



Inyo County Search and Rescue

February 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Board meeting was held at the Posse Hut on February 2, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM

Attendees

Matt Larsen, Bob Harrington, Elsbeth Otto, Ian Bell, Ed Carlson, Lane Dumm, Todd Vogel, Mike Hay, Todd Vogel

Unfinished Business

- ***GPS and DeLorme InReach Devices*** The Board has decided to purchase 2 DeLorme Inreach devices and 8 – 10 new Garmin GPS units, and is moving forward with ordering the hardware. This purchase was approved by the team at the January 2017 General Meeting.
- ***Snowcat Training*** Matt Larsen asks the team to consider paying \$1,800 for a four day Snowcat certification for Team Member Mike Brosn in Reno. County will not pay for the training, but will pay for his travel and lodging. Mike will get trained on how to properly operate a snowcat, and come back and train other team members. This will be put to a vote at the General Meeting.

New Business

- ***Todd Vogel proposes adding Secretary and Treasure as Board Members of Inyo County SAR*** This would change **Article V § 6a:** As written: “A seven-member board, consisting of the President, VP, Immediate Past President, and four other Members shall be responsible for overall policy matters of the Posse.”

Replacement language: “The board shall consist of up to nine members, consisting of the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer and up to four other elected Members. The board shall be responsible for overall policy matters of the Posse.”

Elsbeth Otto makes a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Bob Harrington. Motion passes. The members will be notified of this vote at the general meeting, and put to a vote at the March 2017 General Meeting

- ***New electronic voting bylaw addition*** Todd Vogel makes a motion to amend the bylaws by adding a new section to Article VI, of the bylaws “Meetings and Quorums” per the following:



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New Article VI § 7:

“Section 7 - Special Board Meetings and Board Votes by e mail or other electronic means

A. A board meeting via electronic means can be called either by the board president or a quorum of the board. These special meetings may take place via electronic means using the process outlined in these procedures. The president and board shall be judicious in exercising the ability to meet via electronic means and such meetings shall be rare and reserved only for situations where time is of the essence. The special meeting shall be chaired by the president or, if the president is unavailable, the Chair shall be determined in accordance with the these bylaws. The meeting secretary (MS) shall be designated by the Chair if other than the usual Secretary.

B. E-Mail Meeting Procedures:

1. The Chair shall send an email to all the members stating the reason for calling the meeting and providing an outline of the issue to be discussed. These Email Meeting procedures shall be attached to this initial email.

2. Motions shall be presented, seconded and opened for discussion by following the same rules and procedures followed in regular meetings.

3. Once a motion has been seconded, the Chair shall then start a discussion period which shall be open for specific time period (e.g. 2 days or 2 business days). In order to keep everybody informed and to monitor progress of the meeting, emails pertaining to the issue being resolved shall be addressed to the chair and secretary and contain the original subject in the subject line.

4. At the end of the discussion period, the Chair shall then start the voting period by submitting the motion to a vote by the board. The voting period shall be designated by the meeting chair or shall last until the number of returned votes is sufficient to determine the outcome of the vote. For a motion to pass, it shall have received the necessary number of favorable votes as defined in these bylaws, but not less than a majority of all of the voting board members.

5. Each voting board member shall send his/her email vote to the Chair and to the MS. The MS shall tally the votes and announce the results at the end of the voting period along with a list showing the vote of each member.

6. Once the voting results are announced the Chair shall declare the special meeting closed.

7. A written record of the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next in-person board meeting.

C. Procedures for meeting by telephone or other electronic means other than e mail:



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2. At the end of the discussion period, the Chair shall then start the voting period by submitting the motion to a vote by the board.
3. Once the voting results are announced the Chair shall declare the special meeting closed.
4. A written record of the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next in-person board meeting.”

Matt Larson makes a motion to approve the bylaw changes, seconded by Bob Harrington. Motion passes. The members will be notified of this vote at the general meeting, and put to a vote at the March 2017 General Meeting.

- **Rescue Member Gifts.** Ed Carlson believes that Rescue Member gifts are not technically allowed. Does Rescue Member fall in the category of an award vs. a gift? Needs to be “inconsequential and insignificant” value. This discussion will be continued at the next Board Meeting.

Adjourned

Matt Larsen makes motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:02 PM. Seconded by Elsbeth Otto.