



Mountain Rescue Association Rocky Mountain Region

Region Business Meeting 13 December 2024

Attendees:

Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council –	None
Alpine Rescue Team –	Paul Woodward Brian Stuebe Bob Feroldi (V) Jack Mitchell (V)
Atalaya Search and Rescue -	
Chaffee County SAR North	
Douglas County Search and Rescue –	Roman Bukary (V) David Miska
El Paso County Search and Rescue -	Chris Deptula (V)
Fremont Search and Rescue -	Dustin Elliott (V)
Grand County Search and Rescue -	Deb Davidson (V) Leonard Davidson Greg Foley Janel Jordy
Larimer County Search and Rescue –	George Janson (V)
Mesa County Search and Rescue –	None
Mountain Rescue Aspen -	None
Park County Search and Rescue -	None
Rocky Mountain Rescue Group -	Alison Sheets () Dale Wang Cris Benner (V) Emilie Jue
Summit County Rescue Group –	None
Vail Mountain Rescue Group -	None
Western Mountain Rescue Team -	Ryan White (V)

Meeting Called to Order: 18:30

Motion: Jack Mitchell
Second: David Miska
No votes against

Roll call:

See attendee list above.

Approval of Winter Meeting Minutes:

Comments: No comments
Motion to approve: Jack Mitchell



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Second: Chris Deptula
No votes against

Treasurer Report:

Trying to get exact balance. No region funds were spent this year.

Region By-law Change Proposal:

Intro by Jack – Just going over for comments. The proposed bylaw will be voted on in May/June timeframe.

Leonard went over the proposal (attached to minutes).

Bylaw Committee Members: Roman Bukary, Brian Stuebe, Deb Davidson, Leonard Davidson, Ryan White and Paule Woodward

Dale Wang comments: Thanks to members who have worked on the proposed changes. The proposed changes are inconsistent with the proposed, national policy.

spring meeting to spring meeting (June to June)

Board meetings represent vs membership meeting

Only full RMU (accredited members) should be voted

special election needs to be held

Recommendation: change bylaw to state something along the lines that the “election will be held in compliance with national bylaws and policy.”

A region policy can be made to provide the details.

Chris Deptula: Agree with Dale. Likely coming from national, should push a lot of this to policy.

Consider article 5 that indicates no member should hold more than one elected office at a time. Is the bylaw proposal in conflict?

Change wording to indicate that voting should be at the region meeting immediately preceding the date that the position starts on.

Greg Foley: Can we elect an alternate at the same time as the election to avoid a special election?

Dale: Board member is individually named. Would require the special election.

Woody: Easier to have a calendar year term due to time requirements for meeting and notice.

Dale: Would term out at the June meeting according to bylaws.

Woody: Who represents in February BOD meeting?

Dale: Having a region board meeting is problematic having different terms.

Chris: can change region term to be June to June

Jack : Policy 306 from national is currently under review and hasn't been published yet.



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Leonard indicated that he can continue to head the committee.

Roman: When do we expect National to formalize policy and guidance. May want to wait until they finalize it.

Chris: 30 days before (May 12th) Bylaw proposal by Feb. 12th.

Jack : Simple bylaw might be the easiest.

Woody: question for Dale and Alison: national 30 days prior, is it always 2nd week in June? Moving Date.

Dale suggestion:

I would suggest minimal changes in the actual bylaws; since when National decides to change again, we won't have to change bylaws again. Policy changes are easy

"The Region will elect a Director to represent the Region at the National MRA Board of Directors; this process will comply with National MRA bylaws and policies."

Deb: Will we be in compliance for Feb.?

Jack: Upcoming changes should come into effect in June.

Extension of MRA Board Representative from the Region:

Interim position until region election of the

Motion: Jack Mitchell to continue as the region MRA Director until the elected 2025 region MRA Director takes office.

Motion by: Chris Deptula

Second by: Deb Davidson

comments: No comments

None opposed, motion passes

Does Section 3 of article V cause a problem with any current member being a representative?

Greg Foley helped to write that section of the bylaws. It was intended for region positions and not national. We should be OK with Jack holding the position. Not national.

Region Board Member Election:

Deb Davidson – Director At Large

She is currently holding the position for 1 year, to create an offset.

Any floor nominations: none

Motion: Elect Deb Davidson to the Director at Large position for a 2 year term.

Motion by: Jack Mitchell



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Second: Chris Deptula
no votes against. Deb is elected for 2 year term.

Tom Chapel (Larimer) – Vice Chair Floor nominations: none
Motion: Elect Tom Chapel to the position of Vice Chair for a 2 year term.
Motion by: Jack Mitchell
Second by: Chris Deptula
no votes against. Tom is elected for 2 year term.

Around the Room:

Deb Davidson: Bias training for national third Thursday will be doing the presentation “Valuing all members” working with Cameron from Douglas and Ryan White. Coming up next Thursday.

Jack Mitchell: Update from National, working on updating national bylaws/policies. ICAR 2025 in Jackson Hole Wy. It would be good to have a strong representation. Discussion on term limits for ICAR members.

David Miska: Medical incident from DCSAR. Happened in training. Early in season with snowmobile refresher training. During one of the evolution, two folks with two sleds, medical emergency while digging out. 4 days in ICU. Intense vertigo, vomiting when sitting up. Both snowmobiles were out. No easy access or rapid intervention. Second member strapped the other one to his back and rode him out. Re-evaluating missions and responses with only the two machines. Colorado parks and wildlife has four sleds in their office. They will back them up.

Deb Davidson: honor guard had 3 services in our region this year.
Any updates on proposed OSHA rules?

Jack response: Mark Milgren attended OSHA hearings. The government does not seem to understand the difference between back country SAR and fire departments.

Woody: OSHA response, Colorado has changed statues for “Back Country Search and Rescue”

Woody: Can anybody attend ICAR in 2025?
Woody is updating files for regional website. Shall direct that to Jack and Emiie.

Motion to Adjourn (19:38):

Motion by: Chris Deptula
Second by: Ryan White
No votes against.