

Inyo County Search and Rescue

August 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Inyo SAR general meeting was held at the Posse Hut on August 3, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Elsbeth Otto

Attendees

Elsbeth Otto, Ed Carlson, Todd Vogel, Lane Dumm, Julie Vargo, Ian Bell, Charles Massieon, Joel Ryan, Nik Barbieri, Kerri Dubois, Dean Chavez, Chris Usher, Stephen Denson, Tanya Henderson, Will Blake, Cody Sims, Johnny Addleman, Ariana Wylie, Laura Lingeman, Jon Weissman, Damon Cherenzia, Renan C, Lia Ciono, Ryan Navales, Julia Runcie, David Pomeranz, Dennis Mattai

July Mission Reports

The following July 2017 missions and trainings were debriefed:

- South County PSAR
- · Dragon Peak Cliffed Out Man
- Mt. Tom Paraglider Crash
- Rock Creek Body Recovery
- Baker Creek Search
- New Member Training, Posse Hut Clean Up
- Temple Crag Leg Injury
- Mt. Whitney Multiple Calls
- · Baxter Pass Broken Leg
- Horton Lake Sprained Ankle

Team Business

• Upcoming Trainings

There will be a WFR-style medical scenario training on Thursday August 17 at 7PM that will let the team practice their medical and patient assessment skills. There will be a mock rescue scenario the following Saturday the 19th, likely involving a technical rock scenario. Time and location TBD. All skill and experience levels welcome at both Trainings.

Team Leaders

The team is starting a new policy of establishing a list of Team Leaders. Team Leaders will be experienced team members who know the ins and outs of mission coordination and planning, and have a good grasp of the skill set of every team member. The idea of this is to ensure that every mission runs smoothly and goes according to team protocols and policies. If no Team Leader responds to a mission, responding team members or Sherriff Coordinators need to call a Team Lead and consult on the mission plan over the phone. This will be covered more at future meetings.



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Passing of teammate John Nordlinger

The team had a moment of silence in remembrance of teammate John Nordlinger, who passed last week after battling ALS. John was a kind and dedicated Inyo SAR member, earning Rescue Member recognition last year. An email will be sent out to the team about an upcoming memorial.



Jeep

The Jeep that overheated during the Linda Solomon Search got a new radiator and thermostat, and is ready for more abuse.

New InReach devices

The team has two new Garmin InReach devices, which can send SMS messages to phones via satellite. These, along with our satellite telephone, should be brought on every mission as a backup and supplement to traditional radio communications. The InReach devices live in the radio room, and should be plugged in to charge after every mission because they do not have replaceable batteries.

Upcoming Dates

August 17 – Medical Training (7PM)

August 19 – Mock Rescue/ Scenario (8AM)

September 7 – September General Meeting

September 21 – Technical Rescue Training

September 23 – Technical Rescue Practice

Adjournment

Julia Runcie makes motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:07 PM. Seconded by Ian Bell