

PSARC General Meeting November 20, 1999

Called to order 1210 by John Miller

The president picked a committee to open ballots Ken, Brian, ??

Minutes of previous meeting:

New address for CEASAR was given to the Secretary.

Treasures report

The report is available for distribution.

We have opened a separate account for SAR Ex. This is due to the size of the funds that flow through SAR Ex. This account will be a Special Events account. The account will have three signatures (Treasure, President, Chairman of the SAR Ex committee)

Ops Committee:

There are a number of activities ongoing. There is a sub group responsible for the development of team standards. Progress of the committee is to be reported at Feb meeting. Ken will be the chair of the sub committee. See him for details.

2000 resource forms will be sent in the mail with the dues invoice. If the teams do not return the resource forms by Feb 20, 2000 (the standard dues due date) the team will revert to a Specialized resource team.

After action reports are to be mailed to the State DCNR. All teams that are running searches should send the forms to DCNR. There should be a single After Action per incident.

Try to make placement of patches consistent within the team.

Teller Committee:

At Large	Vickie Coup
Northwest:	Jean Zore
Western	Martha Ackroyd
Treasure:	Carol Skipper
Sec:	Don Scelza
Vice Pres:	Art Kalbach
Pres:	John Miller

This is for the 2000, 2001 year

The board will fill the NorthEast board seat vacated by Art Kalbach after the membership meeting.

The president thanked Tom Hershack and Keith Conover for their time served to the council. A motion was asked to get a plaque recognizing the service of these two individuals.

?? Made a motion to have the plaques made. It was seconded by ?? Unanimous.

Membership:

Two new teams submitted applications at the meeting.

Air Search Rescue of Pittsburgh. The sponsoring team is CAESAR.

NAVASAR of Wierton WV. The sponsoring team is AMRG

Northeast will put in an application at the Feb meeting

Web Site:

We are getting a number of inquires from people looking at the Web site. The president and the council thanks Brian for his work. John is working with a team in South Africa on setting up a council there. This contact came from them looking at our web site.

The SAR Ex web site is up and running. You will be able to register online this year.

To get items to Brian mail to webmaster@psarc.org

New board members get addresses, phone number and email address to John by the end of the meeting.

Legislative??

Ron Lisben gave an update on his efforts to get a search and rescue advisory board for the state. The resolution is being presented this week. There were 36 representatives as sponsors on the resolution. There are six members of the committee that will debate the resolution that are co-sponsors. Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

SAR Ex:

Report from Brian. Registration forms are available. There is a preliminary packet available. This is going to be a four-day event this year, May 11-14 2000. There are going to be five certified classes at this year's event. It will start on a Thursday and end on Sunday.

Linda made motion to establish a separate account for special events and to place \$500 into the account to be used for SAR Ex expenses. Seconded by Gene Zore. Unanimous.

Linda made a motion to pay for airfare for Dave Brownel from Texas. He gave presentations two years ago at SAR Ex and they were well received. Second was made by Vicki Coup. There was some discussion about what Dave did at the previous SAR Ex. Two years ago the Council paid Dave's airfare. Dave's return was asked for by a number of dog handlers. Pat is trying to contact Dave. The motion on the floor is to have the ability to purchase airfare at much reduced rates if he is available for SAR EX. Unanimous.

Linda made a motion to cover the instructor's fees. Seconded by ?? Last year all instructors were charged 1/2 of the fee to cover food costs. If registration fees do not cover the expense of instructors will the council cover the cost of instructor's fees? 4 abstentions (all delegates who have been asked to teach at SAR Ex)
0 nays
Motion carries

Canine Committee:

The committee meet and have agreed on the DCNR standards. The goal was to create a minimum set of standards for the Council. Vicki made a motion to accept the DCNR standards to replace the current PSARC standards effective January 1st, 2000. Seconded by John L.
Unanimous

Vicki gave an overview on what the plans are for testing. DCNR is working on the same type of program that they have in place for FTM testing.

Old Business:

The new patches are in. \$1.25 each.

New Business:

None

For the good of the council.

Nothing.

Motion for adjournment by ?? Seconded by Gene.

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The meeting was called to order by John Miller. Directors present were:

John Miller
Don Scelza
Art Kalbach
Jean Zore
Martha Ackroyd
Vicki Coup

John Miller made a motion to appoint Peter McCabe to fill the Eastern region board seat vacated by Art. Martha Ackroyd seconded. Unanimous.

Vicki Coup made a motion to destroy the ballots from the election. Jean Zore seconded. Unanimous

During the meeting there was a discussion of PSARC patch use by probationary teams. The board is against probationary teams wearing PSARC patches. The issue will be discussed at the next general membership meeting.