

Minutes
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
May 12, 2010
Tunica ~ Mississippi

Agenda Item 1

Subject: Opening Administrative Business

a. Call to Order- President Hourihan convened the meeting at 1900 hours.

b. Roll Call- Secretary Rice called the roll

- Dan Hourihan P
- Monty Bell P
- George Rice P
- Kathy Johnston P
- Allan Knox P
- Rob Brewer P
- Howard Paul P
- Paul Lake P
- Lee Lang P
- NSARC Rep – Dean Scott P

Staff

Megan Bartlett	Excused
Ross Robinson	P
Janet Adere	P
Ellen Wingerd	P

Committee Chairs & Guests

Ann Christensen	P
Phil Miller	P

Bruce Fosdick	P
Chris Long	P
Mike Mac Donald	P

c. Approval of April 21 Conference call- Paul moved to approve the minutes as corrected.
Seconded by Knox, Carried, 2 Abstentions

d. President's Report- Hourihan thanked the Mississippi Homeland Security Department led by Byron Thompson for their rapid and thorough support in hosting the 2010 Conference

with very short notice. The pre-conference annual meeting of the State SAR Coordinators Council was very successful. Hosted by NASAR, the SSARCC adopted bylaws, affirmed their leadership, and reviewed policy statement proposals to affirm a common voice on State and Federal SAR issues from State and Federal SAR leaders. They are pursuing an active role in the FEMA Resource Typing Initiative.

- e. Treasurer's Report- Bell recognized the leadership of CFO Robinson in turning around the fiscal future of NASAR. The 2010 conference was projected to break even, a not frequent occurrence. Organizational expenses are on target for the rest of the year. Revenues are recovering. The pay-down on the line-of-credit is scheduled for closure by 2011.

Agenda Item 2

Subject: Review of Strategic Plan-

Goal 1 Objective 4- Paul made a presentation to the SSARCC on a comparison of fire, law enforcement, EMS and SAR state and federal reporting systems on agencies, events, personnel totals and other statistical data.

Goal 4 Objective 2- Paul and Rice are working on the identification of PSAR programs, initiatives and partnerships. They are hampered by the lack of identified SAR points of Contact in areas also not represented by the SSARCC.

Goal 4 Objective 5- Hourihan and Knox are working establishing a list of formal partnerships of NASAR with other government agencies.

Subject: Hug-A-Tree Kit- Knox reported on a proposed Tacoma Mountain Rescue Unit PSAR kit. Johnston moved to get a sample kit, photo the contents and distribute the information to the BOD for evaluation. Bell seconded. A motion was made to amend the motion to discuss contract terms and use of logos with TMRU as vendor. Reductions in contents were also discussed. The amendment and motion carried.

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Subject: External Affairs Report

Hourihan discussed the recent National Sheriff's Assn meeting. They were grateful for the presentation of NSARC secretary Rick Button on the Catastrophic SAR Incident addendum. Hourihan was asked to check on the reported modification of the Citizen Corps CERT curriculum to include a wilderness Search module. ASTM is drafting an Independent SAR Responder standard. CAP is revising their ground team SAR training.

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Subject: SAR Dog Committee Report

Christensen supplemented her earlier submitted report stating that the K9 newsletter is now only available on-line. A subscription link will be added to the website. The committee is developing an Introduction to K9 SAR Handler course. They have received a number of inquiries on how to get into K9 SAR and get started including dog selection.

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Subject: Ground SAR Committee Report

No report

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Subject: Tracking Working Group Report

Morris reported the pre-conference tracking course was a success.

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Subject: Water Committee Report

Miller reported they are receiving requests for sample Standard Operating Guides. They also have been asked for referrals to various training sources. They have deferred pending a legal opinion.

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Subject: Mounted Report

No report

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Subject: Good of the order

Member comments: A Colorado representative presented an item of concern on the cost and difficulty of acquiring a Plans Section Chief course and Instructor workshop.

Adjournment: 2135 hours

Respectfully submitted,
George Rice, Secretary