



Meeting Minutes

PSARC Member Meeting

SAR-EX

April 29, 2005

Don Scelza, President, called meeting to order at 1833 hours.

President: As is our custom at the SAR-EX meeting I would like to pay tribute to those who have left us over the past year.

Peter McCabe – Peter was one of the founding member of PSARC and one of its past presidents. Peter was a very special person to those who knew and worked with him. He will be missed.

Lily – AMRG
Luke – STRIKE K9

A moment of silence was held in honor of these friends.

This is a very special meeting in that it is the 10th SAR-EX. This is a great achievement and we are now looking forward to how to move PSARC to the next level.

We have two very special guests with us this evening:

Jack Frost, USCG – Jack is a Coast Guard subject matter expert in the field of search management. Jack gave a thought provoking talk on Objective PODs and search management earlier today

Jackie Golike, NASAR – Jackie is the executive director of NASAR. Jackie

will be holding a town meeting immediately after the PSARC meeting.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Jason, the owner of Pinch Pond Campground, for his support of SAR-EX and of PSARC.

VP Report: Nothing to report.

Secretary report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:
3 checks for new member team applications were received.

2 checks were written. One for the plaque for Jason and one for flowers for Peter McCabe.

Committee Reports

Membership: Three new teams have applied for membership:

- Valley SAR – Sponsored by White Deer
- Huntington County SAR
- Cumberland County SAR – Sponsored by WEST
- CAP – Sponsored by WEST

Blue Mountain has now met all of the requirements of Active Member of PSARC. Motion made by Vikki Coup and Seconded by Tracy Regan. Unanimous vote to admit Blue Mountain as an active member.

Operations: We are requesting that all teams complete their certification process. Teams that have not completed the process will have their information marked in red on the PSARC web site.

The procedures for Video Tape inspections has been completed and posted to the web.

If you can not get a Board member to certify your group, please contact either Don Scelza or John Feldbauer.

Problems with 1-800-MED-STAT have been worked out.

Please start using the search@psarc.org mail list to let other PSARC teams know about in progress searches.

Web:

SAREx:
Special thanks to the SAR-EX committee for another great event.

Linda Percy – Registration
Brian Winterstein – GSAR
Rich Goodwin – K9
Alan Houck, Jamie Weir – Logistics

Numbers at this point are:
168 registered with 138 on site
31 teams, organizations from 7 states

Next years instructor forms are on the web site. Please use them.

Raffle - \$5.00/ticket for use of a cabin next year. PSARC will pay.

Raffles in registration. Huge donation of dog food, biscuits etc.

Shirts - in registration. If there are no

shirts in your size you can pre-pay for one and it will be shipped to you.

Last years shirts in registration for \$5.00

Raffles will be held 6:30 Saturday night. Must be present to win with ticket.

SAREX 2006 - May 3rd-7th, 2006. 5 days Wednesday-Sunday. Instructors interested in presenting 40 hour certification classes please let the SAR-EX team know.

DCNR :

K9 Standards:
Ken Boyle will be helping Vicki with all standards from DCNR. Mike Norris and Ken Boyles started the standards 5 years ago as a stepping stone to greater standards. PSARC will start raising the levels of the standards going forward. Additionally, new standards will be coming. Incident staff etc..

By-Laws: Nothing to report.

Nominating:
Pres - Don Scelza
VP - Vicki Coup
Secretary - none
Treasurer - LouAnn Pompeselli
Central – Kim Carr, Tony Ghaffari
Eastern - Alan Houck
Northeastern - Chris Rudolph

No additional nominations. August meeting will be 2nd reading of nominations. If anyone on your team is interested in a position, please let the nomination chairperson know.

Public Relations
The cost of a Banner - 48" by 36" is \$138.74 one sided printed. It will be

used by council for public relations. The banner will be passed around the state for teams to use.. This would not be in place of your team sign, but to be used in conjunction with. Motion by Alan Houck, second by Brian Winterstein. Motion carried to purchase 1 sign.

Trifolds are here if any team needs them.

Old Business:

Senate Resolution 60 - Chris Rudolph
PA State Senate developed NIMS.
Emergency preparedness committee.
Their recommendations are expected to be approved by fall. These have the backing of the State Fire Commissioner. Chris Rudolph is working with a Representative from Allentown on recognition of SAR in PA under PEMA.

All teams have been provided with a form letter to send to Senators and Representatives.

Administrative Manual Updates: The manual is ready for review. It has been posted on the website. This will be the manual used to conduct the business of PSARC. It contains: job descriptions for officers and disciplinary procedures for officers and teams. The manual will be voted on for approval at the August meeting.

New Business:

A motion to adjourn was made by Alan Houck, 2nd by Chris Rudolph. Meeting adjourned at 1934 hours.