

# WSSARCA MEETING NOTES

Date: January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013

Location: Camp Murray, WA

Meeting called to order: 1600 hours

Introductions: KC Kasberg  
Scott Gilberti  
Bill Gillespie  
Dave Houseberg  
Trent Stephens  
Chris Long  
Cindy Fajardo  
Darren Ullmann  
Jordan Spencer

Addendum to last meeting notes:

Jordan Spencer was listed as the Treasurer. This is incorrect. Jordan Spencer is the WSSARCA Secretary. Cindy Fajardo is still the WSSARCA Treasurer.

Meeting notes from 11-15-12 meeting were accepted by Chris Long and seconded by Trent Stephens

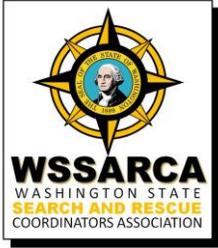
Treasurer Report: Cindy Fajardo

\$3,447.12 in the account.

The only outgoing funds were the \$18.00 for paper copy bank statements. Chris Long made a motion to accept the treasurer report, Dave Houseberg seconded. Cindy said she is the only person still around that is on the account from 14 years ago. She talked with the bank about putting a 2<sup>nd</sup> person on the account. She found out we don't have a business license, which we are required to have. The bank also needs our "articles of incorporation" to make any changes to our account. Cindy may be able to order them from the state. To put anybody else on the account these things have to be done through a resolution by WSSARCA stating that the person on the account is okay to be on the account. These are banking regulations put in place by Homeland Security.

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Cindy would like to make a motion to go paperless on the bank statements. Chris Long moved; Trent Stephens seconded the motion. Cindy will also order up a copy of the articles of incorporation. Darren Ullmann moved to pass a resolution to allow Cindy to handle the above bank requirements and use funds from WSSARCA to cover the costs that are associated with it. Chris Long seconded. Cindy stated we have some money to spend and we need to decide what to spend it on. Chris Long brought up the idea about using the money for scholarships to the SAR Conference. There were problems with this in the past and the people that got the scholarships didn't show up at the Conference. Darren wants to discuss this money issue further at this year's SAR Conference.

#### EMD Report: Chris Long

Chris brought up the insurance issue again. Several years ago the state put immunity into the RCW. That immunity issue has created some insurance coverage issues because everybody, (SAR, County and DEM) are immune from paying claims by private entities. So now we are running into issues of private entities wanting insurance from SAR in order to use their facilities. Bill Gillespie said he is looking into the insurance issue especially due to outside attendees for the SAR conference. This is a protection measure. Ullmann talked about WSSARCA paying up to \$500.00 for the SAR conference each year due to this above issue. This is something we should bounce off of WASPC because the Sheriff's and counties may not be aware of the above insurance issue. Bring this up for discussion at the next WSSARCA meeting. Leave this as an open issue until next meeting.

There were 763 SAR missions last year. Finished winter SAR management course today which was taught by Rick Hood. There were 18 students in attendance. Overall, was a good course and got good feedback from the class.

There is another class scheduled for the 4 thru 6 of March in Spokane to be taught by Hugh Dougher. There will be another Search management course at the SAR conference with other management related courses and classes.

Chris just got email from National SAR School in regards to another training with them next year.

Chris has been getting lots of gas claims submitted where either the volunteer doesn't know the process or ignores them. EMD is getting people who are filling their tanks at inappropriate times during the mission or way after it ends. Talk with your volunteers and make sure they follow the proper procedures when making gas reimbursement claims. The SAR conference has hosts until 2016 so if anybody is interested then, speak up. Still open for classes at the conference so if you have any ideas let Chris know.



SARVAC: Bill Gillespie

In process of finishing 501c3 forms. By end of Jan application should be given to the IRS. In process of going through website and doing some cleanup work and will continue to clean it up and keep it updated. The website has lots of resources so look into it for statewide information. SARVAC has to update bylaws due to 501c3 filing. Have steering team meeting on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Starting to work with King County to look at grant writing and getting grants to help pay for conference. In process of putting together a tactical plan for SARVAC which should be out soon. Acquired 6 projectors from Pierce county EOC. Kittitas is buying 5 more projectors and 11 portable screens to have a cache of equipment for Conferences. Thos are available for people to check out and use if need be. Trying to get volunteers to begin to look forward into the changes that are coming to SAR. Mainly the core competency.

### Core Competency

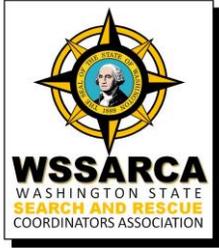
In process right now. All counties in the pilot group are moving forward. Cowlitz is moving towards starting an academy in March. Clallam is gearing up for an academy. Clark will start academy in March. Working with King County about an equivalency request. Chelan is about to do pilot training. Other states are looking into core competency and looking into making similar changes. Bill has copies of core competency on thumb drives if anybody wants them.

