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MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 1989
SAN DIEGO

The meeting of the Executive Board was opened at 7:00 p.m. on November 9, 1989, by MRA President Hunter Holloway.

The financial report was given by Executive Secretary Judy Hanna. In the checking account, the year began with \$1730.92 and currently has \$2333.21. Deposits were \$13,271.13 and debits were \$10,937.92. In the First Rate Account, the year began with \$4939.68 and currently has \$4607.05. (See a more detailed account on attached report.)

Other business:

1. Kevin Walker, Membership Chairman, presented a lengthy report to the Board. (See attached)

2. Dues: (Judy Hanna) Dues are in for all units except Hood River Crag Rats (Skagit MR paid just prior to the meeting), and ASRC's roster, according to Cady Soukup, is not yet complete. Seven different checks were received at the end of October for ASRC's dues from individuals and teams, with two stating specifically that those dues were for 1990. Judy was directed to deposit all seven checks and bill ASRC for 1990 dues. ASRC's By-Laws have been received from Keith Conover.

3. The Institute for Urban SAR, directed by Lois Clark McCoy and consisting of twenty-three organizations, was discussed. MRA has a representative to this Institute.



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4. Money to be sent through MRA from a gentleman to the Socorro Alpinos in Mexico City as a donation was discussed. The gentleman was involved in a life-threatening problem climbing Orizaba and because his life was saved, he wished to contribute to a rescue group in Mexico.

5. The lack of an MRA brochure was again brought up. Any volunteers?

6. A video; "Land of One Season", produced by the Portland Chapter of the International Television Association in cooperation with Portland Mountain Rescue, is now available for purchase. Information can be obtained from Portland MR or Trade Northwest, Inc., 8529 SW Cirrus Dr., Beaverton, OR 97005; phone is 1-800-828-9816.

7. A discussion on secondary responses to mass disaster, and what MRA's response will be was held.

8. Hunter set up a newsletter committee with Drew Davis as chairman, and including Hunter Holloway, Howard Paul, and Walt Walker.

9. Tim Cochrane gave a report on Long Range Planning. The entire report is available upon request.

ATTENDEES

Kevin Walker
Paul Williams
Walt Walker
Phil Umholtz
Brian Williams
Pierre Bustanoby
Dick Bethers
Drew Davis
Tim Cochrane
Judy Hanna

MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 6, 1989

I CHECKING ACCOUNT

The year began with \$1730.92, and ended with \$2333.21.
Deposits were \$13,271.13 and debits were \$10,937.92,
\$5000.00 of which was transferred to the First Rate Account.

Income: Dues brought in \$8311.00
interest 179.97
small stores 500.00
misc 178.50
newsletter 2370.74 (ads and subs)

Expenses: office \$6835.53
\$5000 to FR acct
595 for copier
50 for NASAR dues
575 for officers' exp

printing \$738.81

travel \$536.50
\$120 for jh reg, San Diego
258 for jh airfare "
158.50 reimbursement from
SARA - jh (didn't go)
newsletter \$2827.08 (expenses to Howard Paul)
(fall printing - will
transfer to FR acct)

II FIRST RATE ACCOUNT

The year began with \$4939.68 and ended with \$4607.05.

\$5000.00 was transferred into this account from checking
account.

The two big expenditures for '89 were \$2182 for the spring
Rescue Forum and \$3400 for the summer issue.

Printing total for all four issues:

\$2009

2182

3400

1896

\$9487.00

Ads: \$3077.74
Subs: \$172.00
Staff: \$1170.94

Assets: \$3249.74
Debits: \$10,657.94



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MRA Fall National Meeting

San Diego, California

November 11, 1989

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Hunter Holloway at 1:00 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed.

Hunter acknowledged Joe Jackson, Dick Sale, and the San Diego Unit for their work on this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FINANCE REPORT

Judy Hanna presented the finance report for MRA. It was approved and accepted by the general membership.

REGION REPORTS

Arizona reported a normal mission load. They are expecting Sedona as a member sponsored by Central Arizona Mountain Rescue in Phoenix.

California reported a normal mission load. Urban heavy rescue is becoming an increasing topic in California and probably will be with the rest of MRA. One hundred-fifty MRA persons were on standby for San Francisco and only two percent were trained for that type of incident. We are looking at a state-wide paging system.

