



Meeting Minutes

PSARC Board Meeting

May 1, 2004

Don Scelza called the meeting to order at 1830 hours.

Board members present:

Don Scelza (President), Vikki Coup (VP), Cathy Conner (Secretary), Lou Ann Pomposelli (Treasurer), Kim Carr, John Miller, Alan Houck (East), Jack Stankiewicz (West) This constitutes a quorum.

Membership: Two new groups applied for membership. PAWG (PA Wing Group) CAPCOM have applied for an informational membership. Blue Mountain Rescue has applied for full membership.

DCNR: Nothing

Old Business: Insurance – Email was utilized to vote on obtaining the insurance. We had a very good response. The bill was \$884.00 for the year.

New Business: Directors – An email was sent out regarding Eric Justey's participation as a Board member. Eric responded and resigned as the Central Board member. Don would like to move Kim Carr from the At-large to the Central position.

Mike Norris will be sending in his resignation as a Board member due to his busy work schedule. That will leave 2 open Board positions (At-large and Northeast).

Voting will be held tonight on the by-law changes. Past by-laws designated the

President as a voting member. Don proposed that after the by-law changes are approved at the GM meeting we reconvene the Board meeting to discuss the vacant At-large position.

Finances: We need to pay the PSARC.org fees. The cost is \$19.99 a year for 5 years.

PSARC radio license: The FCC sent letters out regarding radios that aren't being used. Don filled out the paperwork and sent it back in. Everything is ok with the radio license.

Paperwork: An email surfaced a few months ago in regards to where the Team Level Certification paperwork should be sent. It has been decided that the Team Level Certifications need to be sent to John Feldbauer. The mailing address is now on the form. Copies will be sent to Don.

Everything else should be sent to Lou Ann Pomposelli. She can make copies and forward the paperwork accordingly. Don would like a copy of everything to keep at his house as a central file.

Don has been talking with PEHSC (PA Emergency Health Services Council) about how emergency services and search services work together. Don has a seat on the council now, so hopefully this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

PEMA is trying to get resource lists made to get teams called out when they

need them. Don would like to possibly get back in with PEMA along with the MD, NJ and NY counterparts to keep updated on those States' searches.

John Miller has requested for Team Certifications to be videotaped and sent to a Board member to get checked off. Discussion was held regarding this. Videotapes will go to John Feldbauer. He will review the videotape and send an email to the Regional Board Member indicating whether that team has everything needed to pass the certification. That Board Member will send an email back to John stating whether the certification has been

approved and it will be issued at the next PSARC meeting.

Dues for 2004:

Only 19 teams have paid their dues. Finances will be minimal if teams do not pay.

The meeting was suspended at 1930 hours until after the GM meeting. The meeting reconvened at 2100 hours. The President nominated Brian Winterstein as the At-large Board member. All were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 21:10



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Don Scelza, President, called meeting to order at 2000 hours.

President: The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

This year's training at SAREx has been very good. Next year will be the 10th year.

VP: Nothing to report.

Secretary report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's: We have \$2077.13 in our account. Expenditures included: \$300 for flyers, \$25 for postage and \$884 for insurance.

Only 19 teams have paid for dues this year. 14 teams have not responded. We need to work on getting the dues in at a reasonable time. If you are unsure if you have paid for this year please see LouAnn after the meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership: We received 2 applications for membership. An informational membership was requested by PA Wing Group CAP. The membership committee recommends that we accept this membership. Blue Mountain Search and Rescue is being sponsored by MARSAR. They provided the package with all the required information. The

committee is recommending that we accept their membership. Welcome to PSARC.

Operations: We are trying to come up with a resource list for Level 5 to Level 1 certifications. This will allow for teams to call other teams as resources become depleted during a search. The following teams have achieved these certifications:

Whitedeer - Level 2 certification.
CCSOSAR - Level 1 certification.
East Penn Mountaineer - Level 1 certification.
Strike K-9 - Level 2 certification.
Pocono - Level 2 certification.
Air SAR - Level 2 certification.
NOVASAR - Level 2 certification.
Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group – Level 2 certification.

