

CUSTER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 4, 2013

Present: Deb Mitchell, Don Schafer, Charles Cox, Jane Trude, Bob Pruiksma, Cindy Howard,
John Natalie, John Leavitt, Ray Varney

Absent: Mick Backsen

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by John Natalie.

Brad Greenwood was present for his interview as a prospective member. The Board members asked questions of Mr. Greenwood. The Board then approved the membership application. The application will be presented to the Sheriff for approval.

Cindy made a Motion to approve the old minutes, seconded by Don and approved by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Deb reported that she had e-mailed all Directors a copy of the January report. The total in the bank is \$82,266.00. There was a \$16,000 donation from the Spirit Campaign. John L. made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Don and approved by a unanimous vote.

Mike Smith has finished his probationary period. Discussion followed. John N. made a motion to take Mike off of probation and vote on him at the next general meeting. Seconded by Charles and approved by a unanimous vote.

John N. made a motion that if a specialized team loses a full member, that the team can replace that person, even if there is a freeze on membership. John L. seconded. Discussion followed. There should be a cap on the number of members on the specialized team. All new members will have to be ground pounders also. No vote was taken.

The By Laws and Policies and Procedures were discussed. Ray will update the ByLaws and Policies and Procedures per the Board's discussion.

John N. made a motion to approve high speed internet provided OEM will pay half and

that our half does not exceed \$25 per month; seconded by Charles. Discussion. Bob will call Bud Bennett about choice of high speed internet. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Health Fair was discussed. John N. and Don will be at the table for SAR at the Health Fair. It was decided that SAR did not need a separate room.

The race at Bear Basin on June 2nd was discussed. Bob reported that Amy had told him that Bear Basin will take care of the race and that SAR would not be needed.

Reimbursing the horse team for panniers was discussed. The previous Board had approved the purchase of the panniers. Amy said that Gary had hung the panniers up at the SAR barn. However, at this time the panniers cannot be found. It was decided to look for the panniers at the SAR barn. The reimbursement was tabled until the next meeting.

Team Safety at the Smith Campground mission was discussed. Safety of SAR members was discussed. Due to the fact that the man was suicidal, SAR members could have been in danger. It was decided that the Captain would make it clear at the briefing that a mission could be high risk to members. Those members not wishing to participate in the high risk mission would be excused. If a SAR member has a CCL, the member may carry a concealed weapon on a mission. If a SAR member does not have a CCL, the member may carry a weapon on a mission according to the Colorado open carry laws. High risk missions will be discussed at the May General Meeting. Flashlights were also discussed. Bob asked that if there is a need for flashlights to let him know so they could be put into a request to DOLA.

Lights for ATV Team – Charles has talked to the Sheriff about obtaining emergency flashing lights for private vehicles owned by members of the ATV team that are transporting their ATV for a mission. The lights could be white or yellow. The lights would be personal equipment and purchased at the member's expense. The member would also be required to sign some State paperwork. Charles read some of the policies and procedures that Alpine SAR have for members who have emergency lights. The lights would create a safety barrier around SAR ATV team members. John N. made a motion to approve the lights; seconded by Charles. More discussion followed and it was decided that Charles will draft some guidelines regarding the lights for the April Board meeting. Charles would also bring more information regarding what State documents would need to be signed.

Team Planning for Overnight Missions – CCSAR does not have any guidelines to stay out all night on missions. There is a need to form a committee to look at equipment and develop

standard operating procedures in order for CCSAR to have the ability to have overnight missions. The SAR member must agree to stay out all night. Charles made a motion that CCSAR become a search and rescue organization that would conduct overnight missions when necessary; seconded by John L. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

John L. made a motion that Charles head up the committee for overnight missions; seconded by Cindy, and approved by a unanimous vote.

Deb asked who would be preparing the tax return for CCSAR. Discussion followed. Cindy made a motion to ask Bud to prepare the tax return for CCSAR and to pay him a nominal fee; seconded by Jane. The amount to pay Bud was discussed. Cindy amended her motion to ask Bud to prepare the tax return for CCSAR and pay him \$100 for this service; seconded by Jane, and approved by a unanimous vote.

CCSAR received \$16,000 from the Spirit Campaign. The Spirit Campaign sent CCSAR a survey to be completed. The survey was completed at the Board meeting.

The new Board has not yet met with Sheriff Jobe. A date and time needs to be set to meet with the Sheriff.

John L. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cindy, and approved by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Trude

