



KCSARA Governing Body Meeting

Bellevue Washington

Minutes for October 8, 2007

Attendees

Kathy Decker	Doug Burchard	Connor Burchard	Mary Beebe
Dick Wilker	Jim Telgenhoff	David Telgenhoff	Doron Bar-Caspi
Joanne Bottenberg	Doug Huttan	Randy Riggs	Jim Etwiler
Tracy Griego	Frank Rossi	Chris Terpstra	Jon Wartes
Scott Votaw			

Meeting was called to order by President, Douglas Burchard.

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

Mission Activity & KCSO/WSSARCA Report

The quarterly statistics for July, August, and September have been figured. We had (14) rescues, (25) searches, (4) evidence searches, (1) ELT, and (1) assisted patrol.

Treasurer's Report

Laurie just got back in town. She will have her report later this week

Unit Reports for the Good of the Order

- **4x4:** 511 repeater: There's a lot of chit-chat/long transmissions on 511 during missions. Please remember to keep your transmissions short (F2 as well).
- **ESAR:** Training has begun. Attendance is up over last year. They have their new truck, which is currently on the mission in Yakima. They will be changing the back so it will slide out and you can get to everything. ESAR bought 50 pagers. The radios in their Com Van have Granite Mountain (store and repeat) repeater programmed in. It has good coverage in the Pratt River and Middle Fork areas.
- **SAR Ops:** Nothing to report.
- **KCSD:** Nothing to report.
- **NWHSAR:** No representative present.
- **PNWT:** Went out in support of KC Major Crimes two different times on the same mission.
- **R1:** No representative present.

- **SMR:** Went through the iterations to determine whether to accept (2) snowmobiles. They decided to take the snowmobiles. They are a couple of high end machines. They will do a two year trial period to see how it goes. They have a few people out on the missing plane search.
- **SPART:** Continuing on their refresher courses. Also avalanche courses (locations to be determined) November 17-18 for avalanche 2, Dec 4, 11, 15 for Avalanche 1.

Committee Reports:

Communications: The repeater was used on the hiker between Snoqualmie Pass and Stevens. It worked great. However, it has to be activated at the Sobieski end in order to be used. Denny Mountain repeaters: Rob Gibson will be taking some batteries up this weekend. They are switching over to simplex with different tones.

Database: There is an update to Matt's system, but it can't be seen. Data should be in by next week hopefully.

ELT: Nothing to report.

Equipment: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

Store: Nothing to report.

PIO: New chairperson required.

RAD Team: Nothing to report.

Training: There is an Avalanche training coming up through SPART. Instructors for WAC classes are desperately needed. Tracy is looking to get information on each unit's training (what do the trainings consist of rather than just "Course 1"). They would like to have some optional classes at the next Academy rather than just WAC classes. DEM requirements are coming up in December (list of training requirements for next year, etc). Please make sure your members are WAC certified before they respond to missions.

Ways & Means: New chairperson required.

Corporate Governance: New chairperson required.

Pratt River SOP: Most of the pre-planning is done. They would like to bring it to a unit leader's meeting in the next couple of months. They are putting together a custom Pratt River map. They did some research and narrowed it down to the main cause of lost hikers being their missing the sign. For the summertime, it only required a reworking of the intersection. They moved the big rock from the left side to the right side and cut out some on the left side. This basically resulted in the trail being moved slightly to the left. The wintertime solution is the one that is critical. That solution was to put in a series of 32 diamond markers. There are a few inbound markers to get people used to seeing them. There are more outbound markers. They also will be recommending use of the ESAR Granite Mountain Repeater in the area.

Project Lifesaver: Nothing to Report.

Old Business:

The Com Center may have the capability to get cell phone location information; we may just need to get a process together to contact them. Doron Bar-Caspi will work on getting more information. Another option is to ask the cell company to make the call.

New Business:

Committee Appointments: Dennis Brislawn has volunteered to be the Ways and Means chairperson. Brian Kassa has volunteered to be the PIO. Tracy Griego moved to accept both. Jim Telgenhoff seconded the motion. Accepted by attending members.

Dennis has some contacts with the Seattle Foundation. He would like to apply for grants, but needs the name and phone number of the contact person who would be able to provide the financial reports for each unit.

Pagers: Chris Terpstra did a presentation on the pager system (a copy is attached to the file copy of the minutes). The current system is very complicated and breaks down constantly. He is looking at having the deputies call an "all OL" number and have the individual pagers set up with an individual pager cap-code, unit cap code, and "all hands" cap code. He suggested that since we just purchased a bunch of pagers, that we start selling the pagers at the KCSARA level to the members.

KCSARA Medical Committee: This committee has not been active in quite a while. Tracy Griego would like to resurrect this committee. KCSO uses OEC (Outdoor Emergency Care Technician) for first aid only. KCSO over the past several years took over some of our committees because they wanted more control over those areas. This one was taken over because of the EMT portion. Tracy feels we need a voice for checks/balances. This committee would affect all KCSARA members. Bylaws need to be fixed for the KCSARA medical committee. The committee needs to advise the KCSO committee. Unit representatives need to take this item back to their units to find out which units would support it. They also would need to include reasons why they would or would not support it (what issues could the committee work on).

Nominations: Doug Caley's term as Vice President is up at the end of the year.

Laurie is planning on resigning at the end of the year. We need an audit committee to go over the books as well as a new treasurer. The audit committee needs to be made up of three people from different units.

Next meeting will be held on November 12, 2007, at Master Builders Association in Bellevue.

Meeting adjourned.