Ventura has now passed all MRA testing and will have a recommendation for membership at the Spring meeting.

Idaho - The Boise team has experienced an above normal mission load and will be moving into newly purchased quarters when the remodeling is done. The fund raising committee has done an outstanding job on the new building.

Salt Lake has experienced a normal mission load. We have two applicant teams, Davis and Weber County, that will be testing in April. They are anticipating paperwork from Utah County soon and may qualify as a region in June.

Oregon has experienced a drastic increase in mission loads this past year. PMR is providing a fast response team in the backcountry in cooperation with the Forest Service and Timberline Lodge. PMR is selling a video on "~~Winter Preparedness~~" featuring several casualties from the backcountry. *"Land of One Season"*

Rocky Mountain has experienced a normal mission load. Dick Arnold has stepped down as Chairman and was replaced by Tim ^{Cochran} ~~Cochran~~, Charlie Shemanski is Vice Chairman, Dixon Hutchingson is Secretary, and Tom Frazier is Treasurer.

Wymer County recertified and Rocky Mt. Rescue Boulder will recertify tomorrow.

Quarterly regional training will be in Vail on January 12, 13, and 14. It will be an "Ice and Snow Evacuation" workshop.

Uray is actively pursuing membership in MRA.

Washington reported the usual amount of missions. A Seattle member who is a Ph.D. pharmacist is doing quite a story on altitude sickness. The mild steroid "Decadron" works almost instantly. We will be addressing its use in Salt Lake at the Spring meeting.

Washington MRA, with North Cascade National Park Rangers, are trying to get an educational program together using corporate donations to promote the use of climbing helmets. They have noticed an increasing number of head injuries on missions in this area.

WMRA is using the U.S. Army helicopters in training and missions and notes an increased interest by the Army in this regard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A lengthy discussion on ASTM concluded that Reed Thorn's nomenclature book has a good chance of being accepted.

They are looking at a non-controversial equipment standard.

Extraction transportation evacuation in mountain terrain will be looked into by a group of MRA members in the Washington area. For more information contact Paul Unholtz.

COMMUNICATIONS

F.C.C. may reinstate license fees.

MRA is attempting to license 35.04 mhz 464.5 UHF if licensed with 155.160 we will have blanket coverage in the U.S. Also, we are working with Canada to get 155.160 expanded nationwide.

LEGAL

It is noted that ELT's have been being sold as personal protection items in backpacker stores. The F.A.A. is prepared to levy some heavy fines for this type of use.

Discussion on the price and availability of the RECCO systems.

The use of helicopters and other motorized equipment in the wilderness areas was discussed. Paul Williams will contact the Forest Service in Washington regarding a standard for rescue useage of equipment in these areas.

Paul is working with the ^{Teton Nat.} Jackson Park Service on an untimely death action pending against them for a climber who fell and died of hypothermia. He will keep us advised of the proceedings.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

This new committee is formulating goals, objectives, and prioritization and will be presenting them at Salt Lake in the Spring.

MEDICAL

The Medical Advisor has resigned. We are presently looking for an articulate, thoughtful emergency room physician to replace him. Several names have been discussed and Hunter will consider any submitted over the next six months.

MEMBERSHIP

All teams dues are due and payable January 1st. If by March 15th, the dues are not current, then the team becomes delinquent and loses its privileges of buying supplies and voting. Then at the June meeting, if the team is still delinquent, the team is then dropped from membership. Motion passed.

ASRC has submitted checks for approximately \$500. Some were marked "1990 dues". It was moved that we accept the dues for 1989 and bill all of ASRC for 1990 dues. Motion passed.

As a clarification to this motion, Hunter directed that an explanation be in the minutes of this meeting. The receipt of this \$500 is the first of any dues received by MRA from ASRC. The dues are accepted for 1989 membership. ASRC will owe 1990 dues with all other teams as of January 1, 1990.

Monies received from teams will first be applied to any delinquent balance and then to any current balance. Motion passed.

Delinquent teams 1989 dues: Hood River ^{Craig} ~~Craig~~ Rats, and ^{Pabuse} ~~Plus~~ Clearwater (dues for five people only). Membership Chairman will contact both teams.

On June 17, 1989 a motion was made and passed to Section B Paragraph 4. To delete all of Paragraph 4 and mark this section reserved for future use. New motion moved and passed to reinstate all of the former wording of this section reinstating certified ex-officio teams. This motion moved and seconded.

