General Meeting Minutes 1/7/16

Missions: The search for Big Foot at the Big Ears: Guy had been reported missing in Arkansas a while back and then CHP identified his vehicle near Taboose Crk. Someone working at Big Ears found a guy 6'2" in shorts and a tee shirt and no shoes sleeping in the Big Ears and he wandered off. The team broke into several OHV groups, several groups in cars, a team that looked through buildings, a team from the last track, and one team on the river in a canoe. We also had several deputies searching as well, and one helo from China Lake. Since the subject was possibly mentally altered, we were under instruction to call a deputy if we actually came in touch with him. Everyone found tracks that they were easily able to track in the poof dust of the east side of the valley. And they were actual tracks as he was barefoot and walked at least 15 miles, shuffling, up and down from the Big Ears to Warm Springs Rd and then to the pupfish ponds and back. Right as it got dark, everyone was excited, thinking that we were going to find him, but we had to call the search off due to darkness. The second day of the search was called off, as he didn't want to be found, and the search bordered on being a law enforcement activity, and it was Christmas time. He was found northwest of the big ears 7 days later, totally fine. He was apparently breaking into the buildings and had found a sleeping bag.

The team votes to confirm Vic to replace Stephen on the board.

The team votes to approve avi 1 for 11 team members.

There's a very nice note from the Myers family who included an obituary for Michael and a gift of \$5000 for the team to be used for avi training.

Trainings and events:

Jan. 9: Winter Race Series #1, 9am at Mill Pond. Laura needs two volunteers to help out. It's a fun fund-raiser for the team and everyone should come run or walk and volunteer and bring friends!

Jan. 11 Installation dinner at the Brewery. 6 pm. Dress up fancy!

Jan. 16: Member skills training. All new members are particularly encouraged to attend, but everyone should try to be there to add their input.

Jan 21 and 23: Incident command trainings. If you want to be a part of the IC team

If you are a voted-in member you can have an inyosar.com email address.

Gaia GPS app on phones. Test it out. Let people know what you think.

New people:

Andrew: moved here with his wife who grew up here, worked as a guide and doing wilderness therapy and outward bound, up and down the west coast

Summer: moved here from southern California and is a doctor in town and is excited to learn.

Welcome new people! Make sure to get a new member packet and write down your contact info on the binder by the front door.