



KCSARA Governing Body Meeting

Bellevue, Washington
Minutes for December 9, 2013

Attendees:

Garth Brown	Ameeta Chainani	Mike Arnold	Mary Beebe
Juan Carlos Benedetto	Bob Coleman	Jenn Brenes	Martin Chisholm
John MacDuff	Anna Neal	Rebecca Potter	Scott Preston
Frank Rossi	Richard Smith	Glenn Wallace	JD Wallace
Jon Wartes	Courtney White		

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 Garth. Minutes of last meeting were approved by a motion from Richard, seconded by Mary.

Treasurer's Report (Garth)

- \$20K restricted fund received from PSE to be spent on equipment; submitted update on PSE grant.
Action: Garth to distribute financials.
- PSE equipment donation being evaluated; work sanctioned in October meeting completed, as approved; incurred incremental cost for snow plow but still within approved amount and saved \$;
- Garth moved to authorize Executive Board to change financial institution from Prevail to some other, seconded by Martin and passed. Scott mentioned that a KCSARA account exists at BECU
Action: Garth to investigate BECU and change institution

Executive Committee Reports

Navigation: No one to report

Publicity/PIO (Glenn's email + verbal):

- Social media: Facebook 523 Likes (up from 474 on August 12), Twitter 523 Followers (up from 423 on August 12) - yes, the same number for each.
- Interviews/Articles: none
- Media embedding: need to touch base with Fox reporter again (call not returned)
- New web site hosting/platform: no progress

Action: Glenn to distribute draft photo policy and SOP for evidence searches.

Merchandise: No one to report

Technology Committee (JD): Important for all units to use database which is now adopted by KCSO; any issues to be sent to Matt; Matt needs help; doing standard maintenance; little progress on projects.

Action: JD/Matt to distribute job description for Matt's helper.

2015 State SAR (Garth): Still need help with planning; venue approved by State with one contingency – to deal with Remlinger Farms for space to land helicopters and maybe banquet;

arranged tour with State; Jenn suggested that Old Chief Tall Golf Course owned by KC and may be additionally used.

Action: Garth to publish link to site.

Unit Funding (Jenn): Distributed proposal and introduced team; VP will lead Review Committee but members will change from cycle to cycle; non-member units do not fall within this scope; units that don't meet mission hours even if they want to, will get a fair shake with the 60% share per unit; units need to be 501C3s to get funds; Mike moved to approve the proposal as written, seconded by Scott and passed. Jenn and her team did an awesome job with this!

Actions: Jenn to email proposal to Board

Units to send reps to VP's Grant Committee

Elections (Garth): Mathew Gilson is Chair, being helped by Courtney and Glenn McDonald but needs more time – unanimously agreed to defer to January (special meeting); Secretary's position tied to President's so not up for renewal at this time; two VP candidates – Bob Coleman and Glenn Wallace; still need candidates for Treasurer.

Action: Ameeta to check availability of MBA and to schedule meeting

Standing Committee Reports

Training (Garth): Core Competencies signed off by KCSO and State and CC Committee to get started soon.

Action: Garth to distribute Academy survey tomorrow.

Garth to forward details of Core Competencies

ELT (Brian's email): The question is being raised whether KCSARA should continue to support ELT or should it be disbanded?

RAD: Nothing to report. Scott mentioned that IST needs clarification for IC position.

Action: Scott to refer this to Ops Committee (under Mike).

Communications/Repeater (Garth): Silveski Repeater available; email sent about radios.

Equipment (Garth): ESFR moved out vehicles but now all back up; door to container frozen shut so can't get in.

Action: Jeff to talk to ESFR about parking our vehicles.

Member Unit Reports

4x4: Elections tomorrow.

ESAR (Mike): Busy with funding our truck (\$200K) – next year will be 20 years since we got truck and 60 years since unit founded; working on facility for graduation; accepted for BECU grant and got \$10K; new training director working on core compliance for unit.

IST (Scott): Bringing in new members every month; overall membership experience level higher; monthly training; elections coming up.

NWHSAR (Rebecca): New President Carlos; training orientation coming up; fundraising ride on 1/11; ongoing education of senior members.

SMR (Bob): New training chair; did GPS training and doing refresher Avi training; Bob added to KCSARA rep list.

KCSD (Jenn): Held elections; 3 new handlers in training; hoping to get 1 – 2 OLs; Heather Cutting became NSDA evaluator; working on getting unit boat next year.

SPART (Frank): Largest non-snow turnouts in Des Moines; chainsaw operator not kosher; Level 1 Avi course on Jan 2 for Kittitas County; 2 new books out.

Action: Ops Comm to discuss use of tools on missions.

Old Business:

- **2014 Academy (Garth):** Units have not yet provided blackout dates as requested earlier. Voting on proposed academy dates will be on line within the year.
- **Holiday event (Anna):** Ann, Andee, Martin and Courtney helping with planning event for 2 pm, Sunday, January 26th @ Lynwood Bowl & Skate which has bowling, roller skating, arcade games; kids' rock climbing wall, pool tables, etc.; discussing door prizes, interactive games, mini scavenger hunt.

Actions: Anna to distribute flyer

Each unit to nominate 2 best performers for recognition

New Business:

All units to send Ameeta their leadership changes for updating the document on our [website](#).

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next (special) meeting will be held on January 13, 2014 at Master Builders Association in Bellevue.

Recorded by Ameeta Chainani.