



## ***Inyo County Search and Rescue***

### ***February 2017 General Meeting Minutes***

#### ***Call to Order***

Board meeting was held at the Posse Hut on February 2, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by President Matt Larsen.

#### ***Attendees***

Matt Larsen, Bob Harrington, Elsbeth Otto, Ian Bell, Ed Carlson, Lane Dumm, Todd Vogel, Mike Hay, Tristan Kadish, Laura Molnar, Lindsey Hugues, Amanda Guenther, Damon Cherenzia, Rachel Farrand, Michelle Spresser, Paul Rasmussen, Dean Chavez, Darla Heil, Calder Davey, Cristal Alvarado

#### ***Unfinished Business***

- ***GPS and DeLorme InReach Devices*** Matt Larsen notifies the team that 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 Broson 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.

Bob Harrington moves that we pay for Mike Broson to get the training, seconded by Laura Molnar. The Membership votes, and the motion passes.

#### ***New Business***

- ***Amending Bylaws Next General Meeting*** Article IX § 2 of the Bylaws states that “The Board and Membership shall be given at least one month’s notice at a General Meeting of any meeting where changes in the Bylaws will be considered.” 2/3 majority of the present Membership needs to vote in favor of each change for it to be ratified. There will be time to discuss the proposed changes. The following changes to the Bylaws will be put up to a Membership vote at the General Meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>:

***1) To Include the Positions of Secretary and Treasurer as Board Members of Inyo County SAR*** Inyo SAR Board has voted to approve a change to Article V § 6a of the Bylaws to make the Secretary and Treasure members of the Board. This change has been made in order to



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allow the Secretary and Treasure voting rights on Board matters they are involved with.

Replacement language for **Article V § 6a**:

“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.”

**2) Allow electronic voting by the Inyo SAR Board** Matt Larsen informs the members that the Inyo SAR Board has voted to approve a new addition to Article VI (Meetings and Quorums) of the Bylaws, to allow the Inyo SAR to vote electronically via email and other means. This change will allow the Board, when necessary, to approve of matters in a timely fashion without convening a physical meeting.

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



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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:

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

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.”

**3) Change the Quorum Number for a Board Meeting** This change to Article VI § 5 is a sister amendment to the first amendment of adding Secretary and Treasurer as Board Members to adjust the number for a quorum. This change will be voted on by the Board at the Board Meeting on March 2, and if passed, be put to a membership vote during the following General Meeting.

New proposed replacement language for Article **VI § 5**:



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“A Quorum for all business conducted by the Board shall be four members if the board consists of seven or eight people and five members if the board consists of nine people.”

- ***Inyo SAR Poster and Pamphlet***  
Ed Carlson says that the business community has been extremely supportive of the team this year. Ed made up a poster that we can give to business supporters, as well as a tri-fold pamphlet that can be taken to help educate people about Inyo SAR and mountain travel safety. This could be an opportunity to expand the Preventative SAR capabilities of the team. Anyone interested in helping with this effort should contact Ed.
- ***Treasurer’s Report***  
In January, the team had \$8,625 in expenses (gear, SAR Dinner, taxes, hats, down payment for Rigging For Rescue) and \$10,382 in income from donations. Our January beginning balance was \$49,438 and ending balance was \$50,184.
- ***Winter Race Series***  
Next race is on February 18. Thanks to Ed, Lindsey, Lane, Ryan and everyone else for their help putting on the first two. Please come out and race or volunteer for the third and final race.
- ***Avalanche Training Recap***  
Great training out of Aspendell on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Amazing conditions for skiing and avalanche training. Great snow stability testing and two avalanche search scenarios, including a probe line. 17 people attended the Thursday night training, and 16 on Saturday.

### ***Announcements***

- ***Missing SAR equipment*** Equipment needs to be returned ASAP to the Posse Hut. Right now there is a Arcteryx jacket missing, so please check your packs for equipment so it is available when needed.
- ***Recert*** Please sign up on the white board in the Posse Hut or email Matt Larsen (nesral121@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend the recertification in Barstow on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Right now we have 12 people signed up, and we need many more for a successful recert—please consider coming!
- ***Trainings*** Come to the Incident Command System training next Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 PM at the Posse Hut. We will be



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ramping up the number of trainings this month in preparation for our recertification.

#### ***Upcoming Dates***

##### **February**

**9th** – ICS Training (7-9 PM)

**11th** – ELT Training/ Search Training

**18th** – Winter Race #3

**23rd** – Medical Training

**25th** – Large Search Medical Field Day

##### **March**

**2nd** – General Meeting

**4th** – MRA Search and Tracking Recertification

Darla Heil makes motion to adjourn the General Meeting at 7:42 PM, seconded by Elsbeth Otto.