



KCSARA Governing Body Meeting

Bellevue Washington

Minutes for May 21, 2007

Attendees

Doug Burchard	Mary Beebe	Tracie Griego	Gretchen McCallum
Seth Brothers	Jim Telgenhoff	Paul Davidson	Chris Madden
Barbara Sly	Jim Etwiler	Doug Hutton	David Doll
Bill Davis	Ryan McNeill	Matt Cosand	Doron Bar-Caspi
Frank Rossi	Joanne Bottenberg	Dick Wilker	Randall Riggs
Mike Bombyk	John Kemple		

Meeting was called to order by President, Douglas Burchard.

Minutes from the 4/9/07 meeting were voted on and approved.

Mission Activity & KCSO.WSSARCA Report

There was no deputy present to provide a report.

On the Cougar Mountain mission, we had multiple teams from other counties, Oregon, as well as one Canadian. Walla Walla had their horse team on the mission. There were (30) members from other units that assisted.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance in KCSARA funds is \$120,270.07. However, \$27, 250.18 of this belongs to Project Lifesaver. We currently have \$18, 903.16 towards the next distribution.

Unit Reports for the Good of the Order

- **4x4:** Our van is now operational again.
- **ESAR:** Several ESAR members were at the conference and several responded to the Cougar Mountain search.
- **SAR Ops:** Nothing to report
- **KCSD:** No delegate present
- **NWHSAR:** Were doing training 100 miles away when the Cougar Mountain mission occurred, so they couldn't attend.
- **PNWT:** They had (2) members respond to the mission at BCC, and (3) to Cougar Mountain. Their training was cancelled.

- **R1:** No Delegate present.
- **SMR:** They held their annual rigging for rescue training. It went pretty well. Spring rock training is coming up. They have also been pretty active on the missions. For those who didn't get the word, the subject on Granite (with the dislocated shoulder) was extremely appreciative for all the help getting off of the mountain.
- **SPART:** They've had a pretty good showing on the past six missions.
- **ELT:** Nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means: A copy of the minutes from their last meeting is attached to the file copy of these minutes. They are looking at ways for KCSARA to bring in more money through fundraising.

Training: Tracy is putting together a comprehensive training calendar (all units combined on the same schedule). Any unit training dates need to be forwarded to Tracy so they can be included. This will help to not have county training scheduled at the same time as unit trainings.

Academy courses were well attended.

A CPR class is coming up that is targeted for those people applying for EMT training. This is a higher level CPR training than our normal one, and is required in order to take the EMT training. EMT class starts in August. See the KCSARA website for dates.

Old Business:

Bylaw Review: We currently have (3) units that would not qualify for receiving dispersals due to not meeting the current bylaws. We really need some people to review and revise the bylaws to bring them up to date.

SARVAC: Doug contacted the present head of SARVAC and sent in the check to bring us up to date.

New Business

RAD Team: Seth Brothers has a proposed SOP for the RAD team drafted. The draft was passed through County who made revisions. The team allowed us to get teams to the trailhead quickly during the high-mission months. A copy of the SOP is attached to the file copy of these minutes. They will be doing a pilot program of the team this year. It will consist of (1) vehicle with (3) team members. Any member who is field qualified by their unit is eligible to be on the team. The Mountain Rescue vehicle will be used on the days when a Mountain Rescue person is on the team. Only Mountain Rescue is eligible to drive their vehicle. We would need to have KCSARA provide 10 Essentials Cards and gas money. Seth needs to come back to the board with budget requests as well as any qualifications that would be required for the members. When the SOP comes back from County, Seth will take it to the individual units. Anyone interested in assisting on the SOP, contact Seth. Doug Burchard will follow-up with Kathy to get a copy posted on the website.

Standards for Mapping Software: MapTech is available for ~\$100 per copy. There was a request that KCSARA purchase it for the units. There was not a decision made that this was to be the “official” software for everyone, so the subject was brought to the meeting for discussion. Ryan McNeill would be willing to purchase some copies and do training for SAROPS so they can provide maps. Some units don’t use software, they use paper maps. There was no consensus on making standard software to be used by all units. Units may purchase the software if themselves if they want.

Online Member Training Database: Over the past few years, the Sheriff’s department has been working on a database to track training. It has not been working, so they are looking at what’s next. While waiting for the money to become available for whatever is next, they are working on something that will work in the meantime. Matt Cosand has been working on doing ESAR’s mission/training data online. He has volunteered to take the work he has done on ESAR’s page and make it available for all units. By logging on, you can look at current WAC status, Course Equivalencies, etc. It will figure out whether you have put in the required number of hours to qualify for recertification. Matt has sent out a list of what County shows as “active” members. He needs it back with an email address for each member, preferred name, and how they want their personal information handled (let everyone in KCSAR see it, don’t let anyone see it, etc.) Members will be able to update their own contact information. They are getting only training and mission information and it will be updated monthly. County has seen the website and like what they’ve seen. The idea is to run this in parallel with County’s database. The Unit Leaders need to get the information back to Matt ASAP!

Callout System: A “Rough Draft” of the Pager Enhancement/Mission Callout process is attached to the file copy of these minutes. One thing that is being looked at is using text messages on cell phones. Pagers and Cell Phones will overload in case of major emergencies. Chris was working on improving our service with US Mobility. Multiple people are working with them to try to keep the current system going. There is also a government paging company that operates on VHF.

Doug would like to build up a calendar of events that we can attend that would make us visible. Please send any event information to Doug for inclusion on the list.

Next meeting will be held on June 11, 2007, at Master Builders Association in Bellevue.

Meeting adjourned.