



# Meeting Minutes

## PSARC Board Meeting

### February 8, 2003

Board members present:

John Miller (President), Vikki Coup (Vice President), Don Scelza (Secretary), Lou Ann Pomposello (Treasurer), Jean Zore (Northwestern), Jack Stankiewicz (West). This constitutes a quorum. John Miller called the meeting to order at 10:42.

John discussed the phone conference call meeting of the Board that was held on December 30, 2002 (see minutes for that meeting for details). Items covered at that meeting were:

- ?? New Directors were elected to the Board to fill vacancies.
- ?? Council address has been changed to the Council Secretary's address.
- ?? The Council FCC license has been renewed. It is now valid until 2013.
- ?? The SAR-EX committee was given the ability to run a joint SAR-EX with the Search and Rescue Council of New Jersey. Handling of the funds for SAR-EX will not change. All funds will be run through the PSARC SAR-EX accounts.
- ?? Dues were set at \$25.00 for the year.
- ?? John and Don agreed to try to update the State call out map

#### **Old Business:**

No old business at this meeting.

#### **New Business:**

How are discounts for SAR-EX being allowed? We need to get a membership list to the SAR-EX committee. A proposal was put forward that teams that are in arrears, have not sent in their resource forms or ethics policy should not be given the discount.

What became of the Legislative Committee? Initially set up by Ron Wisbith. This committee has more or less dissolved. Should we re-establish this committee? Talked about the PA Legislation bill and the hearings. For the hearings the Board took on the responsibility of creating testimony.

There was a question about the need to get approval for groups of 8 or more to train on PA State Game Lands. John Miller will check into it with Mike Norris.

Operations committee to look at the current resource sheet form and make improvements and clarifications.

Positions up for election this year are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, West director, At-Large Director, Northwest Director.

Motion to adjourn made by Jean. Seconded by Lou Ann. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:20.



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Meeting called to order at 11:55 by John Miller. A sign-in sheet was passed around and there was a quorum of teams in attendance.

We went around the room and introduced people in attendance and their team association.

### **Reports:**

*VP:* Nothing to report

*Secretary:* The Secretary now has gotten records from W.E.S.T. and from Keith Connover. This constitutes the known records of the Council.

The address of the Council has been changed to the Secretaries address. That address is:

Pennsylvania Search & Rescue Council  
%Don Scelza  
220 Old Rt. 8 South  
Valencia, PA 16059

*Treasures:* Dues notices were sent out. 13 Member teams did not respond with dues for 2002. 18 Teams did not complete all documentation. 2002 ending balance of \$1575.00 in PNC account. 2002 ending balance in First Union is \$229.71.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Membership:*

Pathfinders K9 SAR has submitted an application to the Council. They are

being sponsored by S.T.R.I.K.E K-9. Their application is missing a copy of the By-Laws and the Background Check Policy. They have agreed to send this documentation to the Secretary. The team has gotten a very good recommendation from the sponsoring team. They are accepted as a Probationary team.

#### *Operations:*

Meeting was held this morning. There will be a newsletter from the Committee explaining what is expected from the individual teams. Overview of the requirements:

51% of you team must be FTM  
2 FTL's are required.  
Equipment caches to be checked  
by December 2004.

Elkland SAR will be certifying team levels at SAR-EX this year.

Certifications accepted for FTM are:  
DCNR, ASRC, & NASAR SAR-Tec III

Tom Smith asked if we would work with DCNR to create a set of references to training material for the FTM test.

A motion was made by Vikki to accept NASAR SAR-Tec II for FTL. Seconded Lou Ann. The motion carried unanimously.

Certifications now accepted for FTL are:  
DCNR, ASRC & NASAR SAR-Tec-II

*Web Site:*

Brain was not in attendances. There is a desire to get a better image for the web site created.

*Forms:* No report

*SAR-EX:*

We had a request from the Search & Rescue Council of NJ to run a joint SAR-EX. The Board agreed to leave the decision to the SAR-EX committee. The Committee meet with the NJ Council and agreed to hold a joint SAR-EX. All funds for SAR-EX will be handled as in years prior. The PSARC accounts will be used to handle all funds.

How will it be determined if a team is eligible for the discount at SAR-EX?

Lou Ann to get an updated team list to John as soon as possible. This info will then be provided to the SAR-EX committee.

*K9 Standards:* PSARC and DCNR are trying to set up two sites for K-9 testing.

*By-Laws:* By-Laws changes have been read at two previous meetings. A description of the changes was given to the organization.

Lou Ann moved to accept Version 2002.4. Vikki seconded. A vote (by hand) of delegates in attendance was called. The changes are unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

The SAR Council FCC license has been updated. It is valid until 2013. Each team should get a copy.

**New Business**

Vikki has been asked to create a Tee shirt for SAR-EX. Send Vikki any ideas that you may have.

The SAR-EX committee will work to come up with some sign of our appreciation for the campground owner. They have always done a great job for us.

If there are any teams that are interested in working on getting Workman's Comp/Liability policy for teams they should get in touch with John from Elkland. The Secretary will look into past history to see if there is a rule about teams carrying liability insurance.

The Pennsylvania State Police web site has information about getting background checks done.

HR-517 set to be voted on or before May 6<sup>th</sup> 2003. Teams are encouraged to write to their representatives to back this bill.

The President asked for volunteers for Nominating Committee for this year. The positions up for nomination this year are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, West Director, At-Large Director, Northwest Director, Vikki Coup, Barb Mack, Sharon. Vikki will chair the committee.

**For the Good of the Council**

Would one member from each team stop by Lou Ann to verify addresses.

Motion to adjourn made by Vikki seconded by Jack. Meeting adjourned 12:50.