



WSSARCA MEETING NOTES

Date: Sept 27, 2013
Location: Camp Murray

Meeting called to order at 1305 hours

Introductions done for persons present:

Darren Ullmann- Cowlitz County S.O
Jordan Spencer- Cowlitz County S.O
Chris Long- State SAR Coordinator
Jeff King- Klickitat CO SAR (conference call)
Dave Bennie- SilverStar (conference call)
Ed Christian- King County SAR
Tom Peterson- WSDOT Aviation
John Sprague- Kitsap County SO

Approval of last meeting minutes:

Moved to accept by Tom Peterson and seconded by Chris Long.

Treasurer Report:

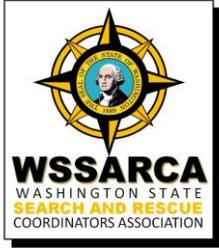
Treasurer not present to give report. There was a total of \$4859.12 reported from the July 25, meeting.

REPORTS

Chris Long: EMD

- Out of State SAR in Oregon. There was some confusion expressed regarding SAR missions in Oregon regarding coverage issues. If Oregon is putting on training, a Washington SAR volunteer can obtain a mission number for that and attend the training as long as it meets the WAC 118 requirements.
- Payee registration forms have been updated and are on the website.
- Per the WAC, when volunteers get a mission number for training, they must document there training. An ICS form 201 is the preferred way to document the training.
- The SAR resource database will be coming out in an email shortly. EMD just wants to know whether or not the SAR groups have a specific capability, not specific numbers.
- Just a reminder that SARSCENE will be held in Chilliwack, Canada. Oct 19-21. Chris will be attending and hopefully bringing back good ideas for our conference. If you have ideas for classes or trainings you would like to see at our Conference, let Chris know.

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-Community Service: Volunteer units like to do community service events. Routine community service events are not training. In order to classify a community service event as training they must document and be able to show that the event had some training value. The training must be transparent.

-As of yet there hasn't been any fall training. The FEMA grant money hasn't come through yet and it's unknown when it will be here. The first of Oct is the new fiscal year so there will be more answers on budget after that. National SAR school is a go and attendees must apply directly through the website at (<http://www.uscg.mil>). Chris would like to run another basic management class possibly on the east side.

-Tom Minor is the team chief for a FEMA incident support team that went to Colorado for the floods. Tom has some good information to share about the event. Tom will be at the EOC next week to brief the state. He may also brief WSSARCA at the next meeting which is scheduled for Nov. 21.

-SAR missions are ahead of last year at this time, both in evidence searches and lost persons. There was a big mission at Mt. Rainier this past weekend.

-Getting close to when WSSARCA dues go out, we need to finalize a location for a PO Box. This will be finalized with Cyndi.

TOM Peterson: WSDOT

-Have had an increase in the number of ELT missions lately. Most likely due to people not knowing how they work.

-Tom has been working on the command post trailer. Have 700-800 band and well as narrow band so we can talk to just about anybody. He has bumped up the air band. Bottom line...the command trailer has lots of gadgets.

Bill Gillespie: SARVAC and CORE COMP-

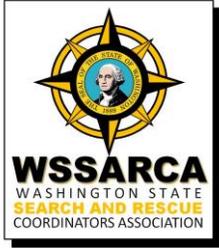
-2014 will be a lot of busy work for Core Comp. They are looking into the training as some of it is a 1 time only training and others require recertification. They will be looking at how to ID those types of trainings.

-They are moving on the accreditation process and how to get the counties accredited so the IC at a scene knows that when resources show up, they know that the volunteers have had the proper training.

-They are also working on the conference. The 2014 conference is at Puyallup fairgrounds, mother's day weekend. They will not refer to the pre conference as such anymore. The conference will just run all week with different tracks running during the week and weekend. Pierce has put a budget in place. They are only doing 1 meal at the awards night. Put out a request for Skip Stofell to be keynote and talk about the future of SAR. No word yet.

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OLD BUSINESS

WSSARCA By-Laws

-Darren hasn't heard anything from anybody disagreeing with the proposed changes he sent out to the group. We need to set the bylaws so we can move forward with the future and direction of WSSARCA.

Proposed Revisions: Section 1.1 "Individual Membership"

The intent of this revision is in reference to our ability to generate money.

Chris Long commented that this proposed change could alter the nature of the organization. WSSARCA was formed as a way for the SAR Coordinators of the counties to come together and discuss issues that are surrounding the counties. Chris request that we table the individual membership proposed change for a later date when more members of WSSARCA are present and can weigh in. He did state that he would like to see the rest of the proposed changes made.

Jeff King asked what type of individuals members Darren had in mind and Darren responded by wanting to invite police departments and city officers and give them the opportunity to join if they wanted. Darren stated we will table the individual membership piece of the Section 1.1, individual membership for now and bring it back later when we can talk with more of the group.

