

Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday July 26, 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 July 26, 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 Don Thompson.

Team Members Present: Clifford Wagner, Ken Wagner, Joshua Hudson, Donna Mabry, Merida Zerbi, Cindy Gebo, Darrell Elder and Mark Martinez.

Board Absent: Andrew McClure and Deanna Wagner.

Guests Present: None.

Call to Order: Suzi Hopper called the meeting to order at 1808 hours Mountain Daylight Time. Suzi Hopper 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: Mark Martinez is a former team member that has rejoined. He was on our team for four years about three years ago. He has moved back to the area and brings a lot of experience with him. Welcome back Mark!

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The June minutes are in hard copy form and on our website for review.

Treasurer's Report: Don reviewed our finances and presented a copy of the treasurer's report.

Correspondence: We received a notice of the annual Flight For Life SAR Conference being held in Breckenridge.

Committee Reports: Donna and Suzi advised the team that everything is on track for our fundraiser. Donna will check on the possibility of having food available for our guests seated outside. We need several people to help with set up and tear down, more for tear down once the event is over. Please arrive between 1500-1530 hours Saturday afternoon, August 20, 2016, for set up.

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.

Old Business: The team discussed a possible issue with the Rescue Rig's fuel pump working intermittently during our last few missions and Suzi advised she would have our mechanic check it out.

We received the guidelines via email from Chief Ranger Dale Culver that he mentioned in his talk in May. Suzi can email it if anyone wants to read it over. It has also been placed on a flash drive along with a document regarding Wilderness Medicine that was passed along to us from Jason Spicher.

New Business: Suzi advised the team that we will be sending two team members, Donna and Rob Mabry, to a Tracking Training in Creede, August 4-6, 2016. This will be a three day training that was sponsored in part by Mineral County SAR with DOLA Grant money. Donna and Rob will share their training with the rest of the team when a time can be set up.

Morgan Barnes will be attending a one day HAATS Hoist Training being held in Durango on August 5, 2016, where he will be certified.

Extra sign-in sheets have been placed in the Rescue Rig to be used when we are assisting other counties.

Our meet and greet with the Emergency Manager, Francis Song, who is also now a member of our team, has been scheduled for August 30, 2016 at 1830 hours. Restaurant to be determined.

Merida will put together a proposal on purchasing some new maps for the Rescue Rig to be used at IC and then use the old ones in our trainings.

After Meeting Training: Merida conducted a Navigation training and will try to go over some more material after each meeting for approximately ten to fifteen minutes, more as time allows, to keep the information fresh in our minds.

Training: None.

Next Meeting: The next regular monthly meeting of the AVSAR organization will be held on Tuesday August 23, 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 2020 hours Mountain Daylight Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Hopper,
AVSAR President