**PENNSYLVANIA SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL**

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**PSARC General Meeting**

**Virtual**

**November 09, 2024 at 10:00**

**The General Business Meeting of PSARC was called to order at 10:00 by President Vicki Coup.**

**Roll Call**

***Teams Present***

* Allegheny Mountain
* Air SAR
* Bedford County
* Elkland
* Greater Philadelphia
* Laurel Mountain
* Lawrence County SAR
* Liam (Probationary)
* Lower Kiski
* MARG
* Northeast
* PAWSAR
* STRIKE
* Wolfpack

***Absent***

* Berks County SAR
* CAP
* Chesco SAR
* Cumberland County SAR
* East Penn SAR
* Mid-Atlantic Regional (MARSAR)
* Northwest
* PACSAR
* Steel City SAR

**President’s Report**: President Vicki Coup (STRIKE) reported that Barry Simmon resigned from the VP position via email. A letter of thank you was sent. The Board has filled the seat with Kathy Otruba for the remainder of the term. Melisa Parker will move into the Western Board Rep position that was vacated by Otruba.

Vikki reminds everyone that they need to play their part when on a committee. If you are asked to do a task, please follow-through.

**Vice President’s Report:** Kathy thanks PSARC for the opportunity to serve as VP.

**Treasurers Report**: Lou Ann Pomposelli (AIRSAR) Reported balances of the accounts. All three annual invoices will come due after the beginning of the year. GoDaddy, Ring Central, OnSolve.

**Secretary’s report**: Lisa Rice (LMSAR) reported on the status of leveling. All leveling will be done on “even” years now, so all agencies need to complete theirs by the end of the year. As of right now, most have been completed. There are a few outstanding. Please make arrangements to get those completed.

**Regional Representatives** –

*Jen Snyder (PaCSAR)* – Absent/excused

*Jon Feldbauer (Elkland SAR)* – Northwest Region – Nothing to report

*Kathy Otruba (Lower Kiski SAR)* – Western Region – Nothing to report

*Dan Bacaloglu (NESAR)* – Northeast Region – Nothing to report

*Carol Thompson (Bedford County SAR)* – Central Region – nothing to report

Vikki thanks the Regional reps that worked with teams on leveling.

**Committee Reports**

**Website:** Let Lou (AirSAR) know of any needs for the website. Lou asks that you check the website to verify if your team has been updated when leveled. Anyone interested in helping, please reach out to Lou or Vikki.

**Marketing**: No report

**Operations Committee**: Lisa Rice (LMSAR) reports that they have met multiple times this year working on updating the team leveling. The recommendation will be provided to the Board for review.

**K9 Committee**: - Lisa Rice (LMSAR) reported that work continues on water standards. Another meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

**Membership Committee** – Lou Ann Pomposelli (AIRSAR) reported that there is an application for membership. Buck presented Cherry Tree Township Volunteer Fire Company K9 Search Team’s application. Buck also has their dues and Elkland will sponsor the team.

**Summit Committee** –NESAR will be hosting Summit. Nina gave an update. The location has been nailed down and will be held at Cherry Ridge Campgound in Honesdale, PA. The date for Summit has changed to May 16-18 due to the location. The campground is further north and they were unable to confirm that they could be fully open by the end of April. K9s are not permitted in the cabins. NESAR is working on instructors and classes now. There has been a call for instruction been put out. They were also able to schedule a preconference seminar – K9 Legal Updates. The class will be an all-day in person class on Thursday, May 15. They are looking for a sponsorship for this class, but will update on any cost as they are able to.

There will be the **possibility** of limited K9 testing.

**New Business -** Lou presented a request for a cloud based program ($300/annual) to house all of the PSARC documents. Motion by LOU/MARK. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**OLD Business** – Lou has had questions from non-PSARC members about evaluations and asked for clarification. We reviewed that in April it was agreed that the cost of PSARC certifications will remain $25 for PSARC test to PSARC member teams. Non-members will be charged $100. This will be one thing that being a member of PSARC will benefit. PSARC annual team membership is $75, so for the cost of membership, all team members will benefit when certifying a K9 with PSARC. Those tested as non-PSARC will need to be the member of an organized team, but it will not need to be a recognized PSARC team.

**Good of the Order –** Vikki asked again that people give ideas of how the council can move forward. She asks that you consider pledging just a few hours to the committees.

Buc reports that they will be having a man-tracking class from April 11-13, 2025. Watch their website for information.

**Meetings for 2025 – TBA**

**Conference line number - 605-468-8038 - ACCESS CODE:564149**

* First Quarter – February
* Second Quarter – April/May
* Third Quarter – August
* Fourth Quarter – November

**Adjournment**

* Meeting adjourned at 10:26 by a motion of Lou seconded by Dan.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa B. Rice