

ASRC Minutes

18 Apr 98

Call to order: 1013

Roll Call:

AMRG: Pepper Broad
BRMRG: Justin
Emily Frank
MARG: Pepper Broad
MSAR: Darrell Hale
Peter McCabe
PVRG: Mike Mann (For Mike Wiltberger)
SMRG: Todd L'Herrou
Larry Huffman
SWVMRG: Robin
Rob Speed
TSAR: Dave Carter
Kevin Brewer (For Kevin Reynolds)

Keith Conover
Christina Smith
Gene Harrison

Secretaries Report: The minutes from the February 28 meeting have been distributed. They are not in their finished state as of yet, but they are typed and available for review. Any corrections to the minutes should be submitted to me ASAP so that I may make the corrections and redistribute them.

Motion by Todd: To hold on the reading of the minutes: F: 11 A: 1

Officer and Committee Reports

Medical Report: (Dave Carter) – Kevin Reynolds, who has served as Medical Officer for the past year has resigned as Commo.

Communications: (Gene Harrison) – Update of MOU's in progress. All groups with local MOU's needs to notify Communications. Need to update conference equipment. There is an ongoing concern about individual group equipment. Should there be different equip. requirements for entry level groups?

Operations: (Peter McCabe): 3 teams have not yet completed 36 month reviews.

VaSARCO - Forms to be distributed

Condensed version of Operations Manual –

Will propose for approval to make copies for all ASRC members.

Will propose Associate Membership guidelines

DXL lifeguard, changes in OPS and Admin manuals

Copies of DES forms

Treasurers Report: (Ruth Carter) Current balance \$1610.59. All groups dues are now past due. BRMRG Dues have been paid. MSAR dues have been paid. Ruth will not accept nomination for any ASRC position

Training Report: (Frank Jargowski) – Not Present

Safety Report: (Greg Sazanov)- not present

Chairman's report: (Dave Carter)- There are many lessons to be learned from the recent searches and needs to be passed on. List of motions passed over the past year needs to be put together in accordance with Bylaws, it is impossible to pass these motions on due to the inability to obtain copies of the minutes from the majority of the Board meetings from the previous secretary. We will need to make an effort to recapture most of the minutes from memory in order to list the passed motions from 1997-1998.

We will elect new officers at this meeting following any old business. The new officers will take their place at the General Membership meeting following this Board of Directors Meeting.

Proxy's must be submitted to the secretary when the time comes to vote.

Vice-Chair (Todd L'Herrou) – A letter was sent to Prince William Forest Park along with a Draft MOU. At this time, not response has been received. Calls have been made, but no response has been received.

In regards to Peters Affiliate Groups, Beth Barkley and her dog group could not be present today and are still interested in an Affiliate status with the ASRC. Own uniform and structure etc. Details to be discussed later.

Old Business

501©3 – Discussion regarding use of 501(c)3.

Most groups either have 501c3 status or have access to the use of a 501c3. SWVaMRG & PVRG are the only groups currently without access. (Piedmont is working on theirs)

MSAR – cannot go for “Big Ticket” items.

One of the conditions and concerns is that if a group goes after an item using the ASRC 501c3, it becomes a conference asset. As such, there needs to be a method of tracking use and reporting the income through 501c3 to the IRS. There needs to be some mechanism to use for the tracking of use. Should this go to a committee?

We should allow the treasurer to do the research on the facts about the 501c3 and it's use and bring it to the next BOD meeting.

36 month reviews need to be completed today for the following groups: SMRG, TSAR and BRMRG. This does not need to be voted on, the reviews must be completed by the end of the day.

New Business:

Associate Groups

The purpose is to broaden the service area. The groups would meet and maintain ASRC membership, training and operations standards.

Would groups respond under our MOU when responding with the ASRC? YES
Would they be dispatched through central conference dispatch? YES

Todd: Is this an attempt to replace affiliate groups or add to another group status?

An associate group would still be an independent resource with the ability to respond and call-in the ASRC for searches.

MARG is an example of an Affiliate group.

Gene – there needs to be a clarification of original goal with Associate Groups. This is a group of people we want to work but for some reason would still like to remain independent.

Dave: there needs to be a Marriage of sorts when working with these Associate groups. They need to be able to call on the ASRC just as the ASRC needs to be able to call on the associate group.

Camille: This is a good idea. We do need to work out the details (i.e. Alert and Dispatch.) Do we need to know as a conference everything an associate group becomes involved with.

Dave: Currently there is no track record and there are legal concerns. If a group responds in their local area as an ASRC group, then the legal issues arise. Recommend putting the program in place and working out the issues as we move along.

Todd: Issues do need to be worked possibly in the process of utilizing these groups. The solution for today may be to move the explanation of the group types from bylaws to the Admin/Ops Manuals

Emily: If an associate group responds to a search, would that group call the ASRC through DES?

