MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
February 18, 2015

Agenda Item 1

Subject: Opening Administrative Business
a. Call to Order (President Bell)

b. Roll Call (Secretary Vorachek)
   i. Monty Bell P
   ii. Mike Vorachek P
   iii. Rob Brewer P
   iv. Lee Lang P
   v. Bernie Fontaine A
   vi. Kimberly Kelly P
   vii. George Rice P
   viii. Don Stephens A

Executive Director Chris Boyer

Guests

Nino Iannatchione, Carson City SAR
Penny Sullivan, Ramapo Rescue Dog Association

c. Approval of January Meeting. Motion for approval by Rice, seconded by Lee. Motion carries.

d. President’s Report. Nothing to report.

e. Treasurer’s Report. January financials sent out yesterday. 2015 budget is not in the accounting software at this time. Brewer has added columns to the December Financial Report that should provide additional information to ensure that the formulas used by Ross Robinson are the same as he is using. He has also added variances and will be working on color coding for profit and loss sheets.

Agenda Item 2

Subject: Executive Director Report

SARCON schedule has been published. BOD travel should have members arrive on Thursday afternoon. BOD meetings will be scheduled for Thursday evening; Friday morning and Saturday morning. This will allow BOD members time to meet with members during the conference.
Sponsoring conferences appear to be getting us some attention. Two conferences used our logo on the conference T-shirts.

We have been ramping down the AD&D from $9K to $4.4K. We are purchasing a $2M general liability policy for Instructors and Evaluators. This has been a concern voiced by Instructors and Evaluators. It will cost $2K per year. Two Instructors requested NASAR provided general liability policy coverage for courses that they were presenting at university level, and were required to provide certificates of insurance in order to do so. Bell noted that this should have been brought to the BOD as an out of budget expenditure. This is especially important due to the limited amount of funds we have available to us.

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**Agenda Item 3**  
*Subject: Amendments to Bylaws*  
Vorachek has not created the recommended changes; however they will go on the March meeting agenda.

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**Agenda Item 4**  
*Subject: New Business*  
Vorachek discussed Denison Brothers proposal for creating a NASAR magazine. He indicated that he would send out some sample information to the BOD via email and that Mr. Denison had expressed an interest in meeting with the BOD at the June meeting.

Penny Sullivan expressed disappointment with the removal of the Organizational Voting privilege. She would like to see this reinstated. Boyer provided some information regarding why the BOD the action was taken. There are roughly 5,000 individuals represented by our member organizations and 1,700 individual members. Kelly thanked Ms. Sullivan for here input and service to the community.

Rice inquired about restructuring the NASAR organizational chart. Bell responded that he had received input from Lang. This was also sent to Boyer so that they could work on this before the next meeting. Boyer indicated that he would have it out fairly soon, he is working on the graphics.

Lang brought up the fact that many of the NASAR materials are not copyrighted. Boyer is concerned that we may have given some material to ASTM and he is not sure what affect that may have on our enforcement.

Lang inquired regarding the BOD’s feel whether we are going to test for medical skills. He asked that we consider this as a March business item.

Kelly stated that there had been a search that had located a missing and subsequently deceased surfer in Mexican water. The family may be interested in making a donation. Kelly indicated NASAR had been brought up. She inquired as to the status of our discussion at the
January meeting about the authority for the Executive Director to accept donations. Bell asked Boyer to develop draft guidance on how to resolve this. Vorachek will work with Boyer to develop recommended changes to the Bylaws.

Kelly made a motion that if NASAR should receive a donation from a family of drowning victim off the coast of Baja, Mexico, that it be accepted by the ED on behalf of the BOD. Second by Brewer. Voice vote unanimous for approval.

**Agenda Item 5**

*Subject: 2015 Conference Call and Meeting Schedule*

March 18 1pm Eastern Conference Call  
April 15 1pm Eastern Conference Call  
May 20 1pm Eastern Conference Call  
June (TBD) – In-person meeting Estes Park, CO  
July 15 1pm Eastern Conference Call  
August 19 1pm Eastern Conference Call  
September 16 1pm Eastern Conference Call  
October 14 – Strategy and Budget 1pm Eastern Conference Call  
October 28 – Strategy and Budget 1pm Eastern Conference Call  
November 18 – Budget Approval 1pm Eastern Conference Call

Rice makes motion to adjourn. Brewer seconds. Unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 1401 EDT.

Minutes compiled by Mike Vorachek, Secretary

Attachment 1 – ED Report
Executive Directors Report
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ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION
- None

SARCON2015
- The Larimer County SAR team is leading this effort. The call for papers has gone out. The workgroup is meeting weekly via conference call. Preliminary items for scheduling:
  - 6/2 – 6/3: SSARCC meeting (ED to attend)
  - 6/4 BoD Travel Day / Registration (evening BoD workshop)
  - 6/5 BBQ / Awards (BoD workshop during the day)
  - 6/6 BoD meeting and General Membership Meeting (BoD workshop during the day)
  - 6/7 BoD Travel Day

FINANCES
- Working on ways to develop funding to produce MLPI/MLSO update.
- Sponsored WEA conference ($300), Arkansas Regional Conference ($300), NM ESCAPE ($600), VA SAR conference ($300), CA SARSCENE ($1500)

NEWSLETTER
- Behind on February newsletter – working on design

MEMBERSHIP
- NationBuilder site is live.
- Added new insurance policy - $2M GL for instructors and evaluators (announcement coming)

FUNDRAISING
- No actions

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
- Attended NSA Winter conference with Rick Button (NSARC)
- Attended IDCE conference