

Meeting called to order at 18:30

Attendees: Matt, Joe, John, Ruch, Russ (remote)

Motion to allow Russ to participate remotely (So moved by Matt, John 2nd, all in favor)

Review and approve minutes from previous meeting (So moved by Matt, John 2nd, all in Motion to accept made by Joe, John 2nd, all in favor)

[Proposed Bylaw changes](#) - (Motion to accept made by John, Joe 2nd, all in favor)

Discussion:

- Discussed requirements for board membership in detail and how enforcement will work
- Minor discussion about participating remotely and the need to have some meetings face-to-face

[Ops Manual policy changes](#) submitted by Commander (Motion to accept made by Russ, Joe 2nd, all in favor)

Discussion

- Significant discussion around changing the training standards and position titles.
- Some updates will be required in other documents (SAR 101, canine standards, etc) to use the new titles
- Several minor wordsmithing changes made to the proposal in the Medical Director and uniform sections. .

Review Mutual Aid Agreements and resource manual (Motion to accept John, Joe 2nd, all in favor)

- John will work on wording about what to do if we called by another team that does not meet our basic standards for how to approach a search
- John will be providing some additional detail to include in the resource manual

ASRC bylaw changes and new credentialing board.

Discussion:

- AMRG is disappointed by ASRC lack of action by the ASRC board to address AMRG's concerns with the recent proposals. The changes, particularly removing the CQ requirement for membership, the removal of basic requirements for ASRC team membership, and creating an unnecessary credentialing board, and dismantling the ASRC alerting system, have left little relevancy to ASRC membership from AMRG's perspective.
- "The ASRC doesn't really serve any point to us any more"
- "I think the problem is that they are struggling for a reason to exist"
- "I don't see a point in us continuing to stay a part of the ASRC."
- "If we drop ASRC membership, we should discuss that with the team, not just make a decision as the Board"

- “This has created a new, overly complicated system to satisfy VA that does not add any value and that is not recognized in PA. No one here cares.”
- The dues are too high now. The dues should be reduced to reflect that reduction of services.
- We are getting some insurance through the ASRC, but the amount we are paying in dues (more than \$600) is not worth the cost of the insurance. “What is the ROI on this investment?”
 - Our money is limited, why are we paying this to an organization that does not have a functional credentialing system and is not an operational entity.
- The ASRC is planning on purchasing ASTM standards and using these. AMRG does not feel that this is valuable or a good use of our funds.

Credentialing board representative

Discussion:

- Two options presented. Don Scelza or the Group Training Officer, John Rogowski.
- Don is very familiar with the process
 - But the stated reason for needing a separate credentialing board was so that it was independent of ASRC Board, as a result, appointing one of our ASRC Board reps to this position seems to break the principle.
- The Group Training Officer is directly responsible for certification and credentialing, making it a logical choice.
- There is not an interest in creating a new elected position for this role

Motion: AMRG’s permanent representative on the the ASRC Credentialing Board will be the AMRG Group Training Officer (Motion Russ, Second Matt)

Friendly amendment from Chris: Append “and this will become part of the AMRG Group Training Officer job description.” (Russ accepts the friendly amendment)
(4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain).

Games of chance

Using Chris’s address for the games of chance license won’t work due to games of chance not being approved in Edgewood. Russ and Matt will go back to the drawing board for fundraising ideas.

Discussed sponsoring a table at Russ’s football team’s casino night for PR and marketing. Cost is \$300.

- Feeling among the Board is that this isn’t worth the expense.

Canine incident from 2015 AGM

Discussion:

- Discussed what happened and how it was handled.
- Mike Hansen conducting an investigation

- During the meeting, received an email from Mike Hansen asking for a conference call on 6/27 with Chris Ruch and Paula from MARG to discuss.
- Chris pointed out that the AMRG Board has still not taken any official action in this case or accepted the report that had been submitted.

Motion from Matt: "To accept the AGM canine bite incident report findings that was submitted by the Commander to the Board of Directors in 2015." second Joe. 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain.

Insurance. Matt talked to another insurance company for a quote, but they were not able to provide any better pricing.

Review blue light policy, as state law recently changed.

- No changes to the policy at this time. We may revisit the policy if we get more involved in rescue responses.

Proposed [AMRG Disciplinary and Whistleblower Protection Policy](#) (Motion to accept made by Joe, Russ 2nd, all in favor)

Discussion

- We need to update the policy to replace the current policy which references the ASRC Admin Manual and is no longer valid
- The new proposal takes a different approach to disciplinary issues than the old process
- There may be further changes and iterations that are need update the policy.

Motion to adjourn at 20:02 Joe, 2nd John. All in favor

- Business that we did not get to:
 - [New governance policies](#) (other than Disciplinary policy)