It was noted that no official publications had yet carried the June 17, 1989 change other than the Forum.

STORES

It has been a slow year. \$3500 expenses, \$4000 income, \$500 to MRA.

New price list in next Forum.

New video and books in stock.

NASAR

Bill Pierce re-elected President. Ed Stern, Training Director.

A camera has been requested to help with Response 90 to be held in Phoenix on May 30 through June 3, 1990.

National Institute for Urban SAR, Lois Macey, Chairwomen, stated the MRA President has a charter chair on this committee.

MISSION REPORTS

Activity and information has been disappointing. Requests suggestions on a standardized report form. Submit to Tim Kovak as soon as possible.

FORUM

The following have been appointed to address the business and editorial concerns of the Forum: Hunter Holloway, Drew Davis, Chairman, Walt Walker, Howard Paul.

Drew congratulated Howard Paul on his outstanding work on the Forum. A resolution was passed by the membership as follows:

A resolution by the general membership of MRA commending Howard Paul for the outstanding production of MRA Forum. His creativity and dedication has resulted in an exemplary product that reflects the professional attitudes of MRA. Motion moved and passed.

Financial restrictions may limit the Forum to two issues in 1990.

This year four issues cost in excess of \$10,000. MRA subsidized \$8,000.

Commercial sources are being considered to make the Forum self-sufficient.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Walt Walker asked that the region seek motivated people for the office that will keep the momentum of the organization. Contact him with nominations for the Spring meeting in Salt Lake.

SAFETY EDUCATION

No film rentals or requests for last year.

\$187 on hand requested to purchase a video on basic mountain rescue techniques from Reed Thorn. A screening of the film was ordered prior to purchase at a cost of \$99.

Moved and passed that "Land of One Season" be purchased from Portland Mt. Rescue for \$19.35.

RESCUE TECHNOLOGY

Hunter stated John Peleaux attended the Rescue Symposium last month in Portland. He is writing for the Forum.

BYLAWS

Hunter would like to see a re-writing of the bylaws over the next three years.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hunter would like to appoint an historian. He is looking at George ^{Sainsbury} ~~Sunsburg~~ and Paul Williams.

The NTR Symposium was discussed. Some concern was reported as to the content. Hunter directed Drew Davis to be forceful, let Steve Hudson know we will only be affiliated with a good, well run symposium.

BULLETIN BOARD

We have been unable to obtain a grant. The useage is way down. The funding will run out the first of the year. A motion was made that if no grant money is obtained by the first of the year, the Bulletin Board be discontinued. Motion passed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting is June 15, 16, 17, 1990 at Snowbird, Utah. Price under \$100. Numerous outdoor activities are planned. It was recommended that the Fall meeting be MRA sponsored, fly in, no frills, fly out. Walt Walker will be looking for the best price for recommendations by December 31, 1989.

CMRA requested the MRA logo be incorporated into their team patch, which was approved by policy.

A motion was made that no further use of the MRA logo be authorized for team patches. Motion passed.

Cochrane
Tim ~~Cook~~ suggested he and Paul Williams put together a rendezvous with Canada Mt. Rescue teams in 1995 or sooner. Hunter directed they do it.

Motion was made for \$250 for a delegate to travel to ASTM in Florida. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

11-9-89

Membership Report

Fall MRA Meeting - San Diego, California

East Valley SAR, Ventura County, California

Status: Search, Technical Snow and Ice, Technical Rock All PASSED

Paper work verbally OK'd by Legal Council

Holding pending final OK by California Region

Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs

Status: Need Paper work. Was not in hand at Tucson when voted in.

Sedona SAR

Status: Applying for membership. Application hand carried by D. Davis.

ASRC

Status: Up-dated By-laws in the Executive Secretaries hands.

Dues for 1989 in Executive Secretaries hands. ASRC has stated monies are to be applied to 1990. Membership recommends that monies be applied to 1989. Bill at appropriate time for 1990.

Teams delinquent in dues:

Skagit Mountain Rescue, Washington

Hood River Crag Rats, Oregon

Change in description of Membership protocol Section F. part b.:

Because of confusion in past years regarding how the membership process is to be handled, the Membership Committee would like to propose that Section F. part b. be changed (see attached proposal).

