Agenda Phone call-in: **515-739-1020** (non-local), access code: **680 993**

* Attendees
  + Dave, James, Takeo, Raphi, Tom Pearson.
* Current status, Forbidden Incident: In fact-gathering stage.
* Current Incident Stats.   130 incidents received to date
* Sharing this year’s incidents by safety officers.  Let’s develop some “best practices” and guidelines, then ok it.
  + No names, stay away from contentious incidents and any incident that needed further investigation.
  + Can we Safety Officers add our own comments? It’s tough. Don’t want to come off as Monday Morning Quarterbacks.
  + If reporters think they are going to be blamed, they won’t submit reports.
  + Idea: Have a Safety Moment in courses.
    - “If there is an accident, think of these things … Bring these thoughts forward to group so we get better reports as well as improve safety.”
    - Dissect a few incidents and discuss as a group.
    - Supply scenario to the courses.
    - Do towards ends of courses.
  + I (Safety Chair) will bring up this idea with Branch Chairs.
* Minimum Party Size?  Should the climbing code be the guideline for all activities? Survey results tended to say yes, but responses were nuanced.  Anyone know what the next edition of Freedom will say?
  + Most parties are hikes, scrambles, low grade climbs. So 3+ for all activities makes sense.
  + Might be exceptions for high end climbs. 2+
  + What makes sense for water activities?
  + We are a social organization as well so 3+ usually makes sense – some exceptions.
  + **Recommendation**: All Activities should follow the Climbing Code of 3+ in a party, BUT exceptions (party size of 2) allowed with adequate pre-arranged support that could include
    - known cell phone coverage,
    - satellite phone,
    - rescue beacon or satellite messenger,
    - others known to be on the route.
* Support for party members after Critical Incident.  This question came up in March. Support offered to all involved in Forbidden incident.
* Ideas on selecting the next Safety Chair?
  + Staff as next safety chair?
  + Staff as advisor but still have volunteer as chair?
  + Historically, if no one cares to be a chair, that activity/committee ceases to exist
* Discussion on INACTIVE safety committee members - I have heard nothing from these folks in 2017*.* I have removed from incident email distribution list and from roster.

