**PENNSYLVANIA SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL**

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**PSARC Board Meeting**

**February 11, 2023 @ 0900**

**Via Zoom**

Meeting was called to order by President Vikki Coup at 0900

Members Present

* Vikki Coup – President
* Lisa Rice – Secretary
* Lou Ann Pomposelli – Treasurer
* Dan Bacaloglu – NE Region Rep
* Jon Feldbauer – NW Region Rep
* Val Ferris – Western Region Rep
* Dave Clark – SE Region Rep - excused
* Carol Thompson –Board member at Large – excused
* Patrick Osborn – Past President

Members Absent

* Terry Wise – Vice President (excused for work)
* Dave Powers – Central Region Rep

Vikki reports that Dave Powers has left Cumberland County SAR. As such he can no longer be the Regional Representative for the Central Region. There was a review of the Bylaws and Admin Manual in reference to vacancies. Per the Bylaws, Article V, Section 4 Vacancies: “The Board shall have the power to fill vacancies in its membership until the next Annual Meeting”

Lou inquired whether we had received anything in writing in reference to Dave Powers. It was the general feeling of the BOD that Vikki should reach out to Cumberland County and inquire about their intentions in reference to PSARC and the sponsorship of Chesco SAR. She will also ask for a letter of resignation from Dave Powers.

In the event that Dave is indeed no longer able to fulfil the position either by letter or by confirmation from Cumberland County SAR of non-membership, Carol Tompson will be appointed the Central Region Representative. Member-at-Large position will open up (with the move of Carol to CR Representative) so the membership will be polled for interest and asked to submit names to the Secretary no later than February 28, 2023.

Vikki will be reading off the Positions up for vote this year, and appoint a nominating committee.

**Committees** –

K9 Committee – Lou reported that the Committee has been meeting regularly. The main changes being presented include:

* Reduction of the Certification Period from three years to 2 years.
* The night problem will only be on the initial certification, renewals will not include night problems.
* Added minimum amount of source for the HRD testing.

Bylaws – Lou presented changes that have been drafted and submitted for review to the BOD. Changes are in relationship to the membership section of the Bylaws. The draft has been sent out to all BOD members for review.

There was discussion about what teams have paid their dues and sent in their resource sheets. There are 25 teams in the Council including the Probationary teams, only 10 have submitted for 2023.

Website / Email – Dave Clark will have his son try to get into the emails and work on getting those reset and functional. Dave Clark sent a message out to Dave Powers while in the meeting asking for the admin information on the accounts so we can get the emails fixed and functional. Before the end of the meeting, Dave Clark received the password information from Dave Powers. Vikki asks that we find two people that are able to work on the website with Terry.

Patrick brought up having a shared drive, with multiple individuals having access. This would help eliminate only one person having access to documents that are property of PSARC. Lisa felt that this would be a great idea and allow for storage of Minutes and Bylaws etc. She related that when taking over as Secretary there were NO historical records shared. Storing them on a shared platform would make them available to incoming personnel that need historical data.

Vikki reviewed the fact that the new DCNR practical test is ready for release. There was a demo test run for DCNR and the first test has been scheduled in May. The goal is to not have an unequal number of civilian evaluators/DCNR Evaluators. She related that DCNR may be asking for certifications on searches as needed.

Per the Admin Manual remaining meetings for 2023 are:

Second Quarter – TBA based on SAR Summit Schedule (Tentative April 21-22, 2023)

Third Quarter – Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 1000

Fourth Quarter – Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 1000

**Zoom Access or Google Meets Access will be established prior to the next meeting**

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