Meeting was called to order at 4:10 by Mike.

Board Roll was called.
Present
Mike Vorachek
Mikki Hastings
Earl Tilton
Dallas Lane
Craig Spieker
Absent Don Stephens

Staff Present
Chris Boyer

Guest
Jason Tartalone

The President’s report and Treasure’s was moved Saturday morning.

Special Order:
Tartalone was officially welcomed as a new a Board Director.

The board conducted officer nominations.

Vorachek was nominated President by Hastings. Tilton seconded. A BoD vote was conducted. All approved.

Hastings was nominated for Secretary by Tilton. All approved. Hastings was appointed Secretary.

Tilton was nominated Treasurer by Tartalone. All approved. Tilton was appointed Treasurer.

Meeting was suspended at 4:22 pm

Meeting resumed at 8:12 am January 18th.
Don Stephens was in attendance.

Vorachek gave his President’s Report. He said we had a good year. A conference briefing for the previous year was provided. He notes that we were financially stable. Two SAR magazines had been distributed for 2019. While they did not make any money, they are considered a success.

Stephens suggested the Board produce a PSA that teams and search members can take to their local stations and possibly cable company for NASAR. BoD will be looking into this possibility.

The BoD discussed past Board priorities and what we wanted our priorities to be in the future. We feel like we have a common goal to increase the level of education we provide to our membership and search members.

Tilton presented the Treasurers report. He has evaluated the financials and believes everything looks good. BoD reviewed the report.

Boyer presented his Executive Director report. Highlight for the year includes positive projections, NASAR road show events, and our Hug a Tree for Free program. We also have made significant advances in our over all educational programs. Spanish language FUNSAR is doings very well.

SAR Academy currently have SARTECHIV and SARTECHIII online. Mounted SARTECHIII is also online. Other programs include SARTOPO, HAZMAT, Crime Scene Preservation, and recertification for SARTECHIV and SARTECHIII. In the future, we will look at adding Flood SAR Response, Risk Management, Instructor Trainer, Remote Search Operations and update Canine SARTECH.

Boyer also discussed our instructor incentive program. We will be tracking the number of classes and participates and instructor conducts and works with on a yearly basis.

General board meeting suspended at 11:49. BoD entered in executive session.

Meeting resumed regular session at 1:50pm

Budget detailed were discussed. Spieker made a motion to approve the budget. Tilton seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

There was BoD discussion about moving our meetings from one a month to once a quarter. Stephens made a motion to move our meetings to once a quarter. Lane seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.
There was discussion about paying for travel and expenses of individuals who are not Board Directors or our Executive Director. The BoD decided this should only be done in very special circumstances. In order to pay for the travel of any non-board or non-director approve must be obtained by the Executive Committee.

Spiæker made a motion stating approve must be obtained by the Executive Board. Tilton seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Tartalone spoke about destination instruction. He is planning a trip to the Himalaya Mountains. Planning for this trip is going well.

Lane spoke about his upcoming conference. The conference has been postponed at this time.

Mike gave an update on our SAR Magazine. He believes we should see a new edition twice a year.

Meeting was suspended at 4:55.
Meeting resumed at 6:43.

The board had discussion about separating education from certification. Testing practices has caused some confusion.

Hastings made a motion to remove the written test from ISAR, FUNSAR and ADSAR classes effective immediately. Tartalone second the motion. After further discussion Hastings motion was modified to be effective March 1, 2020. Tartalone seconded this modification. All were in favor. Motion passed.

After some discussion concerning BoD priorities, Hastings made a motion to complete the SARTECHII skills update by December 31, 2020. Spieker seconded. Stephen abstained from the vote. All other members were in favor. Motion passed.

The WEC program was discussed. BoD believed that there should be some concessions made to the WFA requirement for SARTECHII.

Spiæker made a motion to change the wording in the SARTECHII requirements to read “Candidates must hold a Wilderness First Aid Certification, be licensed to practices prehospital care or be a physician” in order to meet the medical requirement for SARTECHII Certification. Tartalone seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting was suspended at 9:00pm
Board resumed the meeting at 10:00am

Spiæker was not in attendance.
The board had a discussion about the intent of motions and when motions with board approval actually take effect. Specific effective dates will be included in all further motions and reflected in the minutes.

Chris will begin working on changes made to the Professional Pathway Flow Chart. This will included changes to SARTECHII, SARTECHIII and SARTECHIV.

No further business was discussed. Stephens made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 11:53 January 19, 2020. Tilton second the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved by the Board on April 15th, 2020 MV