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**PSARC General Meeting**

**SAR Summit – Raystown Lake, PA**

**April 27, 2024 at 19:00**

**The General Business Meeting of PSARC was called to order at 19:03 by President Vicki Coup.**

**Roll Call**

***Teams Present***

* Allegheny Mountain
* Air SAR
* Bedford County
* Berks County SAR
* Chesco SAR
* Elkland
* Greater Philadelphia
* Laurel Mountain
* Lawrence County SAR
* Liam (Probationary)
* Lower Kiski
* Mid-Atlantic Regional (MARSAR)
* Northwest
* Northeast
* PACSAR
* PAWSAR
* Steel City SAR
* STRIKE
* Wolfpack

***Absent***

* CAP
* Cumberland County SAR
* East Penn SAR
* MARG
* Special Unit 66

**President’s Report**: President Vicki Coup (STRIKE) thanked everyone for attending.

**Vice President’s Report:** VP Barry Simmon is at CAP meeting to work on how to best call them out.

**Treasurers Report**: Lou Ann Pomposelli (AIRSAR) Reported that there was just one outstanding invoice for PSARC.net domain this is separate from PSARC.org

**Secretary’s report**: Lisa Rice (LMSAR) Nothing to report

**Regional Representatives** –

*Jen Snyder (PaCSAR)* - Board Member at Large – reports that she has been helping with leveling in the eastern region. She has been helping Chuck Linn (Eastern Region) understand what he needs to do as a Regional Representative

*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

Regional reps were reminded to get with teams in their region to finish up leveling. They have until the end of the year and if they have not completed, they could be removed from council.

**Committee Reports**

**Website:** Let Terry Wise (PaCSAR) know if something needs changed on the website. One change coming will be as a team completes leveling, their “color” will be changed so everyone knows who has or has not been leveled. Working on getting email back up and running.

**Marketing**: No report

**Operations Committee**: Lisa Rice (LMSAR) reports that they have met 3 times in the last 6 weeks working on updating the team leveling.

**K9 Committee**: - Lisa Rice (LMSAR) reported that Howie Mousley (NESAR) has completed his mentorship and been approved as an Air Scent Instructor.

Working on water standards, will be accepting NASAR standard. But K9 Committee is working to create a PSARC standard that is equal to or better than NASAR.

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.

**Membership Committee** – Lou Ann Pomposelli (AIRSAR) reported that Liam SAR will be due to come off of probation next meeting

**Summit Committee** – Board is working to encourage teams to host Summit. Next year (2025), NESAR will be hosting Summit. The Board has agree to adding $10/student to the registration cost. The additional funds will go back to the host team or teams (if multiple teams host together) for the hard work that goes into hosting the event.

2023 summit was reported to have taken a loss. 2022 had some funds left that were used to start up this year.

Marnie Powell (PAWSAR) gave an update on stats and other information for 2024.

* This year Summit saw 77 registrants 27 teams, 5 states.
* The goal has never been about making money, but to maintain enough to keep Summit funded going forward each year. When AMRG hosted last year, they didn’t take any start-up money, but no actual accounting was reported to the board.
* This year Summit account had $7700 (roughly) at the beginning of the year and it preliminarily looks like they will be ending with around $7895.
* Plan has always been to start with $1500 for each year’s start-up funds.
* Marnie has been in charge of maintaining that account and would like to see it closes out and either transferred to PSARC’s main fund or start a separate account with Summit earmarked.

Vikki Coup (STRIKE) reminds everyone of how hard this event is to host, there is a lot of work and Marnie and Lou Ann do a lot of hard work over months to keep the cost low.

**New Business -** PSARC is working to create training that will be utilized to bring everyone up to

The same standard and credentialing. Jon Feldbauer (Elkland SAR) reminded all that everyone needs to be paying attention to credentialing and making sure that you are keeping your liability in mind when it comes to a creating or maintaining a standard.

Vikki introduced Alex Tkacenko of NJ Federation as a guest to the meeting.

Motion was made by Jon Feldbauer (Elkland SAR) to pay for PSARC.org domain name ($30), second by Joe Pomposelli (AIRSAR). Motion carried.

**OLD Business** – Nothing to report

**Good of the Order –** Vikki asked at the last meeting that teams submit two things that they would like to see achieved by the council. So far only two teams have given input, this is your Council, please use your voice.

Dan Bacaloglu (NESAR) asks that you reach out to team members for what they would like to see next year at Summit and pass that information on to NESAR.

Jon Feldbauer (Elkland SAR) reported that they paid for advertising in an attempt to get new members. They had eleven that responded, and so far, eight have stayed. He noted that everyone should pay attention to when your team’s Facebook is getting the most hits, its often first thing in the morning. This is the best time to engage your followers.

**Remaining meetings for 2024 –**

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

* Third Quarter – August 10, 2024, 10:00AM
* Fourth Quarter – November 9, 2024, 10:00 AM

**Adjournment**

* Meeting adjourned at 19:40 by a motion of Marnie Powell (PAWSAR), seconded by Joe Pomposelli (AIRSAR).

Respectfully submitted, Lisa B. Rice