

General Business Meeting of the PA Search and Rescue Council, 02.11.06

Absence of President, V.P. Vicki Coup chaired the meeting.

Presidents report - none

Treasurer report - Dues notices went out, if you have not received your dues notice please contact the Treasurer. For the status of your teams dues check the Yahoo Group site.

Committee reports

Ops Committee

Starting 2007 roster meeting the requirements of minimum of FTL/FTM

Meeting of two per annual

3 year equipment certification

Canine Committee to present canine recommendations.

Two teams Certified this last quarter:

SAR Dogs of PA

Allegheny Valley SAR

Questions for Ops

* Two FTL's or higher? - YES

* Number of 5 watt radio's needed for level one or three (Level one -five, level two is three).

* Do the items listed need to be cached equipment (ready to respond to all calls)? Level one and Level two... the equipment is available... see team level check list "must have" for level one and two "Needed Available" three and four. YES No change made. Motion made by LAP to reinforce the level equip, seconded by Brian Winterstein, Motion amended to include team responsibility to notify RA that equipment is not available at the time of a call, motion passed

Applications from the following teams were presented

White Oak EMS SAR - AMRG sponsor (in attendance)

Greater Philadelphia - Blue Mountain sponsor (in attendance)

Susquehanna - AMRG sponsor (in attendance)

Motion by John Feldbauer to accept the applications, seconded Alan Houck, motion passed... noted by Treasurer that White Oak has submitted dues, however Susquehanna and Greater Philadelphia have not.

Motion was made by John Feldbauer to place Northern Tier on the regular roster, with successful completion of their probation. Motion seconded by Chris Rudolph, motion passed.

Webb Committee... nothing new, Web site has been updated; Brian would like to have a session at either a meeting or SAREX for web review'

NASAR committee has sent out applications to all teams for NASAR instructor applications, date extended to 2-25-06.

Canine

Ken Boyles decided to come back on board with DCNR certifications. Vikki will meet with Ken (and possible Heather) and draw up new canine standards to be bumped up and to be voted on (hopefully) at SAREX. Discussion ensued over why DCNR standards... why not... DCNR controls search calls on State Game Lands.

PR Committee

Brian presented the updated Resource book to the floor. Plan is at SAREX to finalize MRC guidelines.

Tri-folds still available.

Banner still available.

SAREX Committee

Ken Chiacchia presented information on the Sweep course (will take about 2 hours to run) They are in need of people to run the course on Thursday and Friday. They need people to attend... also would like to contact the vendor to request possible donation of prizes

Pepper, Brian, Allen working on classes... Mantracker is coming from Va. "Roy Hutchinson" \$100.00 for a three day class - register online. Requested instructors for other proposed classes (Wednesday is not looking good to be an eventful day). Anyone interested in doing an hour class from any team should contact the committee. Talking about a SAR Challenge from 9-12 on Sunday, a navigation course with different skill levels. They would like a member from each council team to participate. PepperBR@comcast.net.

Pepper also stated that Linda Percy has worked diligently over the past years. Would like to see Linda be recognized for the hard work with SAR EX, without Linda SAR EX would not exist. Motion made by Pepper Broad (not sure what team he was representing) to present Linda Percy with plaque in recognition of years of service not to exceed 75.00. Seconded by Chris Rudolph... motion passed

Bruce Barton recommended a Garmin class.

Vikki again reiterated that she and Heather are available to certify dogs prior to SAR EX.

Old Business

New Business

17 teams represented and 29 people in attendance at the meeting.

New Teams see Buck after meeting for resource information.

Bruce Barton presented the following information for talk around. You do not need a license for this frequency because it is an interoperability frequency (and it is clean since it is an old marine radio-channel 25)

UTAC-4 Repeater pair that may want to be added to the radio (old marine radio with tone off)

157.250 transmit and rec.

161.850 transmit

186.2 tone should be on transmit only.

Good of the order

Tony Ghaffari wanted the council to know that Centre Country Sheriffs will be making Mike Tobias an honorary sheriff.

Since there was no further business to discuss a motion was made by Chris Rudolph to adjourn, second by Alan Houck, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Pomposelli, Treasurer