

PSARC General Meeting
August 12, 2000
Pennsylvania State University

Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1030 hrs.

Board members in attendance are: John Miller, Art Kalbach, Peter McCabe, Don Scelza, Eric Gustkey, Art Kalbach, Jean Zore; A quorum is present.

Discovery Channel Issue:

The Council heard that Discovery channel was going to do a story on a search outside of Philadelphia. The title was going to be something like "Searches gone bad". John sent out mail stating do not talk to this reporter. There was a great deal of support from the SAR Community in this matter. Contacted the VP of Discovery channel to see if this was a valid story. The reporter and the name of the production company were not associated with the Discovery channel. Bob Reid, VP Production of the Discovery channel, returned John's call and said that this was not a Discovery channel story. The Discovery Channel helped track down the production company. The legal staff of the production company contacted John and stated that they did not have a reporter of the given name on staff. Legal stated that the story would never air and that if they could find the reporter, she would never work for the production company again.

Because of this issue and others there is a general feeling that the Council needs to have a PIO. A motion to appoint Art Kalbach PIO of the Council was made by Peter McCabe, Seconded by Eric Gustkey Passed unanimously

Fire Rescue Lobby Activity:

We have been asked to provide a board member for a State Fire Rescue lobbying group. Peter stated that he feels the best way to approach a lobbying issue is to do it through PEMA. He feels that a seat on the board may be better for the Lobby than it is for the Council. There is support for attending a couple of meetings to see what they are all about.

Dues:

The following organizations have not paid dues for this year: Bushkill, Chester County Office of Emergency Services, Ryan Twp, White Deer. A letter will be sent to these groups.

A discussion followed on the status of CAP in the organization. Membership Chair read an application from Anthony Rowley. He is Deputy Wing Commander seeking

individual membership. His application states that the group may request membership in the future.

General Discussion:

John has been informally approached by the NJ SAR Council to see if the two Councils can work/train together in some manner. This organization is very new and John has been helping them out.

Susan Collins, the new chair of the ASRC, is at today's meeting. She is here to observe what the Council is doing and see how the two groups may interact.

Membership:

Three applications for membership:

Allegheny Valley Search & Rescue Dog Team
East Coast K-9 Search & Rescue
Composite Squadron 1001

Financial:

John has asked the term of the temporary secretary be extended for an additional three months.

Old Business:

The question was asked about the FTM status of teams in the Council. This information is supposed to be provided in the resource sheets. We have had a very poor return rate on from the teams. There were a number of suggestions on how to increase the response rate.

SAR-EX Financial Report:

New Business:

Peter would like to propose to retire the SAR Net publications and make use of the PSARC web technology. Peter made a motion to move SAR Net to the web. Art seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Art, Second by Eric. Meeting adjourned at 1152hrs.

General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1216hrs.

A quorum of member delegates is present.

General Information:

Art was nominated by the board as the council PIO; **All publications that reference the SAR Council are to be approved by the PIO prior to publication.** This does not cover use of the logo on group letterhead, web site...

Treasures Report:

We currently do not have a fully financial report. Report will be available at the next meeting.

SAX-EX report filed with Secretary; Income of \$10,843.15; Expense of \$9,779.55; Attendance of 147 people with 27 instructors. This is a profit of \$1,063.60; The Council donated \$1,200 dollars to the event to cover instructor meals and camping.

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Membership:

Allegheny Valley Search & Rescue Dog Team
East Coast K-9 Search & Rescue
Composite Squadron 1001

Motion to accept by John Feldbauer. Seconded by Art Kalbach; Carried unanimously.

Web Site:

The new site was approved at last meeting. There is some indication that the \$100 approved at the last meeting as a set up fee may only secure the site for two years.

The Board approved moving the SAR Net to the web page and stop the mailing.

Filing space for PSARC files is now available in the WEST office. If you have information to be files, please supply it to Art Kalbach;

To subscribe to the PSARC egroups the URL is egroups.com/subscribe/psarc.

Forms Committee:

Three forms in final draft: Incident summary, TAF, Searcher Information. Forms have both PSARC and DCNR logos. DCN will be using the new forms. They are available at www.pitt.edu/~kconover/ftp.

Canine Standards:

A final draft of the standards is available from Heather. Contact her for more details. Peter would like to recommend that the standards be in a standard form. Keith or Don will work on getting them in the standard form. The question was raised about standards for tracking dogs. Will there be any written? John will be looking into this.

DCNR:

John is to address issues with DCNR and getting FTM tests in the western part of the state.

Operations:

The equipment guideline lists will be updated with information about which equipment may be provided by outside organizations. When groups want to make use of outside organizations to provide equipment there must be a LOU in place. This will include non-technical evacuation gear, base radio. The basic premise behind the list is that the equipment be available. It does not require that it be team owned but that it be available. Should we be looking at separating the idea of Search from Rescue? Could there be operational Search teams that were not Rescue teams. The equipment lists will be changed with this in mind and put on the web for comment. All operational teams must have the base station kit.