



KCSARA Governing Body Meeting

Bellevue, Washington
Minutes for August 13, 2012

Attendees:

Dennis Brislaw	Garth Brown	Ameeta Chainani	Mike Arnold
Mary Beebe	Martin Chisholm	DJ Defreese	Christina Erickson
Nancy Gaddy	Josh Gerstman	Tracie Griego	John MacDuff
Randy Riggs	Richard Smith	Todd Stone	Jon Wartes
Joe Wardlaw	Janelle Wierenga		

Note: Names in bold print are KCSARA Unit Reps

Call to Order/Introduction of Guests/Approval of Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Dennis B and minutes were approved by a motion from Garth, seconded by Richard.

Mission Activity & KCSO/WSSARCA Report (Tracie)

- Ops meeting was short, next one on Tuesday, 1900 RCECC.
- Storage containers are being moved temporarily on 8/21 and will be moved back; please secure anything fragile.
- Garth – New SAR coordinator has not yet been selected (from among Ed, Rich and Guy); decision to be made this week. Dennis and I had discussed with Sgt. Johnson about KCSARA's participation in the process but it wasn't considered fair because we have relationships with two of the candidates.

Treasurer's Report (Garth)

- Draft financials sent electronically prior to meeting; loss of a few hundred dollars for the month, mainly due to reimbursements for conference and printing of KCSARA brochures.
- Posting a lot more revenue this month, due to Green Mountain mission donations coming in electronically and via check. Family reached out to us and asked that we post something about John Wright on our website with Paypal link for donations. Please note that we only do something like this at family's request.
- Draft job description for treasurer position to be published this week.

Executive Committee Reports:

Core Competencies (Benchmarks Tracie): Did not have meeting in July to allow KCSARA training people to come together. Meeting at RCECC, 7 p.m. 8/29.

ICS (Jon): Nothing to report.

Mapping (Garth): Garth and Dennis have regular coordination with KCSO and have been asked to bring only burning issues to them. They are currently dealing with manpower issues. Mapping committee meeting regularly and may be renamed Navigation committee; looking at current curriculum for academy and how it relates to core competencies, incorporating GPS components, how to certify training, level of training recommended by KCSARA for different

levels, electronic mapping, datum communication, can KCSARA invest in software for KCSO van that will allow for printing maps, etc.

Standing Committee Reports

Operations/UL Meeting: Green Mountain ARR done and there is a summary on that. People needed for last few weekends of RAD.

Training (Dennis): John, Paul, Tracie, Garth, Dennis have had discussions re fall academy. No changes have been approved for coming academy other than making as core compliant as we can make it. Evergreen Community College being looked at. Future continuing ed requirements have not yet been shared with training. Not considering special programs for individual units, but supporting ESAR, SMR and SPART. Equivalencies process is becoming confusing; attempting to get written proposal to send out. Dates and venue need to be published so people can start planning. Discussion on SAR coordinator's involvement in process.

Action: Ameeta to publish dates and venue after confirmation from John T. (Sept 29th and 2 weeks later, oct 13th),

Communications/Repeater: No report. In proposal there is a suggestion that a new group be created in mystate – created and deleted as redundant.

Database (Dennis): Nothing to report.

Publicity/PIO (Garth for Glenn): Arranged shoot 2 weeks ago with King 5 – went well with Todd, Eric R and KCSO. Had conversations with Q13 Fox who want to embed reporter in live mission; requested of Cindi West, KCSO PIO who has given approval; need to work out details with SAR office and IC of particular mission; will depend on various factors. Josh suggested that they spend time with each unit to see what they do, and then they'll be better prepared for what they need to do on a mission. King 5 and Q13 did some shooting at trainings and got a feel for it. PIO is now taking care of enquiries (joining KCSARA, social media etc.) that come through the website; recruiting others to assist. Will schedule meeting with PIO team. Putting together brochures and cards for events, RAD, etc.

Ways & Means: No report.

Equipment (Garth): No report.

ELT: No report.

RAD: No report

Member Unit Reports

4x4 (Garth): Summer scheduled activities over, except one - Air ops team will be supporting regional exercise, day long with other agencies, Auburn, Aug 29th – 30th.

ESAR (Martin): Barely had quorum at last week's meeting. Had summer party.

PNWT (Mary): 3 day training end July went well, 1 person on Green Mtn search, 2 at Pacific. Sgt. came to our meeting.

IST: Nobody to report.

NWHSAR (DJ): Had training, 14 new recruits.

SMR (Todd): Working with Gillespie on core competencies; taking week long class along with Everett Mountain Rescue. Had summer party.

KCSD (Josh): 5 candidate members voted in. Responded to mission in Kirkland and Pacific; demos at day camps with dogs.

SPART (Frank): Ended summer activity with Seafair. Two months before we start refreshers to prepare for winter. 1st Thurs of Nov is winter rescue plan. Sending about 6 people to Intl Snow Workshop.

Old Business: None.

Picnic: Change in date: Sept 22nd at Vasa Park, Bellevue. Only ESAR and KCSD have responded to Ameeta's request for planning team.

New Business:

- Member donated SAR stuff – anyone can take and sell, money comes back to KCSARA; coffee from rescued subject (in appreciation) – sold to attendees.
- Discussion on store. Mike asked for job description of store owner.
Action: Garth to provide job description of person responsible for running store.
- Recommendations for change in bylaws (Garth) -
 4. *Meetings of the Governing Body*
 1. *Meetings shall be held ~~monthly, except in August, every other month of the year, on even months~~, at a time and place determined by the President.*
 2. *Meetings postponed due to operational requirements or other emergencies will be held one week later or canceled at the discretion of the President.*
 3. *A minimum of one appointed delegate or alternate of each Unit of the association shall be in attendance at each meeting of the Governing Body. Any unit without representation at any general meeting shall forfeit \$100 per meeting missed, to be divided equally among the remaining Units receiving a share. The only excused absence to this will be if the Unit is on a King County authorized mission.*
 4. *Meetings will be conducted according to the Robert's Rules of Order.*
 5. *Special meetings of the Governing Body may be called by the President to resolve urgent problems.*
 6. *A quorum is necessary for all balloting issues. A quorum shall consist of simple majority (half plus one) of the voting delegates. Balloting and any associated discussions may be conducted at a meeting or online using electronic methods approved by the President. Ballots on issues shall be ~~by~~ secret ~~ballot~~ or open ~~ballot~~ at the discretion of the voting members. In meetings, a Simple simple majority of those present shall rule, unless otherwise provided by these bylaws. For online balloting, a simple majority shall rule, provided a quorum cast their votes in the timeframe allotted for balloting. In the event of a tie, the President may cast a tie-breaking vote, provided the President hasn't already cast a vote on behalf of a Unit. If the President has voted, the Vice President may cast the tiebreaker, provided that person meets the same tie breaking criteria above for the President. If a tie cannot be broken, the motion fails.*

- Disbursement of funds within KCSARA – Garth made a motion, seconded by Mike which passed, “If not specified, KCSARA will retain funds in General Fund.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Picnic on September 22nd, instead of meeting. Next meeting will be held on October 8, 2012 at Master Builders Association in Bellevue.