

Inyo County Search and Rescue

March 2018 General Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2018

Call to Order

The Inyo SAR general meeting was held at the Posse Hut and was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Elsbeth Otto.

February Events

- **Gray Eagle Mine** Injured runner in the White Mountains. Victim was one of the LifeFlight pilots, high up on a very steep slope, crawled for hours trying to find cell phone coverage. Symon's Ambulance was already on scene. Team set up a simple rope system as backup for team carrying out the litter. Five hours total time.
- **Saline Valley Search** Missing person from Orange County. Off-duty CHP officer reported missing vehicle on the road into Saline Valley. Eight SAR members were flown into the area via helicopter to the missing person's truck. After about four hours, the missing person was found deceased with a self-inflicted gunshot wound about a half-mile from the vehicle.
- **Mechanical Advantage Training** Bob H. led a hands-on training on mechanical advantage systems.
- **Hug-A-Tree with Bishop 3rd Grade Class** Knot-tying and lessons on how not to get lost with the third grade class.
- **Alabama Hills Training** Rock rescue training for the recertification in the Alabama Hills. Raising/lowering station, pick-off station, and rappelling station were rotated through in small groups. A great training!
- **Mount Whitney Fall Victim** 24 YO male climbing the Mountaineer's Route, fell glissading, injuring tooth and fracturing tib/fib. CHP tried to conduct an evacuation but high winds prevented landing or a hoist. The team prepared cold-weather gear, which was dropped from the helicopter to the injured party. Right at dusk, winds died down enough to pick up the victim.
- **Mount Whitney Missing Male** Three climbers near Mirror Lake activated SPOT, with no information about the situation. China Lake Mountain Rescue ended up responding with 6 members. Turns out that the party of three activated the SPOT for an overdue 17 YO male solo day hiking Whitney who was stuck on a ledge. The solo day hiker managed to self-rescue and hiked out with the China Lake Mountain Rescue team.

- **Fish Slough Recertification Training** Mock recertification training in preparation for the March 3rd MRA Recertification in the Alabama Hills. Fun training on the cliffs about Chalk Bluff.

Team Business

- **Recertification** General discussion about the MRA tech rescue training certification in the Alabama Hills.
- **Bishop High Sierra** June 2nd Ultra Marathon in Bishop. Inyo SAR will be manning two aid stations, so please put the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more info. Some of the proceeds from the race will benefit Inyo SAR. Check out the website: www.bishopultra.com
- **Member Vote** Erik L. is voted by a unanimous vote of the voting members to be an official rescue member of Inyo SAR. Congrats Erik!

Upcoming Dates

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

- **March 3** MRA Recertification (Alabama Hills, Lone Pine)
- **March 10** Winter Race Series 3, Mill Pond Park 8AM volunteer, 9AM race start
- **April 5** April General Meeting
- **April 21,22** CHP Helicopter Training

Adjournment

Elsbeth Otto adjourns the meeting at 7:48 PM