



Meeting Minutes

PSARC Member Meeting

08/12/06

Don Scelza, President, called meeting to order at 11:15 hours.

Board Members present:

Don Scelza (Pres.), Vicki Coup (Vice Pres.), LouAnn Pomposelli (Treasurer), Roger Tobias (Secretary), Alan Houck (Southeast), Brian Winterstein (At Large), John Feldbauer (operations). This constitutes a quorum.

President: (Opening remarks)

Please see attachment #1 for the details of the opening remarks from President Don Scelza.

VP Report:

No report!

Secretary Report:

No report!

Treasury Report:

Committee Reports

Membership:

Valley SAR and Greater Philadelphia SAR were taken off Probationary Member status and upgraded to full Operational status. Valley SAR successfully passed their Level 1 Certification. Greater Philadelphia successfully passed their Level 2 Certification.

PSARC received an application from the Chesapeake SAR Dog Association. They

are a K-9 Team based in Maryland. They are being sponsored by STRIKE K-9. Don Scelza made a motion to accept the Chesapeake SAR Dog Association once their 501(c)(3) documents have been submitted to the PSARC. Seconded by Ken Chiacchia. Motion carried.

John Feldbauer and LouAnn Pomposelli both mentioned they need paperwork from some of the new Teams in the Council such as Membership Applications, Resource Sheets and Team Rosters. LouAnn mentioned that some new Teams and existing member Teams still must submit their dues for 2007.

Operations:

John Feldbauer reported that Resource Sheets need to be handed into him and the form should list the FTM's, FTL's and K-9's from your team. John suggested that the PSARC send the Resource Packet out around November to give Teams the necessary time to complete and return the Resource Sheets.

John also mentioned that in 2007 each Team must attend at least 2 meetings.

Regarding the PSARC Level Certification Process (Level 1 thru 5), all Teams that have successfully completed a Level evaluation must recertify every 3 years. All Teams successfully completing an evaluation will be given a Certificate from the PSARC at the next regular business meeting of the PSARC.

Web:

No report!

SAREX:

LouAnn Pomposelli reported that we lost \$1,057.99 from the past SAREX and we have a fund with \$400.00 in it for next years SAREX. She mentioned this fund would be much greater if all Teams paid their dues!

DCNR :

No Report!

K9 Standards:

Vicki Coup mentioned that the Air-Scent K-9 Specialist Standards were discussed at the last meeting of the PSARC and have been on the PSARC website for Teams to view. Vicki stated that the K-9 search problem will involve a 60 – 100 acre area. The PSARC will recognize the DCNR FTM, FTL and NASAR Courses and Certifications. However, the DCNR does not accept NASAR Courses or Certifications.

Vicki coup made a motion to accept and pass the standards. Bruce Barton seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried!

Dispatch:

Don mentioned he was contacted several times for searches in Pa. PEMA wants one number to contact Wilderness SAR resources in Pa. They want a one stop shop system. The Committee which includes John Miller, Brian Winterstein and Roger Tobias worked on SOG's and a system to contact Teams. If a request for SAR resources is made to PEMA or MEDSTAT they will contact the PSARC through the OneCall Dispatch Number which will alert all Council

Dispatch Officers. CDO's are on a weekly rotating schedule. The On-Call CDO will contact PEMA or MEDSTAT to obtain the necessary information. The CDO must determine which County the search is in. Then the CDO will alert the appropriate Team Dispatch Officers in the effected area. The TDO will then alert their Team and determine the type and availability of resources. The TDO will provide the CDO with that information once obtained. The CDO will determine if the appropriate resources have been notified by the information received from PSARC Member Teams on scene and/or the Requesting Agency.

After discussion Bruce Barton made a motion to table the matter till next meeting. There was no second! Vicki Coup then made a motion that we accept the Dispatch SOG's. Ken Chiacchia seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried.

By-Laws: LouAnn requested that the body approve the Board to make necessary By-Law changes so the PSARC can obtain 501 (C)(3) status. It was stated that it will take at least 30 days to make any changes.

Public Relations:

It was brought up by LouAnn that PSARC flyers and the Banner is available for Teams to use to promote the PSARC.

Sweep Width Experiment:

Ken Chiacchia discussed the experiment which took place at SAREX. For areas with high visibility a 100 meter sweep width was used. In low visibility areas a 10 meter sweep width was used. According to Ken, this information

obtained will help SAR Managers to determine a more accurate POD of an area that was searched by field personnel.

Old Business:

LouAnn Pomposelli mentioned that to date only 28 teams have paid their dues for 2006. There are many Groups that still owe for this year. John Feldbauer made a motion to have the PSARC Regional Representatives contact Teams in their region that did not pay their dues and to give them a date that the dues must be paid by. Motion was seconded by Alan Houck. Motion carried!

Regarding the PSARC Dues, another motion was made by Bruce Barton that a reminder letter be sent out in November to all PSARC Teams that dues must be paid by the February Meeting. Teams that do not pay their dues by May will lose all PSARC Membership rights including voting privileges, discounts at SAR-EX and PSARC call-out/dispatching lists. Teams that do not pay their dues by August will be removed from the PSARC. This motion was seconded by Rocco Onorato. Motion carried!

A motion was made by Don Scelza to approve the Board to proceed with the

IRS 501(c)(3) status and to have the approval of the body to use \$700.00 from the PSARC bank account to cover the professional and filing fees. This motion was seconded by John Feldbauer. Motion carried!

New Business:

The Board approved sending the MOU to PEMA for their approval or rejection.

Good of the Order:

Vicki Coup brought up the New York State SAR Conference which will take place September 13th – 17th ! Vicki also asked a question pertaining to the PSARC Level Certification Process paperwork. She asked what is the equivalent to the DCNR Courses, FTM and FTL? It was discussed amongst the body and determined that the equivalent courses to the DCNR is NASAR which will be added to the document.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alan Houck, 2nd by Brian Winterstein. Meeting adjourned at 1456 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Tobias