Idyllwild Mountain Rescue:

This group in central Riverside County has applied for membership as Associate. Several issues are being looked into by membership. Jurisdiction in regards to Riverside Mountain Rescue, and lack of operations due to the local Sheriff not calling on the group.

Membership Policy Changes from June 17, 1989:

There is concern about the deletion of the Ex-Officio Certified (see attached proposal dated 6/17/89). Before final voting in June of 1990, this issue should be put to rest.

Long Range Goals:

Do aggressively try and attract more groups? What can we do to encourage existing groups to participate more regularly.

PROPOSAL - To the Executive Committee, Mountain Rescue Association

Date: November 9, 1989

From: Membership Committee

Subject: Change in Membership Policies

Proposal: Delete all of part b. Membership in Section F., and replace with the Following:

b. Membership:

1. When contact is first made with MRA, a cover letter will be sent back to the interested team briefly explaining what MRA is about, along with the MRA brochure. Also included will be the address of the regional membership chairman to which the interested team is from.
2. A copy of the interested teams letter will be forwarded to the national membership chairman.
3. A copy of the interested teams letter will be forwarded to the regional membership chairman.
4. Regional contact shall be made with the interested team. If the interested team is truly interested in seeking one of the membership categories an application packet shall be given to the interested team. The packet will include:
 - A. Membership Application
 - B. MRA Policies Handbook
 - C. MRA Directory
 - D. Regional By-laws, Policies and accreditation requirements
 - E. A current copy of the Rescue Forum.
5. The following additional information shall be available from the region:
 - Sample team by-laws
 - Sample team organizational structures
 - Sample team operational structures
 - Sample team training manuals
 - Team equipment lists
6. When the executive secretary receives the four (4) sets of application packets, one set of each will be sent to:
 - National Membership Chairman
 - Legal Council

Regional Membership Chairman

MRA President (application only)

7. During the application process, follow up checks shall be made by the region and from the national level, with reports made regularly to the Executive Committee.

8. Before the applicant team can be accepted the following must be completed:

- Written approval from Legal Council stating that the applicant teams by-laws do not conflict with the MRA constitution and by-laws or policy, and that all paper-work is correct and complete.
- Documentation to the National Membership Chairman showing completion of all accreditation testing from the region.
- Written approval from the region recommending acceptance.
- Written recommendation from the National Membership Committee to accept the applicant team.
- All of the above is to be carried to the Executive Committee by the Membership Chairman, before voting can take place.

9. The membership committee shall meet immediately prior to the MRA meeting and review the pending application, checking for detail and completeness.

10. The MRA region or unit sponsoring the applicant team is responsible for checking the applicant teams equipment and giving a field test of proficiency in search and rescue techniques applicable in the geographic terrain in which the applicant team functions. If the applicant is without sponsorship and is outside the geographic boundaries of a Region, special arrangements shall be made by the President and the Membership Chairman.

11. If the application packet is complete and meets all requirements, the Membership Chairman shall so report to the MRA meeting. A delegate from the sponsoring MRA Region or team will make the appropriate remarks and introductions. A representative of the team being approved is expected to be present when a vote on their membership is taken.

12. The Membership Chairman will report the following information at each MRA meeting:

If the application is incomplete, the Membership Chairman will so announce. The reasons for its incompleteness will be listed.

Completed applications will be submitted to the Board for voting upon by the MRA delegates at the MRA board meeting.

13. A follow up letter to the new MRA member team will be written by the MRA President with copies to sponsor(s), the Membership chairman, and the Executive Secretary.

14. Completed application files of the new member team shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary to be placed in the permanent files of MRA. Incomplete files or pending applications will be held by the Membership Chairman.

PROPOSAL

TO: MRA Board of Directors

FROM: Membership Committee

DATE: June 17, 1989

SUBJECT: Membership Policy Changes

It is the recommendation of the Committee that the following changes be enacted.

Add to Section B, Paragraph 2, new item f.

Teams applying for full membership that have not completed all field testing for full accreditation shall be known as "Applicant" teams.

In Section B, Paragraph 3, item c.

Insert a period after the word "operate". And delete the rest of the sentence.

In Section B, Paragraph 4, Items a, b, c.

Delete all of paragraph 4 and mark this section "Reserved for future use". This eliminates the membership category of "Ex-Officio, Certified"

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Walker
Committee Chairman