



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

17 July 2022

I. Call to Order.

Called to order at 1112 hrs. by Dan Brizuela.

II. Participants.

Voting members in **bold**.

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG)	Keith Conover Mike Griffin
Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group (BRMRG)	<i>None</i>
Maryland Search and Rescue (MSAR)	Dan Brizuela Jocelyn King <i>Michael Hansen</i>
Mountaineer Area Rescue Group (MARG)	Ken Chiacchia Carl Werntz
Northwest Pennsylvania K9 Search and Rescue (NWPak9SAR)	LuAnn Gatti Kathy Lamb <i>Oliva Wojcicehowski</i>
Remote Support Corps (RSC)	Ben McCandless Talon Bevan
Search and Rescue -Ohio (SAROH)	Brian Maier Eric Sanderson
Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (SMRG)	Andrew Hower Seth Andrews

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes of the April 09, 2022 meeting was made by Keith Conover and seconded by LuAnn Gatti. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Officer Reports

a. Chair/Vice-Chair (Dan Brizuela/LuAnn Gatti)

Remarks made at AGM; nothing to report from the Vice-Chair.

b. Secretary (Stephen McClanahan)

No report. Chair notes appreciation for Stephen's service.

c. Treasurer (Victoria Avery)

Via text message: filed 1099; paid 2 of 2 insurance payments; Some teams need to pay dues and individual members from RSC; bank is not trust.

d. Credentialing Board Chair (Steve Weiss)

Gave report at AGM

e. Conference Training Officer (Ken Chiacchia)

Close to revising field standards. Almost done revising wilderness first aid curriculum. Looking for instructors to record segments of the curriculum. This will be a resource for the ASRC membership (self study). Looking at rescue - rope access vs just horizontal litter carry.

f. Information Technology Officer (Michael Hansen)

Will produce crib sheets to reduce barriers to accessing the Microsoft Suite.

g. Group Updates

MSAR (Jocelyn King): MSAR has had two missions since the last BOD meeting. They described their 2 in 1 cold case search. They are now under new leadership and have new governance documents. The WEMS program is still ongoing.

AMRG (Keith Conover): Introduction of new member, Mike Griffin. Their team has joined the Child Abduction Response Team. They are also participating in lots of classes to enhance learning, including online FUNSAR. The team has revamped their training program to improve repetition of core skills.

MARG (Ken Chiacchia): MARG was called to a mutual aid search on 7/16, in addition to three other missions. They are currently working to improve their rescue program.

NWPAK9 (LuAnn Gatti): The team has had four callouts since the last BOD meeting. Their relationship with Pennsylvania State Police is in positive standing. They have since added two new members to their team. One member has been credentialed to Level 2. They have participated in a light disaster seminar, with funding coming through a grant. Erie county has a new rubble pile that they are able to train on.

SAROH (Eric Sanderson): SAROH has had one search since the previous BOD meeting. They also now have a new member handbook. They are continuing to submit credentialing candidates.

SMRG (Jocelyn King): Alicia Moynahan passing reminds us of: (i) what would we do in the event of a member passing, (ii) consequence management techniques, (iii) handbook?; Sean remains a rep, Katy Hart stepped down as rep; COVID protocols are being reviewed; received notice that VDEM is abandoning requirements for SAR volunteers – following VA EMS standards for background investigations (disqualifying factors); Virginia state received funding for ground sar academies and conference; updating public facing website; hurting for Alert Officers their requirements including being an ASRC FTL – but that no longer exists – so change the standard to VDEM FTL standard and remove ASRC; every SAR team in Virginia is being called out for every search (live) in the state; need PTBs to be posted for folks

The state of Virginia is now calling out all SAR teams for all searches.

BRMRG: No report.

REMOTE SUPPORT CORPS (Talon Bevan): The Remote Support Corps (RSC) is working on a training program. They are streamlining the onboarding procedure and migrating to the MS system. RSC notes it has been quiet for them.

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

a. Elections

Chair - Dan Birzuela
Vice Chair - LuAnn Gatti
Treasurer - Victoria Airey
Secretary - Olivia Wojcicehowski

Keith Conover moves to accept slate by acclamation, seconded by Ken Chiacchia. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Communication Fund

Carl describes radio options and costs. Discussion about the agreement.

d. Recertifications

Ken Chiacchia suggests we operate under the old standard because credentialing hasn't figured it out. LuAnn states the credentialing board kicked back to the Groups for the GTO to recertify - this is in line with Ken's requirement - no PTB required, for Search Managers to send to Ken for review. If you send a package to Ken the the recertification date is within the COVID period, he will approve it to send to the board. Ken sent out a crosswalk between ASRC/NASAR systems.

e. ByLaws

Brian Maier wants to update ByLaws to elect the Chair and Vice Chair from general membership instead of the Board to expand the pool of potential candidates and to take advantage of folks with various skill sets. Bylaws 2.3.1 defines that the Chair/Vice Chair be elected from the Board of Directors. Carl asks if the Chair/Vice Chair would still have a vote on the board and who elects the Chair/Vice Chair. Discussion ensues. Brian to draft proposed text

f. Event Planning

LuAnn Gatti has agreed to coordinate event planning as part of the Vice Chair position.

2022 Dates

- Saturday, 4th Quarter 2022 - BOD meeting, virtual 1000
- Tuesday, 15 November 2022 - Webinar Series - TBD @ 1900
- 13-14 January 2023 - Winter Retreat, Bears Den Lodge, format to be decided
- Sunday, 15 January 2023 - BOD meeting, format to be decided
- Saturday, 15 April 2023 - BOD meeting, virtual @ 1400
- AGM 2023 - TBD
- Saturday, 14 October 2023 - BOD meeting, virtual @ 1400

VII. Good of the Order

Nothing offered.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1315 hrs.

Respectively submitted,

Olivia Wojcicehowski
ASRC Secretary