

Inyo County Search and Rescue

September 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2017

Call to Order

The Inyo SAR general meeting was held at the Posse Hut and was called to order at 6:03 PM by Elsbeth Otto.

Attendees

Elsbeth Otto, Lane Dumm, Rose Masters, Julie Vargo, Ed Carlson, Bob Harrington, Ian Bell

Czar Updates

- **Facilities** Omni biners purchased for the new chest harnesses, cleaning gear, heavy duty dishwasher gloves, contractor bags, extra battery for the Bosh bolt gun. New gravel in the Possee Hut yard, sprinklers working again after they got run over, wind sock fixed.
- **Team Finances** Ed C. reports that the team has recieved close to \$20,000 in donations in June, July, August, mainly from family member donations related to recent mission. Our August end-of-month balance stands at \$54,782.83. Ed C. makes motion to use some funds from the Linda Solomon donation for preventative SAR work. The Board unanimously approves use of some of these funds, with more specific fund allocatations in the future after specific project costs (e.g. informational kiosks) are identified.
- **Membership** Julie V. updated the website with new mission resports. Lane say we have a couple of new members that are promising, RN and Nurse.
- **Medical Policy** Rose M. updates that the medical policy team had a meeting about establishing medical protocols for the team. Dave P. sent out an email about medical policies, there is some hesitation with using PAs and Nurses into a backcountry setting, need to train medical professionals in Wilderness medicine. Dave P. has sent in his letter of interest to be the team's medical director, looks like everything should move forward to get him on. Equipment overhead to provide BLS services–time and money is needed to maintain the equipment. If we bring medications with us, we could keep them at Symons Ambulance.
- **Training** September Tech Rescue training–need a leader for the tech rescue training. We will put this out to the membership in the General Meeting to try and get a leader. September 16 is the Cal MRA meeting here, Bob H. requests funds to host the meeting, passed with general consent. Bob will facilitate opening the hut and providing snacks.

Team Business

- **Cave Rescue Training Opportunity** Cave rescue training in Darwin September 16 and 17 with San Bernardino Cave Rescue Team. If interested, contact [Julie Vargo](#) or [Elsbeth Otto](#).
- **SAR Book signing event** Seattle Mountain Rescue member [Bree Loewen](#) has a new book “Found: A Life in Mountain Rescue” and is doing a book signing and 45-min talk. The non-profit ESIA doing an Mammoth Lake event on Saturday September 23rd, and Inyo SAR is partnering in hosting the event. Time and Location details will be sent out in an email.
- **Whitney** Ed C. is hiking up to Outpost Camp to do Preventative Search and Rescue outreach this weekend. Administrative permit system is working.

Upcoming Dates (Click [here](#) to view the Inyo SAR Google Calendar)

- **September 21** Thursday Night Tech Training 7pm
- **September 23** Saturday Technical Rescue Practice (details TBD and emailed) 8am
- **October 5** October General Meeting 7pm
- **October 19** Thursday Rock Anchor Training at the Posse Hut 7pm
- **October 21** Technical Rescue/Anchor Practice in the field 8am
- **November 2** November General Meeting 7pm
- **November 17-19** Saline Valley Campout and Canyoneering Technical Rescue Training
- **December 7** December General Meeting 7pm

Adjournment Elsbeth Otto adjourns the meeting at 7:05 PM