Section Article 6. Sect 1: Elections

It was proposed that the term of service for each elected officer shall be three years with no officer serving more than 3 consecutive terms. Chris stated these changes were already made by the previous board they just were not put into the by-laws, verifying that the current board was elected under these rules already.

Jeff King commented that since sometimes we have a hard time finding people for these positions, if we put restrictions on the positions, we may end up forcing people out of the position after their term is up, and not having a replacement.

Darren Ullmann stated that the way it is written, you can have the same person in a position for 9 years and that should be plenty of time for one person to serve and somebody else to take over.

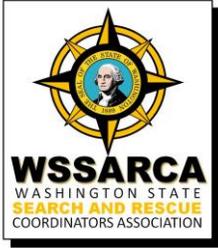
John Sprague commented that after 9 years serving, if WSSARCA can't find a person to take over than there are bigger problems within the organization.

Chris Long moved to vote on the proposed changes to the by-laws with the exception that we table the individual membership section for a later date. John Sprague seconded. A vote was cast on the proposed changes with 100% approval. The proposed changes to the by-laws were made. The "individual membership" section was tabled for another date in the future. That proposal was not voted on.

A copy of the proposed bylaw changes was handed out at the July meeting. Copies are available upon request. The new bylaws will be sent out when they are completed.

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Establishing Goals and Focus

Good response from the Sheriffs who got the email from Darren regarding the Goals and focus of WSSARCA. Darren would like to see the E board start to develop a plan on how this should look and bring it back to the assoc. to vote on and try to establish groups to handle different plans, ideas, etc. The E board will begin this plan ASAP.

Individual membership and recruitment.

Darren sent a letter to CJTC regarding trying to get SAR and WSSARCA into a block of instruction at the Academy as a way to get our name out there and get new recruits involved. The email was well received by the Academy Commander who suggested this might be a good topic at one of the Academy Enrichment nights instead of a block of instruction at the Academy. This is a foot in the door and Darren stated this is something we can follow up on if the group feels it is worth while.

-Other ideas on how to get more people involved were discussed.

Ed Christian said the King County is putting together an online training course via PowerPoint for their SAR deputies. This may be something that WSSARCA may want to look into as well.

Chris Long said that when there are promotions to Sgt. or Lt. Etc, within departments, they have to take a weeklong Academy course. He stated that we may be able to implement a basic ICS/ Search Management course within that weeklong promotion course.

John Sprague made the comment that we must be careful if we head this direction. If we set our goals on the city departments, we may run into an issue because the cities don't have a lot of searchers and won't have a relationship/rapport with the volunteers. Darren Ullmann stated that this is a way to get PD's familiar with the process and knowing when to call SAR and how to go about the process. When to call and how do you handle the situation.

Ed Christian said we should also look at training the fire departments since they are trying to break into search and rescue.

John Sprague wanted to be careful about not teaching them management and the ability to take over a search but to teach them the intro to SAR and how the process works.

Tom Peterson said that this is an outreach issue in getting our identity and our role established as an association, both with the public as well as legislature. We need to explain how the SAR system works within our state and this should be part of our plan.

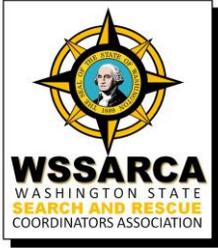
Chris Long spoke about a standardized course for WA SAR Coordinators. He said that Oregon Sheriff Assoc. has developed there own search management course. Oregon State has little to do with ground SAR but Oregon Sheriff Assoc has a lot to do with it.

They built this course as a 5 day course, it looks like an initial operations course.

WSSARCA could develop a training course for new coordinators and present it to our Sheriff's as the standard training for new coordinators. There are a number of different management course out there and they all offer good nuances. What we need to

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decide is if we want to have an established course or have objectives that need to be met and you can take any management course. Similar to the Core Comp.

Darren Ullmann said we need to have a state recognized established course for SAR police. WSSARCA needs to create a core curriculum for SAR police. Something similar to core comp. We should have guidelines that wssarca sets that need to be met in any management course in order to have an approval. Maybe we come up with some training online to relieve monetary stress and backfill issues. This is something else that needs to be addressed in the business plan. We need to stop talking about it and set objective and goals and follow through with them. We need to first figure out the course/course content first and then figure out how to get it out. This will be addressed once the new business plan is decided on.

NEW BUSINESS

Darren Ullmann stated that our next meeting will be on Nov 21st at Camp Murray. At this meeting I want to set all of the meeting dates for 2014. That is my goal.

Next meeting- Nov 21st. 1300 hours at Camp Murray.

Meeting adjourned @ 1426

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