

PSARC General Meeting

May 13, 2000

Pinch Pond Camp Grounds

Meeting delayed due to rain, rain and more rain!

Meeting called to order at 1916 hrs.

Committee Reports:

Operation Report:

Draft operations standards and draft operations equipment standards are completed. They will be posted on the Web. Please check the standards on the web and make comments. The drafts are also available during the weekend for inspection. The standards are to be worked in over a five-year period.

Membership Committee Report:

Three new members:

Twin Tiers SAR – Northeastern Region

Search One – Eastern Region

MARG – Western Region

Web Committee:

The web has been up for one year with 2800 hits over this time. A members only area is being created where PSARC members can post information that will only be accessible to other members.. A sign up went around asking for one member from each time to sign up as the interface. There is a list-serve that is not being used as much as the Web master would like. This is a method of sending mail to a large number of groups with a single piece of mail to the list.

Forms Committee:

Two forms are available for use now, Mission Summary and Searcher Information. Form. Starting today we would like all incidents to be reported on this form. In the near future there will be a version of this on the Web. The Committee's goal is to have the complete package available by December. Drafts of all of the forms will be posted, as available, on the web site for your comments. Both PSARC and DCNR will use the same forms for search management.

SAR-Ex Report

This is the first year that this event was completely sponsored and set up by the SAR Council. The SAR-Ex committee would like to have your candid input on what classes you would like to see next years SAR-EX as well as on you feelings on this years conference. Next year's SAR-Ex is going to be the first weekend of May. If there are any issues with this please let the committee know. Due to the storm a full report was not available, however, income for the weekend is \$9102.00. Census: Thursday 75; Friday 106; Sat 147. *Art Kalbach made a motion that the Organization recognizes what Jason Sheaffer (owner of the camp ground) has done for the group. Rick Marshal second. The Board will check to see what is appropriate. Motion carries unanimously.*

A number of suggestions were made about changes to make for the future.

DCNR SAR Task Force

Mike Norris reported that DCNR ran FTM tests for 24 people this weekend. The SAR Task Force meet last week and is planning on running the FTL test (both written and practical) in the fall. DCNR is not planning on creating a course specifically for the FTL test. Contact Mike for information about when the pilot tests will be available. If your team is having trouble scheduling a test, please contact Mike Norris.

DCNR is looking to have the final draft of the Air Sent Dog test available in the fall. Four evaluators have been picked. The standards will be posted on the PSARC web site. There will be a two part practical test, hasty and a forty-acre.

Old Business

NOVASAR was accepted as a member at last meeting.

New Business

We have the ability to have the web site hosted on a new host. This will remove the annoying pop-up ads that happen when you hit the current site. There is a possibility of up to \$100 set up cost and no monthly fees. *Brian Winterstien made a motion to move the PSARC web site to a new host. Alan Houck seconded. Unanimously accepted.*

PSARC has a license for the statewide frequency. Any member team can make use of these frequencies.

For the Good of the Order

The Western region representative is leaving and will be greatly missed.

Motion to adjourn made Rick Marshal. Brian Winterstien seconded. Unanimously accepted.