

Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday August 23, 2016 1800 Hours
Location: Alamosa County Sheriff's Office

The monthly meeting of the Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue (AVSAR) organization was held on Tuesday August 23, 2016 at 1800 hours Mountain Daylight Time. It was held in the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office classroom.

Board Members Present: Suzi Hopper, Bruce Morrison and Deanna Wagner.

Team Members Present: Clifford Wagner, Ken Wagner, Donna Mabry, Merida Zerbi, Darrell Elder, Mark Martinez, Levi Wilner, Adelaide Whitehead, Morgan Barnes and Rob Mabry.

Board Absent: Andrew McClure and Don Thompson.

Guests Present: Helina Alvarez, Gunner Tokar, Theresa Tokar, Rebekah Shorb and Merlin Shorb.

Call to Order: Suzi Hopper called the meeting to order at 1812 hours Mountain Daylight Time. Deanna Wagner recorded the minutes. A quorum of members were present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Introduction of Guests and New Members: Adelaide Whitehead has joined the team and is new to the valley. She works at La Puente and loves the outdoors.

Helina Alvarez is new to the valley and works for fish and wildlife, she is wanting to become a member.

Gunner Tokar who also is interested in becoming a member is a student here in Alamosa.

Visitors with Gunner were Theresa Tokar, Rebekah Shorb and Merlin Shorb.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The July minutes are in hard copy form, and soon to be available online.

Treasurer's Report: Suzi reviewed our finances to the Team as Don was absent. We received a \$200.00 donation and \$170.00 from KMS for t-shirt sales.

Donna Mabry made a motion to donate \$500 to the family of Dusty Claunch, it was seconded by Merida Zebri, motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: Donna reported our fundraiser went great, we raised \$1,300 more than last years total of \$2,400. Excellent job and thank you to all those who participated.

Announcements: There will be a First Responder BBQ hosted by the San Luis Care Center on September 27, 2016 from 1600-1800 hours. This is an annual event and all are welcome to attend. It will be on the same night as our meeting, so eat and then come on over for the meeting.

Our meet and greet with the Emergency Manager, Francis Song, who is also now a member of our team has been cancelled.

Old Business: The radios have been programed with the Sand Dunes channels so we can better communicate with the rangers when we assist them.

Donna and Rob Mabry attended a Tracking Training in Creede, they shared their experience and have offered to train team members.

The team is still considering having a medical committee consisting of 2-3 people that would conduct our medical trainings when needed.

HAATS Hoist Training was canceled due to weather.

New Business: The Iberdrola donation letter has been sent off.

Ken Wagner made a motion to order more team uniform hats that was seconded by Morgan Barnes.

Suzi will check on purchasing hats to sell to the public.

September 11, 2016 Mineral County will have a FFL Lift ticket training at their ambulance barn at 0900 hours.

There was some discussion of selling CORSAR cards at next year's fundraiser, the topic has been tabled until we discuss fundraiser ideas next spring.

A woman from Louisiana called concerned for her husband who was on Lake Como road and had not reported in to her. Turns out he was fine and just camping another day and thought his texts were going through.

Suzi added a post to our Facebook page advising people that we do not monitor our page for emergencies and that if they need help in an emergency situation to call 911.

After Meeting Training: Merida conducted GPS basic 101 training .

Suzi spoke about the VHF radios and will email the new radio instructions to the team..

Training: None.

Next Meeting: The next regular monthly meeting of the AVSAR organization will be held on Tuesday September 27, 2016 at 1800 hours Mountain Daylight Time in the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office classroom.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 1929 hours Mountain Daylight Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Wagner,
AVSAR Secretary