

Inyo County Search and Rescue

July 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

General meeting was held at the Posse Hut on July 6, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Elsbeth Otto.

Attendees

Elsbeth Otto, Bob Harrington, Ian Bell, Mike Hay, Rose Masters, Ed Carlson, Jon Weisman, Sonja Schwartz, Jeff Koperek, Will Blake, Chris Usher, Nik Barbieri, Max Gallegos, Laura Molnar, Paul Rasmussen, Joel Ryan, John Addleman, Darla Heil, Ryan Navales, Michelle Spresser, Lia Cioni, Julia Runcie, Aaron Burkholder, Erik Leitch, Andre Colmenares, Ashley Helms, David Pomeranz

June Trainings and Missions

- Helicopter Training with California Highway Patrol H80 Inland Air Operations – 3 days of hoists and trainings at Millpond.
- Pine Creek Mission—Injured trail runner up the Pine Creek Trail with fully torn quadriceps. Stabilized leg with vacuum splint and raised him up on the H80 hoist for the evacuation.
- Horseshoe Meadow Lost Trail Runners Search—Two ladies got disoriented while doing a trail run, ended up spending the night. H80 and Inyo SAR responded, found the pair hiking down the trail safe.
- **Pulley Training**—Paul led a Wednesday night training Simple and Complex pulley systems for mechanical advantage.
- **South Lake Technical Rock Training**—Raised and lowered a little, practiced a dual-capable hybrid/mirrored technical rope system.
- **Board Planning**—The Inyo SAR Board met on a Sunday to discuss SAR policies and procedures.
- **Crashed Glider**—Full sized glider crashed in the White Mountains. CHP H40 rescued the pilot at the crash site.
- Mt. Abbott Fallen Climber—Solo male climber fell in a chimney, and sustained a puncture wound and other injuries. CHP H40 hoisted a rescuer and the patient and transported to Bishop.
- Symmes Creek Stranded PCT Hikers—Two SAR members rescued five PCT hikers who were unable to cross a swollen creek.
- Fallen Climber Happy Boulders—Inyo SAR assisted with the carryout of a climber who sustained two broken ankles.



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Unfinished Business

Garmins InReaches

Elsbeth Otto will make the purchase of two Garmin InReach units, and work with the County to get them to pay for the plan. This will help up communicate in areas without radio coverage.

New Business

Snacks for Missions

Arianna purchased snacks for missions, located in the fridge. Please only consume these on missions, not trainings or meetings. Thanks Arianna!

• Bring a large pack on Missions

Elsbeth reminded the team that if you are responding to a Mission, bring a large (50+ liter) backpack to carry personal and group gear. Small packs mean that other people have to carry more of group gear!

Member section of the INYOSAR.COM website

Reminder that the website has a member section that hosts meeting minutes, documents, and other member resources. As a reminder, archived meeting minutes and other team resources can be found at http://inyosar.com/contacts/members/. Current team members should be able to log in with the username of their first initial and full last name (e.g. ibell), and the one-time password "letmein". Once in, your password can be changed. If that does not work, or you are new to the team, please email Julie (julievargo@gmail.com) for access.

New GPS units

The team has 10 new Garmin GPS units. Ian B will lead a training on the basic functions of the devices after the meeting.

• Upcoming Trainings

July 20 – New Member Training/Garage Night (Pizza 6:30 PM)

August 3 – August General Meeting

August 17 – Medical Training (7PM)

August 19 – Mock Rescue/ Scenario (8AM)

Any team members are invited to attend ICS and Basic SAR training course at Cow Creek Ranger Station hosted by Death Valley National Park on July 26 and July 27. If interested, contact Rose Masters or Max Gallegos.

Adjournment

Elsbeth Otto makes motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:02 PM. Seconded by Mike Hay.