



KCSARA Governing Body Meeting

Bellevue, Washington
Minutes for October 13, 2014

Attendees:

Garth Brown
Mary Beebe
Randy Riggs

Glenn Wallace
Martin Chisholm
Frank Rossi

Jenn Brenes
Larry Colagiovanni
Richard Smith

Ameeta Chainani
John MacDuff
Jon Wartes

Note: Names in bold print are KCSARA Unit Reps

Call to Order/Introduction of Guests/Approval of Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Garth; minutes of August meeting were approved via a motion from Richard, seconded by Randy.

Treasurer's Report (Jenn)

- Financial statements were emailed out earlier in the day
- 2015 budget work starts next week, so please get expenses submitted

Executive Committee Reports

Publicity/PIO (Glenn's email):

- Slower 2 months in social media (probably due to fewer postings while we wait to get synced up with Sgt Gates)
- Social media:
 - ✓ Facebook 852 Likes (up **9%** from 775 on August 11)
 - ✓ Twitter 1011 Followers (up **9%** from 928 on August 11)
- Upcoming:
 - ✓ SMR/Larry working with Mountaineers Books (non-profit) to co-promote new wilderness safety books
 - ✓ Redmond Rotary presentation scheduled for Nov 20th (GWW)
 - ✓ still waiting for meeting to be set up with Sgt DB Gates (new KCSO PIO)
- Soliciting more members to join PIO team

Merchandise:

Two likely candidates to lead; proposed distribution - splints to Medical Chair, Rulers to Land Nav chair, shirts to be used as give aways at social, patches offered to units

Technology:

One likely candidate to lead; pagers donated to 4x4 and being redistributed by Bob

2015 State SAR (including Keith's email):

- Still waiting on SARVAC for class list.
- Have now filled the roles for managing the food and banquet.
- Still looking for the Operation Lead.
- Started communications with potential vendors.
- PayPal account is set up.
- PSE grant application has been submitted.

- Still working with Remlinger Farm on contract.
- Website and Facebook should be going on line soon.
- Finance Committee meeting is Thursday, Oct 23rd 5:30-6:30pm (just before the WASARCON Committee meeting) at the Bellevue Public Safety Training Center.
- A small group met with the Carnation Chamber of Commerce.
- Grayson Court is Fundraising Chair
- Still need large tent for rent (\$5 – 7K)
- Banquet moved to lunch time

Unit Funding (Glenn):

SPART to submit their application for the 2nd installment of funding; disbursement to all units by 1/1/15.

Standing Committee Reports

Training (Matts email):

2014 Fall Academy

- Currently in the Middle of the academy. Last weekend is 10/18,10/19. Information and signup is available at http://www.kcsara.org/training/kcsara_academy.
- Attendance for weekend 1
 - o Sat 10/4: 87 total
 - o Sun 10/5: 60 students, 27 staff
- Registration for 10/18 and 10/19 is **very low**. All classes still have seats available, except Land Nav. We have 86 members registered for courses on either Saturday or Sunday.
- All data is entered into the database. If you or your members believe there is an error, have them send a picture of their task booklet to training@kcsara.org.
- Massive Thank You! to all the volunteers who helped teach and staff the academy.

Upcoming Training

- First Aid Courses - John & staff are putting on several extra first aid courses. See <http://www.kcsara.org/training/first-aid> for more information. More courses will come online as these fill up.
- First Saturdays Medical - 11/1 and 12/6. Information and signup at <http://www.kcsara.org/training/first-aid>.
- Search Techniques PE Sessions - Early evening (it needs to be light out) and a weekend morning coming up. Dates and locations to be announced. Capacity for another 60 members, or so.
- Land Nav WE Sessions - Several evening sessions coming up. Dates and locations to be announced. Capacity for another 60 members, or so.

First Aid - What should member basic training be? The units met several times over the summer to come to an agreement of what KCSARA should be teaching for the basic first aid for members. Units agreed to keep the basic first aid and adult CPR course for the basic requirement for all members. Next steps are to continue the conversation of the First Aid Special Interest Group to help evolve how King County SAR units will provide medical capability on the trail. Next meeting to be scheduled in November.

Core Competency Status - Units have made good progress for getting their members trained to the required standard. The deadline is 1/1/2015 and we have a long way to go!

ELT: Discussion regarding getting rid of this committee after giving KCSO a deadline - if they do not respond within that. ELT Committee is a standing committee under our bylaws. Richard moved that we change the bylaws to remove ELT and all its functions, seconded by Jenn and tabled for communication to all units. To be voted on at next board meeting.

RAD: No report on final numbers

Communication (Garth):

- Rattlesnake to be installed before snow comes
- Upgrades made last year to Silvieski are good

Equipment (Garth):

- More radios available, some rules apply
- Finished equipment inventory; container leaky, door still giving trouble, considering sectioning off

Member Unit Reports

4x4 (Glenn): Weekend FT exercise supported ESAR TLT

PNWT (John): Joe Hardin class was rescheduled to April

ESAR (Martin): Got grant for \$100K for van, revenue stream down.

SMR (Larry): New member class orientation; electing new chair; trainings coming up; trying to get out into the community more; video of last Jan from Coast Guard making rounds of FB

KCSD (Jenn): Busy doing demos, expos; purchased boat

SPART (Randy): Refresher same day as academy; changed combo on lockbox; looking at joiny snow training date with SMR – may 2/7/15

IST (Ameeta): Lost a few newer but productive members recently

Old Business: None

New Business

- **KCSARA Mission Management Program (Jon):** 18 members in Planning Section; Chris Long wants 6 members from KC; Ops Committee will meet in November and put out a description; KCSARA will respond to Chris Long.
- **Elections:** Garth's term expires 12/31; need Election Chair
- **Winter Social:** Jenn to ask Anna to plan

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting will be held on December 8, 2014 (location TBD).