5:39 PM - order
Present, Keith, Scott, Ben, Chris, Matt, Ken (Don may join shortly, Chris has Don's proxy till that point)

Criminal Background check - update - confusing results from background checks

Bylaws - Keith - moved to accept, Ken seconded, no discussion, Unanimous

Ops manual updates - no vote needed.

New canine standards - There's some confusion with the new FEMA typing - there's no consistent typing for HRD dogs, so there's great confusion how our standards can be made to comply. Also, great consternation about proposed boot-strapping - current implementation plan allows first two AMRG members to complete external

Move to table, with expectation that Chris and Ken will present via email in the next few weeks, a succinct discussion of the important issues, and we will reconvene on the next board meeting. - 4 in favor, 3 abstain.

ASRC AGM Planning committee
Need to create this.
Ken to co-chair this working group with Paula Repka.
Ben suggests that there be a regular monthly report on this at the Business meetings
Helpers needed, to be requested at this evening's business meeting.

AMRG Recognition Ceremony
Matt requests permission to start making concrete plans. He has it

Recruitment brochure - status update. No changes since first round of comments came in, so next draft will be circulated soon. One comment: we should get source files.

Cave Rescue
1. August 31st was East Region NCRC meeting. Problems in that National NCRC has been managing much of the high level training and providing instructors, and ER-NCRC has been progressively cut out of the action. Keith asked that ER-NCRC help us adjust our Cave Rescue standards, and would help develop a training curriculum to allow us to bring us up to Level 1, etc….

   John and Keith to draft letter and send updated letter out.
2. Laurel Caverns, Carl W, suggested more inter-group training with a PA fire service, and there was some ruffled feathers. No action needed.

Insufficient time for discussing fundraising.

Motion to close - all in favor!