



Meeting Minutes

PSARC Board Meeting

05/05/2007

President Don Scelza called the meeting to order at 1955 hours.

Board members present:

Don Scelza (President), Vikki Coup (VP), Roger Tobias (Secretary), Lou Ann Pomposelli (Treasurer), Chris Rudolph (Northeast), Brian Winterstein (At-Large), Alan Houck (Southeast), Kim Carr (Central) and Paul Falovolito (Western) . This constitutes a quorum.

Presidents Opening Remarks:

Don Scelza thanked everyone who attended the SAREX and for making this year the best SAREX as of yet.

There was a moment of silence for two of our fallen SAR Brothers. Don Palpit of Valley Search & Rescue and Kim Carr's K-9 Bullet.

Don mentioned that during the last quarter, the PSARC CDO's have used the PSARC Alerting System (PAS) on several incidents. The PAS is up, running and working well. Don advised all teams to notify their County Emergency Management Agencies (EMA) and advise them of the PEMA/PSARC relationship and method of dispatching resources. If the County EMA coordinator is in need of resources, they can now contact the PEMA to make an official request for SAR Resources.

Don mentioned that the Joint Notification Initiative between the PSARC and CAP is up and working and has already been used for one mission. The PSARC/CAP notification is coming along well.

Lastly, Don mentioned that the PSARC is moving closer and closer to becoming an Operational Entity.

Vice President:

No report

Treasury Report:

Outgoing:

Insurance - \$917.00

Pepper Broad - \$59.56 for SAREX

Don Scelza - \$39.98 for conference calls and copying costs

Incoming:

\$360.00 Annual Dues

Balance:

\$2,019.21

Membership Committee:

White Oak SAR has met their Level I Certification but since Buc wasn't present at SAREX they will be given their certificate at the next PSARC Meeting.

Operations Committee:

Brian discussed the NIMS Compliance Plan for the PSARC. All Field Team Members (FTM's) must complete IS-100 & IS-700. All Field Team Leaders (FTL's) must complete IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 & IS-800. Any and all other members of an organization must at least complete the IS-700 Program. All programs are available on-line at several different websites.

The Operations Committee would like compliance by all Teams by December 2007. Teams will need to submit this information along with their Annual Resource Sheets.

Tony Ghaffari mentioned that the NIMS is a Federal requirement and must be met!

Brian Winterstein made the motion to accept the NIMS Compliance Plan. The motion was seconded by Ken Chiacchia. All in favor!

DCNR Committee:

Vicki Coup mentioned that 37 total people took the FTM Test at SAREX and all 37 passed successfully. 35 people took the FTL Test and 32 passed successfully. Don Scelza further mentioned that he was pleased with these numbers and to keep up the good work.

Web Committee:

Brian Winterstein mentioned that the Committee has been establishing and are working on a 3 year plan. Brian further mentioned that they meet every other Monday evening either at the PSARC Team Speak Chat Room or through the Greater Philadelphia Team Speak which was offered to PSARC by Mark Hopkins to use. Thank you Mark!

SAREX Committee:

Linda did another fabulous job with this year SAREX! We had fabulous weather for the entire event. She handed out several discs with photos from previous SAREX activities from 1999 – 2006. She thanked Bill Mannix of Valley Search & Rescue for making the design for this year SAREX t-shirts. She further thanked everyone who attended and made this year SAREX a success. Here are the totals for this year:

- 213 register
- 194 actually on-site
- 18 No-shows
- 33 Teams were represented from 7 different States
- 3 total vendors with two being new to SAREX

Linda will be doing the 2008 SAREX as in previous years. She did mention that the cabins have already been reserved for the 2008 SAREX. Next year the SAREX Committee will be trying something a little different. They would like to include courses for the various disciplines such as a Medical, Search, Rescue and Management track courses. Next year SAREX will be May 1st – 4th. Tracy Reagan has volunteered to assist with registration at the next SAREX. Thank you Tracy!

Nominations Committee:

The following positions are up for nomination/election for 2008:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Northwest Regional Representative and
- At-Large Board.

Nominees (so far) are as follows:

- President – Don Scelza
- Vice President – Pepper Broad and Tony Ghaffari
- Secretary – Roger Tobias
- Treasurer – Lou Ann Pomposelli
- Northwest Regional Representative – John Feldbauer (Buc)
- At-Large Board – Brian Winterstein and Vicki Coup

At the August Meeting nominations will be opened for the second time. In September ballots will be mailed to all PSARC Teams who are in good standing. Probationary Teams will not be able to vote. Please complete the form and return it before the November Meeting, as elections will take place at the November Meeting. Officer positions change immediately following the elections!

Tracy Reagan inquired as to if CREST's Probationary status will be up by election time and if they would be able to vote. Don Scelza stated he would look into the matter.

If any Team wants to check their status as to whether or not your Team can vote for the 2008 Elections, this can be accessed on the PSARC Yahoo Groups. Please check the status of your Team!

Radio Frequencies:

Don Scelza discussed the approved radio frequency list which was approved at the last PSARC Meeting. We all need to get our radios programmed to the approved frequency list ASAP to be compatible with other Teams while on-scene.

Old Business:

It was brought up by Tracy Reagan of CREST to make a Meeting Minutes correction. CREST represents “Central Region Emergency Strike Team” not Center Region Emergency Strike Team. The correction will be made!

Keith Conover who was one of the Founding Members of the PSARC spoke of his interest with the PSARC and some changes that are underway regarding the Wilderness EMT Program. The Emergency College of Emergency Medical Physicians is presently working extensively with the program. If and when the program goes through there may be possible funding available for those who meet the criteria.

New Business:

Don Scelza mentioned that Bob Long from the Pa. Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) was present at SAREX and was actually active with the PSARC 10 – 15 years ago to get the PSARC/PEMA to create a working relationship. Bob personally mentioned to Don Scelza that progress was made within the PSARC. Bob seemed impressed with the progress and looks forward to creating an even better working relationship between both entities.

It was recommended to the body that each Team and its individual members should write letters to their State Representatives regarding SAR Legislation.

Pepper Broad brought up that 7 people attempted the SARTECH II Test and only 2 passed.

Good & Welfare:

Don Scelza thanked the food staff. He mentioned that they there was a donation can available and to please make a contribution for another job well done.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Chiacchia to adjourn.
Motion seconded by Tony Ghaffari.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 2115 hours.