

# Inyo County Search and Rescue

## June 2019 General Meeting Minutes

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### Call to Order

The June Inyo SAR general meeting was held at the Posse Hut, called to order shortly after 7PM by president Elsbeth Otto.

A number of new people attended the meeting: Noel, who'd like to join SAR to be a more permanent member of the community, Calder who came back to contribute as thanks for his own rescue a while back and -- ingrate that he is -- to 'speed things up', Max who has lived here for 6 years and has some rope experience, John who's on his second year in Bishop, has guided with Kurt, and is taking the winter off this year. Also Tom Woods, who took a decade-long hiatus to raise kids and now apparently needs a break from them, Erica and Natalie, who recently moved to Bishop full-time, haven't done any rescue work, but are interested to see what's going on. Lastly, Jodie, who works in dispatch for ICSO, is keen to improve dispatch, and Jesse, who is also interested in helping out.

### May 2019 Events

**04 May Mt. Muir.** Mutual aid callout from seq/kings for shoulder injury. Ian reports kid had tried to climb Mt Muir, dislocated shoulder. Chinook was called out from Stockton and took Laura and Ian along for medical training. Marines got lost during the heli mission (said they got the wrong cords). Ian navigated by iPhone, and they showed up 45 min after original ETA. One of the ntl guards went down on the hoist. Used a 'jungle penetrator' (! Apparently, a metal cage with a swing down seat). Dude had left his companions at trail crest (they got 'rescued' by a group of Gonzaga students).

**16 May Heli Pre-Training** Pretraining night for annual heli training with H80. Went over personal rigging, to ensure that we were on the same page with H80 crew who have different gear and different ideas of what's safe, etc.

**18-19 May Heli Training** Cam recounts what we did -- day1 getting in and out on the ground, with and without rotor spinning, then while hovering. On day2, we set up stations to practice rigging the hot seat, the Baumann bag, and hoisting on/off the island.

Training got cut a little short because of wind, but we pretty much got through it all. Ops were with new flight officer Mike who got to practice his hoist skills -- which means the H80 crew have now all had hoist training with us.

Also note that our whole crew is now certified for unlimited-height ops. And they're getting night certified as of July (no hoist operations, but flight capabilities).

**20 May South Fork Body Recovery** Same day as the Heli training, there was a callout for an apparent suicide up the south fork of Big Pine Ck. Vic and Julia went the next Day, got the body out (of the human victim -- not his dog, who was an addl victim). New flight officer Mike did his first in-the-field hoist.

**Whitney CHP Rescues** CHP did a couple rescues on Whitney, that we weren't part of. Cam talked to Dean in LP -- got called directly for one rescue, and Ed reports there was a pickoff on the ledges.

#### **Team Business:**

**Hug-a-Tree** Ed discussed the Hug-a-Tree programs. These started in SD years ago when the parent of a boy who disappeared in a park set up program to train kids to hug a tree, stay put, and not get more lost. Todd Vogel is supporting that program for all 6 districts in Inyo Co. and they always need volunteers for kids (3-5 grades). Program will start again in the Fall. Kids also learn to tie knots and put slings on.

**July 4 meeting** is moved to 11 because of the holiday. Maybe impromptu meeting to watch fireworks from posse hut!

**Bishop Ultras** Todd sends thanks for all volunteers -- 250 racers, several \$K for SAR and youth outdoor program. Intake 2 aid station was best of course, but Ariana wins the MVP prize for running the 50K, then volunteering for the rest of the day, then coming back at 6am because the cook was exhausted, and *then* cleaning up the next day (!!)

Firstout will be replaced in November.

New board member -- Dave Pomerantz will replace Laura Lingeman who, sadly, has left the building.

#### **Upcoming dates:**

**22 June Pickoff Training** Bob leading pickoff training on the 22nd for pickoff. will go over that on Sat morning. No Thursday training that week because instead we will do:

**27 June Patient Assessment Training**, led by Dave P.

In July we'll do patient packaging training.

#### **Adjournment**

Elsbeth Otto adjourns the meeting at 7:35pm.