

Draft Minutes
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
Reno, NV June 2, 2011 9:00 am

Subject: Opening Administrative Business

Call to Order President – Dan Hourihan called meeting to order at 900 hrs.

Roll Call Secretary – George Rice

i. Dan Hourihan	P
ii. Monty Bell	P
iii. George Rice	P
iv. Rob Brewer	P
v. Howard Paul	A
vi. Paul Lake	P
vii. Lee Lang	P
viii. Paul Falavolito	P
ix. NSARC Rep – Dean Scott	A

Staff

Megan Bartlett	P
Ross Robinson	P
Jane Adere	P
Ellen Wingerd	P

President Hourihan reviewed a number on new projects adopted by the State SAR Coordinators Council. HE discussed the progress on a number of the goals of the Strategic Plan. He reviewed the progress on the pay-down oh the Letter of Credit. He went over the goals of the restructuring of NASAR's education program with a target of major results by the end of the summer. He emphasized the value of the new tag line in publicity programs.

The President opened the meeting for a member's forum with the Board and Staff:

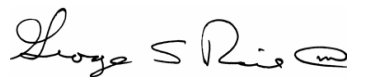
1. Member asked the BOD to get firefighter and EMT CEUs for activities offered at the annual conference. Member also asked for an on-line Data reporting system.
2. Concerning the difficult process in the education activities, member thanked the BOD for their positive response to the problem.
3. Nancy Rigg asked the BOD to look into creating a Data Base for people missing in floods and other in-water emergencies.

4. Member asked that the BOD provide some process for evaluating instructors in non-NASAR programs associated with SAR such as "Direction and Control" and also look at requirements for re-certification.
5. Member asked that BOD develop a SAR Coordinator short course, possibly ½ day to orient Agency Having Jurisdiction and other supervisory personnel how the SAR system works (SAR 101).
6. Director stated that since national conference attendance has dropped, NASAR should look to SAREX or LAST type conferences as a model for some future events.
7. Member pointed to the much larger attendance of the Washington state Conference (partially subsidized by the state) and its emphasis on basic skills..
8. Member asked BOD to put a conference questionnaire on-line.
9. Member felt there was very little press coverage of conference.
10. Member pointed out Vendors a critical cost saving factor.
11. Member pointed out new ideas in SAR are introduced first at the national conference and that NASAR and the states have different roles and goals for their conferences.
12. Member thanked NASAR for inspiring her with all the new things she learned at the conference.
13. Member pointed out that the cost per class module at the conference has risen by a factor of 2 or 3. He also pointed out the travel costs would remain the same if the conference ran longer and had both pre and post conference events with more, smaller, teaching modules. Some of the off site events required too much travel time and cut into participation in other activities.
14. Member offered that some of the rescue skills offered by NASAR member agencies provide good team building opportunities for business and government and might be incorporated into the conference.
15. Member suggested NASAR prepare a pin map of the location of all its individual and organizational members. Member felt this would help in determining where training opportunities should be focused.
16. Member felt non-attendance at conference was seriously affected by government cost-cutting.
17. Member suggest vendors be asked to conduct Train-the Trainer classes.
18. Member suggested using local SAR as facilitators at conference.

19. Member felt NASAR K9 vaccination requirements were too restrictive and hampered K9 attendance.
20. Member asked whether multiple members of the same team could receive some discount for registration.
21. Member suggested NASAR conduct some virtual conferences and explore conducting some "bridge" classes to other disciplines and other SAR offerings.
22. Member suggested exploring the possibility of holding a joint conference with other national emergency services organization or hold a joint conference with a state SAR organization.
23. Member suggested holding more and shorter classroom sessions in order to get newer people to attend. Member also proposed changing the subjects to include a greater diversity of different modalities of SAR.
24. Member suggested getting ways to get more publicity to get better community support.
25. Member felt NSAR needs to focus on defining" what are the best business practices for SAR teams" to help them attempt to get Homeland security grants.
25. Member thanked the BOD for helping in the transition of licensed instructors to become traditional instructors.
26. Member asked that the BOD explore ways to get more Urban/Suburban SAR classes at the conference.
27. Member asked that the BOD get missing and exploited children SAR classes offered.
28. Member asked for classes on searching for autistic children.
29. Member asked for Hazmat Awareness certification class.
30. Member asked for Crime Scene Preservation class.
31. Member thanked NASAR for the diversity of K9 training offered in 2011.
32. Team Adam member (NCMEC) asked for CART trained Director to work with him on a class for NASAR.

Adjourned: 1200 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,


George Rice, Secretary