



Meeting Minutes PSARC Board Meeting November 17, 2001

Board members present: John Miller (President), Art Kalbach (VP), Don Scelza (Secretary), Jean Zore (Northwestern), Eric Gustkey (Central), Mike Norris (Northeast), Vikki Coup (at-large), Lou Ann Pomposello (Treasurer). This constitutes a quorum. John Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Notice of dues need to be sent out after this meeting. The dues have been \$25.00 for a long time. John asked the board for discussion on the current dues amount. Art K made a motion to keep the dues at \$25.00. Jean Zore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

John made a recommendation to the Board to have Art K fill the un-expired board seat of Vikki. Lou Ann made motion. Jean seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Art abstaining.

We need to work on by-laws –501(c)3 not appropriate for all groups. Add a possible agency category? Center County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue application was read. Motion made by Jean to accept. Seconded by Art. Unanimously vote to accept as probationary members.

DCNR – Asked for updated resource forms. John stated that new resource forms are required to be sent in with the applications.

Old Business:

Jean Zore - Was asked to put together an ethics policy for the organization. Discussion on the proposed Ethics Policy (attached) followed. Motion made by Eric to change the proposed document to be group not member specific, forward the new version to the board for approval and after approval be mailed with dues notices to all member groups. Seconded by Art. Motion carries.

Motion made by Lou Ann to move general checking account to a Pittsburgh area bank Vikki seconded. Seconded by Don Scelza. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business:

Discussion of the PSARC 501(c)3 status was held. Lou Ann and John are going to look into the details.

A motion to form a By-Laws committee will be made in the general meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Jean, Seconded by Art. Approved. Board meeting adjourned at 11:25.



Meeting Minutes

PSARC Member Meeting

November 17, 2001

Meeting called to order at 11:50. A sign-in sheet was passed around and there was a quorum for teams in attendance.

2002 Officers introduced:

John Miller - President
Vikki Coup - VP
Don Scelza - Secretary
Lou Ann Pomposello - Treasure
Mike Norris - Northeast Region
Peter McCabe - Eastern Region
Jean Zore – Northwest Region
Eric Gustkey - Central Region
Art Kalbach - Director At-Large

Meeting dates for 2002

February 9th, May 4th (SAR-EX),
August 10th, November 9th.

Committee appointments:

Membership – Don Scelza (Chair)
Operations – John Feldbauer (Chair)
Web site – Brian Winterstien (Chair)
Eastern SAR-EX: Linda Percy (Chair)
K-9 Standards – Vikki Coup & Mike Norris (Co-chair)
Forms – Keith Conover (Chair)
By-Laws – Don Scelza (Chair), Brian, Eric Gustkey, John Miller, Vikki Coup, Lou Ann Pomposello, Kathy Trievel

Reports:

VP: Nothing to report
Secretary: Nothing to report
Treasures: Balance of general account - \$1229.71. No expenses this quarter.

Committee Reports

Membership: Center County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (CCSOSAR) application was received and determined to be in good order. They are being sponsored by Elkland Search & Rescue. The board voted to accept CCSOSAR as a probationary team in the Council.

Operations: Search team level document handed out. This was approved at the last meeting. A discussion of team certifications, team operation levels and State certification of teams followed. The current resource form will be adapted to the current Search Team Level requirements and be sent out with the dues notices.

Web Site: Brian is still searching for the new provider. He has found a provider that will provide a site for \$50/year for a non-profit organization. Brian is looking for a member team to support this effort with their 501(c)3 certificates. Motion made by Lou Ann to authorize \$120.00/year for web site hosting. Seconded by Brian. Motion carried unanimously.

There is a PSARC list server. You may subscribe at www.groups.yahoo.com/psarc/subscribe.

Forms: No report

SAR-EX: May 2nd – May 5th. Flyer for the year is almost finalized. There are now different fees for PSARC teams and non-PSARC teams. The cost has gone up slightly for this year. Forms will be mailed out in the next three weeks. Art

is coordinating ground classes. He is suggesting that we run an ARC First Aid and CPR. Also suggested running an MSO class. Art to get a tentative schedule to John for posting on the web site this week. Peter asked if there is an interest for a PSO class. He will get the information to Art.

DCNR: DCNR has introduced the K-9 testing for DCNR. Mike Norris passed out the K-9, FTM and FTL guidelines. Certifications required prior to taking Air Scent tests are: FTM, FTL, CPR and

First aid. Mike gave a general overview of the testing requirements. Mike can be contacted at mnorris@state.pa.us.

Old Business

New Business

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John made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Mike Norris. Meeting adjourned at 1:15.



Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council / Code of Ethics

As a member of a Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council Organization, I agree to abide and honor the following values:

- ❖ As a volunteer search and rescue provider I agree to furnish search and rescue services and care, to the best of my ability and training, to any individual who is missing or injured and in need of these services. I will do so regardless of race, sex, religion, cultural background, sexual preference, and economic or social condition.
- ❖ I shall ensure that, in the performance of my duties, I will conduct myself with honesty and integrity and shall not misrepresent myself, or any member of my team, beyond my/their abilities or training.
- ❖ I will not seek publicity or financial retribution for myself as an individual, in response to any search.
- ❖ My first and foremost thoughts, at a search, will be to provide the most immediate response, and best of care to the missing or injured individual or persons.
- ❖ I agree to work in unity with all responding search personnel, called upon by the organizers of the search.
- ❖ I support the rights of the victim to the utmost of discretion, on my part, in the matter of confidentiality of privileged information.
- ❖ I believe that I not only have an obligation to advance my knowledge and skills in relation to the search and rescue field; but also agree to assist, to the best of my abilities, with the development and training of any individual or team truly interested in this endeavor.

I realize that my signature upon this documentation instills upon me certain responsibilities and conduct by which I am willing to abide.

Member

Date