Dave: No.

Emily: How would our MOU work?

Dave: If an Associate Group (which would most likely be a group outside of VA) calls in the ASRC, then the RA would have to call DES requesting assistance. DES will not accept calls from a SAR group acting independently.

Other concerns: Voting Privileges

Can this be accepted as a motion and nomination to accept this today knowing that this is not at 100%?

Motion by Emily: To send the associate proposal back to committee for further review

Second:

Discussion: Define the names of groups and eliminate full explanation defining the details of the individual groups.

This motion is to send this back to the committee to work on the mechanics at the committee level.

Vote: F: 6 O: 4 A: 2

Motion carries

Dave: We do need to be cautious but not so careful to not get anything done.

Board Meetings Schedule:

In the past, a board meeting was scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of the even numbered months. (With the exception of December) The Board needs to decide on the upcoming schedule. Is it the Boards feeling to keep the meetings as is or make changes.

Todd: 4 BOD meetings and 2 committee/BOD meetings per year. The Board will meet as a committee for strategic planning etc.

Everyone agrees that the meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Sat. of the even numbered months. Also, of the 6 meetings, 2 will also consist of committee meetings with the BOD meeting as a committee as well.

Issue: When will the committee meetings be? In the past it was in the June and Oct meeting. In order to keep with the school schedules, the committee meetings will be held in April and September. The committees should meet as soon as possible after the election of the new board.

For June: the committees will meet from 1000 to 1130 hours, an hour break for lunch and BOD 1230 on. The meeting will be held in Richmond, hosted by the new group (which is to be voted in at the General Membership Meeting)

Anything brought before the board goes through the committees first which lessens the length of the BOD.

Motion By Peter McCabe: There be a 2 month continuance on re-certification of expiring IS and IC personnel.
2nd - Mike

F: 12 O: 0 A: 0

All Ops officers need to send IC/IS information to Frank Jargowski.

Election of New Officers

Dave: There has been considerable progress in making the BOD useful. Dave will continue with strategic planning, budget issues (spending and funding).

The revision of FTM/FTL/IS/DOG/Signcutter Standards should be easier with the current board structure.

There is not enough research being done. Dave urges the new board to do more!

It (the corporation) may need to reorganize with the continued growth by regionalizing board meeting..

The four positions up for election are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

The position of Chair and Vice-Chair must be filled by a current board delegate. The Treasure

Nominations For Chair, By Mike Todd L'Herrou

Motion by Peter: The Secretary may cast a vote if no other nominations are received.
Seconded

Discussion: by passing this motion, the Board is unanimously voting for Todd.

Todd: Have been a member of the ASRC since 1984. Dave has put the ASRC in a position to move forward. Goal is to move forward as we have been under Dave. There is a lot to do, including 501c3, the development of a Brochure for the ASRC, Fundraising, dissemination of information to members, where we will be in 2 years.

Vote: F: 13 A: 1

Nominations for Vice-Chair:

By: - Frank Jargowski, Accepted

By: - Peter McCabe, Accepted but would like to stay involved with the Ops Committee if elected.

Peter: Involved with ASRC since 1985, started MSAR in '86 and PVRG in '88. Served 2 terms as Ops Chair and 2 terms as Training Chair.

Vote: Peter: 9
Frank: 2

For Secretary:
Christina Smith - Accepted
F: 14 O: 0 A:0

For Treasurer:
Mark Eggeman
Vote: F:13 O: 0 A: 1

For the Good of the Order:

Learning Points from Searches:

Pennsylvania: Need to clarify how to respond and address procedures regarding to searched outside of Virginia.

Operational Issues:

No Debriefing, lengthy wait for task assignments, conditions for K-9 searched quickly deteriorated. IS not notified of K-9 availability. 2km segmentations on made no sense. Victim was found 100ft from command post, 140 ft from front door, 75 ft. off the road. There was no debriefing. Teams were still in the field when the command staff left.

ASRC Points:

1. Don't put command post on PLS
2. Clear hazards (real or assumed)
3. Develop ASRC approach to dealing with other organizations
4. Develop ASRC systems to enhance interior and exterior interfacing
5. BE AGGRESSIVE!

Orange County: No information given.
Trained personnel were not being utilized, mostly volunteers in the field. Police did not allow ASRC staff on base.

Suffolk County: Learning Point:
"When responding to a search, walk on eggshells until you know the lay of the land"

Richie County (MARG)

2 dog teams, 1 horseteam, ICC in chaos.
Interfaced with 3 different radio systems (HAM, UHF & VHF)
Child found ½ mile from PLS. Area was said to be searched thoroughly when in fact, it was never searched.

Common threads: What role does the ASRC need to take initially when responding to a search?