

ASRC General Membership Meeting

18 Apr 98

Current votes reported through Proxy and attendance: 154

A mailing was sent along with e-mail notification stating that bylaw changes may be considered at this meeting.

State of the ASRC (Dave Carter)

Total membership is 480, with an active membership of 300+

Long Range Goals:

Database Management

Expansion

Strategic Planning – has focused on corporate structure

Revising FTM/FTL Standards

IS Standards have been reviewed, no changes

IC – Mandatory program suggested by Bob Koester

The ASRC is the primary agency with VaDES

Still struggling with radio and communications issues.

ASRC newsletters are mailed to groups but are not being distributed to members.

ASRC delegate members represent group views, not their personal views.

Need more conference-wide training.

Financially – we are O.K. but groups need to pay their dues.

It will take time to fix some things such as IC/IS shortages

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by Dave Carter: That Piedmont Search and Rescue (PSAR) be accepted as probationary certified group (TSAR as Sponsor).

Discussion:

Review of Probationary Certified Group Requirements (Read by Camille Birmingham)

PSAR – meets personnel, equipment, and training standards. Also has SCC status for state of Virginia. 501c3 paperwork is in hand and is in the process of completed.

Where PSAR is from: PSAR is based out of Richmond, VA and started in August of 1997. Current membership is 25 with 19 members trained at CQ or above. Many members have been available and responded to recent searches. Goals: increase members and raise training. Looking forward to returning in October 1999 to become a Certified group.

Review of the RSAR/PSAR situation: Many PSAR members were members of RSAR which is no longer a member of the ASRC. PSAR members wanted to stay part of the ASRC and remain members through TSAR acting as a division of TSAR.

Call the Question:

F: 150 O: 0 A: 4

Motion Passed.

*Motion by Greg Fuller: that the ASRC conform to it's training and instructional policies by changing the ASRC operational shirt from Blue cotton to appropriate seasonal fabrics. (The ASRC Blue Chambray shirts may still be preferred for administrative purposes.
Second:*

Discussion: The present uniform is not suitable for field operations. The uniform needs to be all season, all terrain and all weather.

Vote: F: 123 O: 31 A: 0

Motion Passed (Change needs to be made to Operations Manual)

Motion by Peter McCabe: That the ASRC be authorized to enter into a Small Stores Operation.

Purpose: to allow for the purchase of items in bulk. Whereas, the items would be purchased at cost and sold with the intention of the ASRC making a small profit. Also, that there be authorized a 2" patch and other items to be created to make a small but reasonable profit for the ASRC.

Question Called:

*Vote: F: 32 O: 54 A: 61
Motion Failed*

Motion by Peter McCabe: To authorize the making and use of a 2" ASRC patch on blue hats.

Discussion: The ASRC in the past had to approve all uses of the ASRC patch.

Motion by Gene Harrison: To table the motion on the use of the 2" ASRC patch.

Vote: F: 96 O: 52 A: 6

Motion Carries

*Bylaw Changes: Camille Birmingham
Article 2, section 2, 2.1 Amend by adding
"...and a dog training coordinator, who is answerable to the group training officer."*

Discussion: This was discussed at length within the training committee. The dog training coordinator would be answerable to the training officer in order to prevent any power struggles. Not every group has dogs. At this time, this coordinator may not be necessary at this time. This motion needs to be further clarified (per Camille). Dog handler standards still need to be completed and in place before a coordinator be put into place.

Motion by Camille: To table the motion to amend the bylaws as written.

Vote: F: 154 O: 0 A: 0

*Motion By Dave Carter : To Adjourn
Seconded*

Vote: F: 154 O: 0 A: 0