

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group

Board of Directors

Minutes

Keith Conover, M.D., FACEP

4/5/11 1730-1830

Called to order by Chris Ruch, President of Board of Directors

Elections:

- Dale Lersch has submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors.
- Ken Chiacchia was nominated and elected unanimously as Vice-President of the Board of Directors.
- Don Scelza was nominated and elected as Secretary of the Board of Directors. Unanimous except for Don's proxy that Chris held and voted against.
- Don Scelza has resigned as executive director and Ben McCandless was nominated and elected unanimously as Executive Director.

Board of Directors membership:

Discussed having the Executive Director, who is currently not a member of the board, either elected to the Board of Directors on a regular basis, as the Executive Director routinely attends Board of Directors meetings, or modify the Bylaws to have the Executive Director as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. Decided to put Dale's vacant Board of Directors position out to nominations by the membership at tonight's membership meeting.

Informal Discussion

- Need for fundraising.
- Should try to get the two big universities here to get involved in SAR research, and maybe getting some grants. Ken is already working on this.
- Will push for help with marketing at this meeting, fundraising and grants later.

Medical Command

- QRS is moving ahead
- Keith and John Rogowsky tasked to take the WEMSI protocols we operate under for ASRC in Pennsylvania, which were part of a WEMSI pilot program and not intended to be operational indefinitely, and create a version that is labeled ASRC for Pennsylvania, which will serve for our delegated-practice care outside of the standard EMS system.
- Motion to authorize the Executive Director to make needed expenditures for QRS status – just the minimum needed to meet requirements on checklist. All in favor.

AMRG and Western PA SAR Alliance

- Paul Falovolito of White Oak has been pursuing.
- Scope: gentleman's agreement between team commanders to alert other teams when involved in a SAR operation, but not necessarily call in the other teams.
- We will continue to participate but do not anticipate a leadership role.

Proxies

Moved by the new Executive Director that we require an ongoing ASRC Membership proxy of all new members, and get proxies from all old members. Accepted unanimously.