

National Association for Search and Rescue
Phone Conference Minutes
November 16, 2005

Conference Call called to order 1105 hours.

1. Roll call:
 - a. BOD
 - i. Randy Servis -- Present
 - ii. Kathy Miller -- Absent
 - iii. Dave Meek -- Present
 - iv. Norm Rooker -- Present after 1135 hours
 - v. Scott Morgan -- Present
 - vi. Art Wolff -- Present
 - vii. Jim Stumpf -- Present
 - viii. Dion Petaros -- Present
 - ix. Cole Brown -- Absent
 - b. Staff
 - i. Megan Bartlett -- Present
 - ii. Ross Robinson -- Present
2. Approval of Sept. BOD minutes – Dion Petaros moved to approve the minutes as attached / Motion seconded by Dave Meeks. Motion carried with one abstention – Jim Stumpf.
3. President’s Report – Randy briefed the Board to several legal issues that had arisen over the last two months. Specifically the Background Check policy, the Call of the Question, Request for Documents, and possible federal lawsuit. Randy also advised the board of a CD that should be received by the Board members shortly. The CD contained the documents that had been requested. Randy requested that the Board review the policies that were contained within the documents to determine if the policies were still valid, with final review at the January meeting so that they could be posted to the website. Randy thanked Scott for representing the organization at SARSCENE and Norm for representing the organization at ITRS. Randy also indicated that NASAR was a topic at the Western’s States Sheriff’s Association meeting in October and would be following up with the Association.
4. Treasurer’s report – Dion presented the October numbers and presented a draft FY06 budget.
5. Program Reports
 - a. Education – Jim indicated that the education committee is currently working on the Education Business Plan and expects it to be completed by January 1, 2006 for presentation at the January board meeting.
 - i. Instructor /coordinator packets – Dion expressed concern about Instructor Materials being released to the public by J&B Publishing. A discussed

- occurred about our J&B contract and if we could restrict who has access to the material. Matter was table for further follow-up with J&B.
- ii. Update on how the Point of contact course and evaluation scheduling is going – Megan indicated that we have had one customer, Jacksonville PD, who had used this option.
 - iii. P&P for instructors, coordinators and evaluators, including discipline and appeal process – A discussion occurred reference to the differences between SARTECH and K-9 SARTECH. Randy requested that Art and Jim attempt to resolve the difference and present to the board by January 2006 meeting.
- b. MLPI – Jim reported that George Rice’s committee is completing the draft of the MLPI and would be presenting it to Don Cooper for editing by the end of the year. The plan is to start working on the Instructor Materials in the New Year.
6. K9 Committee – Art reported the status of Disaster dog Beta testing, that they have completed two beta testing and revisions and will be conducting the third and final beta test, next month. The avalanche dog testing criteria has been peer reviewed and begin beta testing in January based upon the snowfall.
7. Certification
 - a. Crosswalk between National Mutual aid typing document and NASAR certification processes – Art reported to the board about the Canine crosswalk and that NASAR would meet several of the NIMS typing criteria. Dave Meeks moved and Jim Stump seconded that the Canine Committee move forward with the changes to the NASAR testing criteria to be NIMS compliant, so that they could be presented to the NIC at the first of the year for approval. The motion carried unanimously. The Board was advised that Kathy was still working on the SARTECH crosswalk, but had been delayed due to hurricane responses.
 - b. Status of FUNSAR written and SAR Tech II written equivalency – Megan reported that Mike Guzo and Craig Bannerman have completed this task, the test is currently been beta tested, and expects that it will be ready for release this week.
8. SAR 2006 – Megan reported that she has 40 different classes already and 3 exhibitors for Austin. She is having trouble finding a Technical Rescue track leader for the conference and would like any help identifying someone. She indicated that there was a lot of local support for the conference and they are just waiting to help. Suggested that the locals be tasked in developing some outdoor “hands-on” classes during the conference.
9. SAR 2007 – Megan present the hotel contract for Charlotte, NC. Discussion occurred on the room rate, but this was the cheapest that was obtainable in Charlotte. Discussion occurred in looking for another city to hold the conference, such as Phoenix or Reno, the board was reminded that we had looked at those cities in September and had decided to go to Charlotte. Deon moved and Dave seconded to

accept the Motel Contract as presented with the modification outlined by Megan. Stumpf voted no, Rooker abstained, and the motion carried.

10. Corporate

- a. Reporting of election results – Dave Meek raised the question as to why the actual number results were not released, reference to NASAR elections. Other than it being a tradition that NASAR did not, no one knew why. Art moved and Dion seconded that starting with the 2006 election results that results will include that actual number of votes cast for each candidate. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Call of the Question process – Jim raised the issue if this could be done. Jim was referred to the NASAR bylaws Article V, section 8. A discussion of this article and the process occurred. Jim moved and Art seconded that a Special Membership Meeting would be held on January 21, 2006 at 1400 EST in Chantilly, VA. The motion passed unanimously.

Randy advised of several members wanting a statement from the board as to the reason that Ms. Golike's contract was not renewed. Randy advised the board of the legal counsels advise of not to make a statement as the matter was a personnel action, but the truth was a defense to any legal action brought against the board. It was determined that the Board and Staff would continue to take the "High Road" and not release a formal statement of the board, but individual board members were free to discuss why they individually had voted not to renew the contract, if asked by a member.

- c. Ethics statement- Megan reminded the board to send in a signed copy of the Ethics statements that she had sent to the board members.
- d. Membership card vs. credentialing card – Randy advised the board that he had requested that the photo and date of birth be removed from the "membership card" as NASAR had received at least 10 complaints of members using the card as identification and other improper uses. The original plan was to use the "hard" card as a credentialing card, but had been morphed into the Membership card. Randy also reported a great administrative burden in obtaining member's photos. A discussion occurred on the topic. Dion moved and Jim seconded that the Membership card be a separate process from the credentialing card, that the credentialing card would be a voluntary request, with the requestor providing the photograph, necessary paperwork, and processing fee. Voting members would have the processing fee waived as part of their membership benefits. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Membership benefits – Dion raised the discussion about identifying tangible membership benefits, like insurance, rental car rates, etc. After discussion of the board, Randy appointed Don Stephens of Texas as the chair of the Ad Hoc Membership benefits committee.

11. MSAR

- a. ASTM process update – Norm had to leave the conference call due to pending emergency traffic. Randy advised that Norm had briefed him on the progress that had occurred in Ft. Collins. Randy wanted to thank Norm, Steve Hudson, John McKentley, Mike McDonald, and Bruce in assisting in bringing the process forward.

At the 1240 hours MST the conference call was adjourned.

Addendum, item 10 E where Don Stephens was appointed as chair, to be amended to read Don Stephens has been removed from the member benefits committee, due to conflict of interest. A request for proposals to be initiated for member benefits.