Inyo SAR General Meeting Minutes May 2, 2019

New attendees introduced themselves: Natasha, Julia, and Kent.

Missions:

Ryan Navales reported on car-over in the Lone Pine area. 10-22'd before SAR got on scene.

4/7 – Ian Bell and Paul Rasmussen reported on a complicated hoist mission on the southeast face of Mt. Russell. Party of four was off-route and stuck. Ian was inserted by CHP helo hoist. One of the subject party was hoisted and taken to Lone Pine Airport, the other three were hoisted individually and taken to their camp at Lower Boy Scout Lake. Ian was hoisted out shortly before dark. Paul had to figure out how to get fuel at the LP Airport.

Trainings:

Snow travel 4/18 and 4/20 - Todd Vogel trained team on travel on snow and ice, crampon use, ice axe self arrest, short roping, boot axe belay. We tested snow picket strength by placing them and pulling on them with a mechanical advantage system. In a typical spring snowpack, pickets start bending at around 5kN.

Ed Carlson helped some climbers down the lower Mountaineers Route at Nate's request.

During a PSAR outing, Ed also helped out an 11 year-old with altitude sickness. Weird situation, subject's companions wanted to off-load him onto Ed. Ed contacted SO for authorization.

Next month's trainings: Helo operations with CHP May 16, 18

Bishop Ultras on June 3. Many team members supporting or participating.

Nov 16-17, Wilderness First Responder recertification.

Talk with Vic or Elsbeth if you are interested in search management and ICS training.

Rich Williams unanimously voted on to team.

Nate Derr notified us that new fuel cards are coming.