We initially asked that all teams be certified by this meeting. On the Website non-certified teams will be changed to red from black.

Web Site: The new Members Only section is no longer secure. You can sign up via the list serve. Brian will approve you then you will be able to view the members only section.

The Internet Domain Name registration is up for dues.

A motion was made by Central Jersey Technical Rescue, 2nd by CCSOSAR to pay the registration fees.

SAREx Committee: Thanks to all the staff and instructors for all of their hard work. This year we had 176 register, 167 showed up and 9 cancelled. We had 4 vendors, 41 teams and organizations from 10 states. Donations were made by the following organizations:

Newburgh Rescue Supply
Rescue & Recovery Dogs
Swiss Army
Canine Clothiers
Steel Imagination
SAR Camp
Karen Dashfield
SAREx / PSARC
MARSAR
STRIKE K-9
WJ K-9
NJ SAR
BJ's Wholesale

Income

Clothing In	1275.00
Generator Donation	314.00
Raffle	327.00
Live Auction	495.00
Registratoin	12003.23

Expenditures

Pinch Pond	3801.00
Wanda's	4996.75
Clothing Out	1513.00
Instructors Fees	1355.00
Office Supplies	406.61
Postage	111.00
Tents & Events	1232.82
Refunds	497.50
Gov Dick	300.00
Petty Cash	150.00
Bounced Check / Fee	324.38

Final Balance: 2990.54

Next years dates are April 28 – May 1.

Public Relations: The last meeting was 6 months ago. LouAnn, Brian and Barb worked on a resource book that has been published. We have 10,000 trifold flyers regarding MedStat. Brian would like them passed out at team PR events.

DCNR : FTM and FTL tests were outstanding. 51 people took the FTM test and 51 people passed. 22 people took the FTL test and 17 people passed. 5 people took the K9 Specialist test.

K9 Standards: K9 teams are not getting out to test. Vikki would like to see any dog and handler going out on a search to be tested within the year.

K9 standards for trailing and cadaver are available. Get a hold of Vikki if you have suggestions. It will be discussed at the next meeting in August.

By-Laws: An email was sent out and it was posted on the website that there was a proposal for the by-laws to be changed. The past president had a voting position on the board. No team may have more than one officer or director on the board. It didn't make sense to keep people that were interested off of the Board due the past president's vote. The proposed change is for the past president to not have voting rights. A motion was made by Pocono, 2nd by MARSAR. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: PSARC needed to purchase insurance to cover officers, directors and delegates. We needed liability insurance in place to use Governor Dick park for SAR-EX. We

looked into covering us for 4 days during SAREx but the insurance cost was very close to just paying for the whole year, so it has been purchased for the whole year.

The Volunteer Firemen's fund can write team policies if you are interested in that insurance. Contact Jean Zore, Northwest Board member at northwestboard@psarc.org

New Business: Contact emails and phone numbers for teams are being made into a database. Please see Don to verify information.

A PA Map with Callout numbers was used in the past and given to parks and teams as a resource guide. This was a huge resource for everyone. We are trying to get that redone to give to teams. You will be able to see what teams are available in the area you are in. Please put your team name and your contact number on the map where your corporate address is located.

PEHCS (Pennsylvania Emergency Health Care Services) – this is an organization that makes recommendations to the Department of Health and the Fire Bureau on how emergency medicine and search and rescue should work together. Don is on that council and will start pushing the wilderness rescue issues through that council.

Eric Juskey Central Region Board Member has resigned. Don has chosen Kim Carr as the Central region board member and will move from the At-large position.

For the Good of the Council

Cathy Conner, PSARC Secretary recently had a baby boy. His name is Dillon Michael Conner.

A motion to adjourn was made by WHITEDEER, 2nd by CCSOSAR. Meeting adjourned at 2050 hours.