### SAR Conference: Dave Houseberg

Website went live yesterday. Registration is active now [www.wasarconf2013.org](http://www.wasarconf2013.org). Limited RV camping, register early. Only 15 sites with utilities on sight. Do have some KOA type places available. Lots of money from sponsors. Made the cost of attendance at \$90.00 which goes towards lunch, snacks, and coffee. Lodging not up on website yet. Several hotels gave good rates and that information should be posted in a couple of weeks. 65 classes listed right now. Almost all instructors are lined up. Just tying up loose ends. Some classes are two day classes with homework. Everything coming together. Steering team meeting monthly bringing things together. Instructors not listed on website yet until everything is finalized. Website will continually update until conference date. Puget Sound Energy and Swedish Medical Center are the sponsors and have given out lots of money.

### NEW BUSINESS

SAR vanity plate. This has been addressed in the past with WSARCA and Darren thinks SARVAC should take this on instead of WSSARCA due to logistical issues. If SARVAC wants to do it they can head it up. No other discussion on the topic



#### Unit Reports:

Chris Long- Haven't done a resource update for the state in a long time so Chris will come up with some categories of resources with duty officers and it will be sent out soon. They will be very simple updates; just the basics, i.e. What do you have? (Air scent, scent dogs, 4 x 4, etc). Expect to see that before this year's conference. It has been several years since this has been done.

Kittitas County- Request from one of the volunteers to get a list of all radio frequencies used by the counties so they can get those frequencies on their radios. This has been tried in the past and because some radios are personal owned and some counties are moving to 800 or 700 hertz and narrow banding, it has run into problems. Bill Gillespie has 3 volunteers to take this project on. We need to get this info but the problem is due to the narrow banding, counties are changing PL tones and there are issues with things bleeding over. Bill will ask his people to look into this and try to get the resources. There are 4 state SAR frequencies that all agencies can use. Darren likes just using the 4 SAR frequencies so we don't have a convoluted mess of frequencies that people may or may not use. SARVAC will look into it and bring what information they have to the next meeting at the SAR conference. State holds the license for the 4 state channels and has authorized any state SAR to use those channels

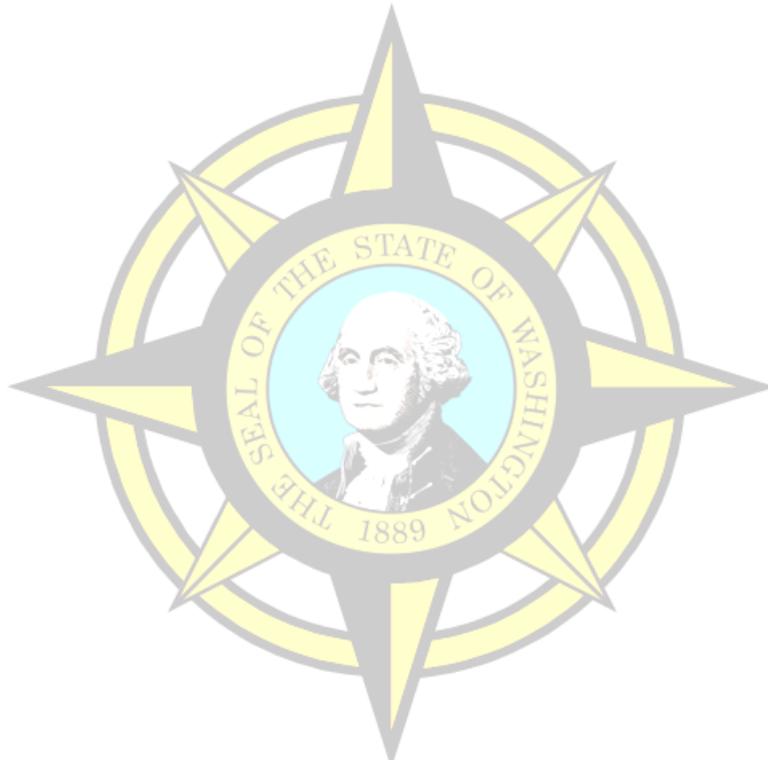
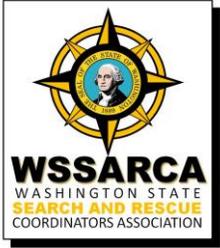
Darren says to use the WSSARCA email list to outsource to get information from other agencies. So if you have SAR questions, send it out on the WSSARCA email list because that is what WSSARCA is here for.

Pierce County: Cindy Fajardo- Pierce is trying to get a better relationship with Rainier National Park. Relationship with Pierce is much better now and we could be seeing them ask for resources and possibly show up at WSSARCA meetings.

Cowlitz- SAR team is going to institute idea of having dues for membership. There are other teams that may be doing this. This is a way to get volunteers to get vested in SAR as well as help fund SAR. According to Bill Gillespie about 60 percent of state teams have dues. 40 percent don't have fees.

The next WSSARCA meeting will be at the SAR Conference. Is currently scheduled for Friday Morning May 10<sup>th</sup> at 0800. Dave will put it on the class schedule.

Meeting adjourn at 1705.



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