

General Meeting Minutes 7/2/2015

Dislocated shoulder on Whitney: Grouchy man with dislocated shoulder. Demanded a helicopter and was very pissed that he hadn't gotten one. But they ran into him hiking down, although he was not in the most pleasant of moods, even though he had self-administered morphine. And then, in classic Whitney form, they ran into all sorts of worried people looking for their help finding people who had gone off to go pee and hadn't come back, but were fine.

Training on Palisade Glacier: a group of specialized winter search and rescue team--ski patrollers from down south. They hadn't had a call out in four years. So it was good they had Matt along with them. it was a bit chaotic. At first they wanted to start out on the bergschrunds, to which Matt thought... "Oh my God that just doesn't sound like a good idea."

Thunderbolt Peak Search: found them driving back down the road as team was driving up. They had thought they were going to do most of the Palisade traverse

Mirrored system technical training: Went up to the granite knob above South Lake parking lot to practice the system which, instead of a main and belay there are two lines set up identically. Everything went pretty smoothly, but it requires a little more equipment, but it was easier to manage the prusiks and the scarab at the same time. The system wasn't equalizing, but it wasn't difficult to adjust the tension accordingly, especially on the lower. Theoretically it's better in the sense that if one line were to fail you wouldn't have as much loading on your belay, also it's easier to do switch overs and the belay was easier to mind. Also, from a physics standpoint, it is considered safer than your typical main and belay systems. Change of directions would be potentially more difficult.

CPR: Matt taught CPR and it went well. Is going to look into teaching First Aid for the team since he's also certified to teach that as well.

We got new jackets as well. Don't take them home with you! They are hut jackets. That can go on missions, obviously.

Medical gear we need: super glue, tourniquet, CPR masks.

Jeeps are fixed again. But let's try to not use the Jeeps if we don't have to.

Thanks to Ed for the beautiful, new Posse Hut sign!

New people: Rob, Chris, and George from Lone Pine came up and are looking to get involved down south. Steve and Nick of Bishop CDFW are also here

