

# WSSARCA MEETING NOTES

Date: May 10, 2014

Location: 2014 SAR conference, Puyallup, Wa

**Meeting called to order at 1130 hours by President Darren Ullmann**

**Introductions done for persons present:**

President Darren Ullmann gave a brief overview of who/what WSSARCA is. We are a group of paid SAR coordinators and WSSARCA is best described as a communication portal for SAR events, activities and issues within the state.

**Treasurer Report:**

Cyndi presented our financial report. Ending balance as of May 9 was \$4355.09. We should have checks for dues coming in soon. Treasurer report accepted by Darren Ullmann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trent Stephens.

**REPORTS**

**Chris Long: EMD**

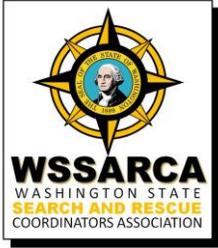
The month of April has been a very busy month with the Oso landslide. There are lots of lessons being learned from every level. There were lots of resources from WA, OR, CA, ID and MT. They utilized 2 separate task forces as well as over 20 teams. One thing we pulled away from this event was the value of resource typing and knowing what resources are coming to a scene. FEMA is still working on an inventory system for this kind of typing. A FEMA incident management team was utilized, which was requested by the county Sheriff. The IMT was effective and useful but we did notice that many of the members were fire experts not SAR. An after action debrief is planned for later this year and once Chris has a date for that, we will be advised. There are lots of claims coming into the EOC from the Oso incident. There were some issues of spontaneous volunteers or members or organizations that were self dispatching to the scene. EOC is verifying that each claim that was sent in, was sent in by a member that was dispatched to the scene by their county of jurisdiction. Overall mission numbers for the state are up slightly from where they were last year.

**TOM Peterson: WSDOT**

Not present-nothing to report

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### **Bill Gillespie: SARVAC and CORE COMP**

Core Comp committee is re-establishing to start discussing making some changes based off of input from SAR groups. They are working towards a core competency for dogs and dog handlers, but this is still a work in progress. WSSARCA will get frequent updates on this matter as things progress. We are working with King County on utilizing electronic testing for the core comp standards. The Governor's office will be looking at forming a committee regarding SAR response to discuss lessons learned from Oso.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Hagen Award.**

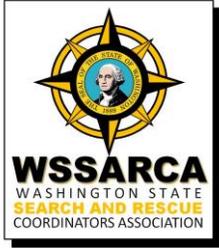
Still looking for nominations for this. We are extending the nomination period due to no nominations being submitted yet.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Darren Ullmann-** We are trying to alter the focus of WSSARCA more towards the paid coordinators which is why we are trying to establish an annual training event for paid members. At the last meeting we discussed the possibility of having speakers from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Office to discuss the Dorner Search. Spencer has looked into this and has been talking with a Sgt. at the Sheriff's Office who stated they would be willing to send two individuals to our location to discuss the Dorner events as it related to search and rescue. According to San Bernardino, WSSARCA would be responsible for airfare and hotel for two presenters. More details at the next meeting. Darren wants to make this training event free to all paid members of WSSARCA but charge a small fee for non-members. This will potentially increase our membership as well as help us earn some money to keep putting on a yearly event. We would also serve lunch at the event. The plan would be to hold this training event at Camp Murray EOC at the Nov 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. A rough estimate for cost would be around \$2500 for two people plus flight and hotel. Darren opened this up to the group for discussion.

Cyndi wanted to set the fee for non members at \$25.

Darren made a motion that WSSARCA would cover up to \$2500 for the training event plus a \$25 non-WSSARCA member fee to attend the event. Members would still be free. This motion was seconded by Dan Grant from Tacoma PD. There was no opposition to the motion and it was passed. The board will report back with additional information at the next meeting.



## Agency Updates

Clark County- stated they have been relatively quiet lately but have had several assists in Skamania County.

King County- King county volunteers have agreed on the core competencies and are also putting together some online testing which they are willing to share with other SAR members. All they need to do is add your specific county to the list and your members can take and get proof of online testing in the core competencies. Contact Ed Christian for more info. They also offer Core Comp classes at Green River Community College for 4 days in the spring and 4 days in the fall for anybody that needs/wants to attend. Ed also has a how to list on contacting the AFRCC which he is willing to share as well.

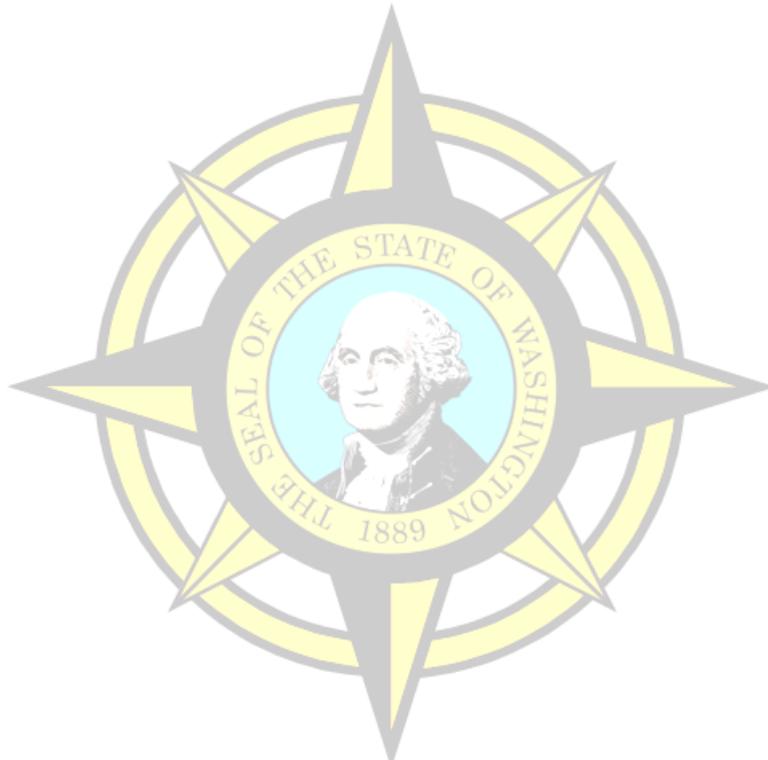
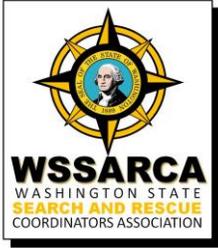
Whatcom County- Advised that K9 orbit ([www.k9orbit.org](http://www.k9orbit.org)) was a spontaneous volunteer at Oso. Handler stated he was affiliated with Whatcom County but he is not. He has an extensive criminal history and should not be used. Just be advised.

Pierce Co- Cyndi talked about her experience on the Task Force at Oso. She also advised of an After Action taking place later on. Overall, it was a unique experience with lots of support. She stated there is a lot of good things that will come out of Oso.

**Meeting adjourned:** @ 12:25

**Next meeting-** 1000 hours Aug 21, 2014 @ Camp Murray

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