

**Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue**  
**Meeting Minutes: Tuesday March 28, 2017**  
**Location: Alamosa County Sheriff's Office**

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The monthly meeting of the Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue Organization (AVSAR) was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 1800 hours Mountain Daylight Time (MDT). It was held in the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office classroom.

**Board Members Present:** Suzi Hopper, Rob Mabry, Bruce Morrison and Mérida Zerbi.

**Team Members Present:** Morgan Barnes, Darrell Elder, Cindy Gebo, Joshua Hudson, Mark Martinez, Gunner Tokar, Deanna Wagner, Ken Wagner, Adelaide Whitehead and Levi Wilner.

**Board Absent:** Don Thompson.

**Guests Present:** None.

**Call to Order:** Suzi Hopper called the meeting to order at 1805 hours MDT. Mérida Zerbi 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:** None.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The February minutes have been emailed to team members and will be available online at the AVSAR website. There were no objections to the February minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** None due to Don Thompson's absence.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Committee Reports:** None.

**Announcements:**

1. Francis Song will be attending a training called Managing Land Search Operations during the last two weekends of April 2017.
2. Pending final approval by the hosting agency, Levi Wilner and Morgan Barnes will be attending Hoist Ground Tech training on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
3. Joshua Hudson is inviting team members to join him on a hike in the Crestone area on April 5, 2017. A reminder text will be sent out by Suzi Hopper.

## **Old Business:**

1. GPS UNITS: Kristi Mountain Sports donated their time and expertise to ensure that all of AVSAR's GPS units had updated software and proper topo maps installed. The units have been picked up and turned on to ensure they were all functioning properly. Mérida Zerbi made a motion to authorize full payment for the new GPS units. Joshua Hudson seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
  - a. Clifford Wagner prepared written instructions for using the GPS units, including which settings should be selected for missions. The instructions will be used at the next GPS training.
  - b. Team members will be allowed to check out the team's GPS units. Two units (one of each type) and a check out list will be kept in Suzi Hopper's desk. Only one unit may be checked out at time without special permission from Suzi.
  - c. The team discussed suggestions for local youth groups to donate the old team GPS units (eTrex Legends and Rhinos with walkie-talkie capability). A vote was held and the Boy Scouts and GOCO Inspire Program received the most votes. Suzi Hopper will contact both groups to figure out which type of unit work best for which youth group. One set has manufacturer instructions; the other set has written instructions that were created by Donna Mabry.
2. DOLA GRANT: The DOLA grant has been submitted for 2017. AVSAR's 1<sup>st</sup> tier request was for funding for two spots at the Rigging for Rescue course and expenditures. A 2<sup>nd</sup> tier request was for a new 540 Rescue Belay.
3. HATS: The new hats have arrived. Both sets are available for purchase by the public. The corrected set will be sold to team members at cost and the original set will be available free to team members.

## **New Business:**

1. MISSION CONTACT: AVSAR has their 2<sup>nd</sup> contact of the year in regards to a potential mission call-out. A Jeep went over the edge on a side road off Lake Como Road. There were no injuries. A towing company agreed to respond. A Wildlife Officer already in the area agreed to keep AVSAR informed if there were any issues with the tow removal; however AVSAR assistance was not needed.
2. CALENDAR: A change has been made to the training schedule to accommodate the instructor's schedule. The land navigation training on Sunday, April 23, 2017, has been changed to Sunday, April 9, 2017.

**After Meeting Training:** Levi Wilner conducted an in-house medical training on SOAP notes. The training session concluded at 1928 hours MDT.

**Next Training:** Sunday, April 2, 2017, at 0900 hours MDT, Levi Wilner and Joshua Hudson will conduct a medical scenarios training session. Meet in the classroom at the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 2017 at 1800 hours MDT at Alamosa County Sheriff's Office classroom.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 1832 hours MDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Mérida Zerbi  
**AVSAR Executive Secretary**