



## Meeting Minutes PSARC Board Meeting February 17, 2001

Board members present: John Miller (President), Art Kalbach (VP), Don Scelza (Secretary), Jean Zore (Northwestern), Eric Gustkey (Central), Peter McCabe (Eastern), Mike Norris (Northeast), Vikki Coup (at-large). A quorum is present. Meeting called to order at 1030 hrs. by John Miller.

Dues invoices are late. John has the invoices at the meeting. Please see him to get the invoice for your team. Dues notices not handed out will be mailed.

We need to find someone to act as Treasurer for the council. We are looking for someone to stand in until next elections. Lou Ann Pomposello, Air Search Rescue, has agreed to take on the position for the rest of the year. Art moved to have Lou Ann to fill position until the next election. Eric seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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the ballots are counted and the results are announced. John asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Barb Mac, Lou Ann Pomposello and Vikki Coup offered to be part of the nominating committee. Vikki will chair the committee.

Membership committee (Don Scelza) – Nothing to report.

DCNR Task Force (Mike Norris) – They are now controlling the resource list for PEMA. The group is now about to update the resources list. John has a goal of May of having the PSARC member data available. John and Mike to look at how we can share data at SAR-EX. Can the PEMA resource list be marked at to which teams are PSARC Operational teams? Mike will investigate. To contact DCNR for an incident, contact PEMA.

Motion by Art Kalbach and seconded by Eric Gustkey made to move Air Search & Rescue and Novasar to operational status from probationary status. Approved.

Old business - None

New Business - None

Motion to adjourn made by Eric. Seconded by Mike.



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Dues notices should have been distributed in November. Due to some issues the dues are late. John has handed notices to the teams that are at the meeting. Others will be mailed this week. Dues are \$25.00

The Board has appointed Lou Ann Pomposello to fill the position of Treasure until elections.

**Treasures Report:** Checking \$567.62; Event \$1064.31; Money Market 157.93;

**Membership Committee:** Two teams available to move from Probation status to Operational status. Air Search and Novasar. These two teams meet the requirements of an Operational team. These teams should have become operational at the November meeting. This allows the teams to become operational without meeting the requirement of 50% members having FTM certifications by January 2001.

**Operations Committee:** Peter presented a proposed revision of the process for a team to become operational. A discussion was held to determine which NASAR testing level would be equivalent to our FTM testing. The group has decided that SAR TECH III will be acceptable for FTM qualification in PSARC. A clarification of the FTM level of 50% was made. 50% of the search eligible members of the team need to be FTM certificated at the time that the resource form is filed. A discussion of the real meaning of becoming an Operational Team was held.

Motion made by Peter McCabe:  
The following changes to the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001 proposal (Process of Becoming an Operational Search and Rescue Team in PSARC) are to be made.

- 50% FTM requirement to be delayed September 30, 2001.
- SAR resource form must be completed 60 days following first

Council Board meeting of the year. (April 17<sup>th</sup> for 2001).

- Accept SAR TECH III or higher as FTM certification for Council requirements.

Seconded by Art Kalbach. Motion carried with one abstention.

**Web Site:** List server URL is <http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/psarc>  
Nothing additional to report.

**SAR-EX:** Financial information from the last two SAR-EX's is available from the committee. Please check the web site for classes and schedule changes. Instructors are needed for some classes. Please contact Brian ([brian@talon.net](mailto:brian@talon.net)) if you can help.

**DCNR:** FTM, FTL and Canine tests are to be held at SAR-EX. For the DCNR

web site look at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/searchandrescue](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/searchandrescue). DCNR is requiring that you bring required certification cards to the test. For searches that you run, please fill out the Mission Report Form.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Elkland is holding a mock search. See the PSARD web site for more details.

**Good of the Council:** Maptech.com has topo's online.

Move to adjourn made by Vikki moved. Eric Second. Motion carried.