matt put another headlamp into First Out, so now there is two extra headlamps just in case.
- **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.
- **Elections** are in two months. Think about running, talk to current Board members with questions
- We need a new **Winter Race Series** team. Julie 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.

Ryan, Lindsay, Ed will volunteer to be the committee of three to coordinate the races.

- **September Training recaps:** Trained with the Gamow bag and oxygen tanks at the hut. Tracking training off HWY 168, small turnout from the team, but an effective training.
- **Coordinator report from Deputies Derr and Vaughn:**
 - Mission developing now during the meeting, SPOT activation near Lamark Lakes.
 - Jeeps in posse hut are getting cycled out to auction, and the team is getting two other working Sheriff Jeeps very soon.
 - Getting damaged repeater on Posse Hut fixed.
 - Cars along the fence are being removed this month.
 - Carma has requested use of the hut on October 18th or 19th.
 - Deputy Howard has been on sick leave, will likely be back on duty in November.

7:49 PM

Trainings

Upcoming training calendar

October 20 Pulley training (Led by Paul R.)

October 22 GPS training in the field

November 3 General Meeting

November 18-20 Saline Valley technical training

December 1 General Meeting

November Saline Valley Training Planning

Incident Command--Julie

- **Safety**
- **Logistics** - Laura
 - Vehicles - Mike B.
 - Food and Stoves - Todd
 - Camping - Laura
 - Communicatios - Ed
- **Planning**
 - Technical Scenario (field trip needed for planing) - ?
 - Search Scenario - ?
- **Operations** (on scene keeping track of everyone) - ?

We will finalize rolls in the coming weeks. Max will bring some Death Valley National Park people to train with.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM