



PENNSYLVANIA SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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General Business Meeting
November 23, 2019 11:05 AM

Teams in Attendance:

- Air SAR
- Bedford County
- Cumberland County
- Elkland
- Greater Philly
- Northwest PA K9
- Northeast SAR
- PACSAR
- PAWSAR
- Strike

Motion to suspend reading of previous minutes

Presidents Report:

-End of his first term. We have accomplished a lot but still need to make more progress. We need to improve the website, continue working on the state SAR legislation push and hold more meetings

Vice Presidents Report:

-No report

Recording Secretary Report:

-No report

Treasures Report:

-2 invoices are due: ring central and one call

Board Rep Reports:

-No board reports

Committee reports:

K9:

- Adding Dave Powers as air scent evaluator
- K9 standards need to be added to the website
- ASRC needs to be listed as an approved gsar certification
- Tested 8 or 9 dogs in last few months
- Held first PSARC HRD certification test
- Would like to add water HRD standards, looking for experienced people to start discussions

OPS:

- Needs to reevaluate team level standards to include FEMA resource typing

Bylaws:

- none

Old Business:

-Nominations

All positions were unopposed so the following will take effect:

- President:
Patrick Osborne
- Vice President
Vikki Coup
- Secretary
Adam Gatti
- Treasurer
LouAnn Pomposelli
- Northwest Board Seat
John Feldbauer
- Northeast Board Seat
Dan Bacaloglu
- At Large Board Seat
Valerie Farris from Fayette County

-SAR Legislation:

- Moving slowly, still in touch with them
- We need to agree on ground SAR standards to pursue
- Looking at ASTM for guidance
- If you have a state representative that would be receptive let Patrick know, he is willing to travel across the state to meet with them
- What we want:
 - SAR to be recognized as an emergency service
 - SAR needs standards and certifications
 - Funding for SAR
 - Mandate SAR teams are consulted when high urgency missing person occurs

-Website

- We have 2 domain names secured
- Committee has list of issues they are working on (spelling, council emails included, adding a discussion board, K9 standards to be listed, adding PayPal option for dues and donations)

-One Call

- Previously all dispatchers were board member but we need more help. If anyone has team members that would be willing to get into the rotation and help dispatch calls please email Louann Pomposelli

-Team Leveling and Dues

- If your teams dues and paperwork is not current the team will be removed from the website and the one call list. Any questions get in touch with your regional board rep
- Need to create master email list for temporary team communication

New Business:

-Background checks

Due to recent issues outside PSARC we need to revisit our policies

We could use samples of policies if anyone has one they are willing to share

-Motion to Pay \$93.08 for one call and approx. \$250 for ring central

Motion by Coup, second by Chiacchia . Motion passes

-Matt Youngs board seat term limit is up. Matt says thank you and he is looking forward to where PSARC is going

-Discussion on switching to Google groups since Yahoo groups is obsolete

-2020 PSARC meeting schedule:

Saturday February 22nd 11am conference call

Saturday April 25th evening at the training summit

Saturday August 23rd 11am conference call

Saturday November 15th 11am conference call

Good of the Order:

-Happy Holidays!

Motion to adjourn made by coup, second by Chicchia