

Washington State Animal Response Team
June 2nd, 2021
1900 – 21:00
Via GTM
Minutes

In attendance: Jeanette Whitmire, Gretchen McCallum, Jeff Dahl, Greta Cook, Josette Holden, Bill Daugaard, Leo Notenboom, Kimberly Taylor, Michaela Eaves, Julie Shipman, Jeremy Kane

The meeting was called to order by Josette at 19:04

Priority Discussion and Decision Items:

Treasurer: *Gretchen/Ritz*

May 2021 Donations: \$1,488.46 compared to May 2020 Donations of \$4,276.64 (\$2500 was the AKC restricted donation for the COVID shelter)

YTD as of May 2021

Gross Profit: \$ 56,457.72

Expenses: \$ 53,439.62

Net Income Total Liabilities and Equity

2021: \$ (1,485.63) 2021: \$ 226,212.25

2020: \$ (14,258.67) 2020: \$ 216,414.45

2019: \$ 3,195.85 2019: \$ 236,038.74

Unrestricted Donations January – May 2021

Name	Paid Amount
Company, Organization, etc., Donors	
AmazonSmile Foundation Total	\$ 1,028.25
Benevity Total	\$ 3,035.18
Boeing Employees Contribution Fund Total	\$ 285.00
Charity Gift Certificates Total	\$ 48.75
Cybergrants-CAFA Total	\$ 125.00
Facebook Donate App Total	\$ 1,711.86
Frontstream Total	\$ 53.25
King County Employees Giving Program Total	\$ 1,467.85
Kroger Total	\$ 41.53
Network for Good Total	\$ 5.00
Office of Sec of State Employees Total	\$ 519.19
Paypal Giving Fund Total	\$ 70.88
WA Gives Total	\$ 120.00
WA State Military Employees Total	\$ 347.00
Total	\$ 8,858.74

Recurring Monthly Donors

Total \$ 975.00

Individual Donors

Total \$ 6,870.00

Grand Total \$ 16,703.74

Committee Reports:

Merchandise – Diane Johnson

May Sales \$ -60.00

May Expenses \$0

Fundraising – Michaela Eaves

Give Big

Gross: \$4,387

Net: \$4,184

2021 Gala

The Gala will be in either October or November. A decision on the format of the gala has not yet been made.

Technology and Communications – Leo Notenboom

inReach Status

Leo is hoping to get them activated and running prior to our next training, Base & Operations Support on June 13th, so he can get them installed in the vehicles, if they are brought to the training
 Training: Leo hopes to be in a position to shortly schedule a training specifically on how to use these devices

Supply – Greta Cook

No updates

Membership – Gretchen McCallum

Membership Statistics

Membership: 142

Base/Ops Support deployment eligible – 68

Base Support deployment eligible – 3

Outreach– *Bonnie Orban (north) Carol Satre (south)* – not in attendance

Volunteer Management – *Bill Daugaard*

Summer Picnic Status

Bill sent out a survey on whether we should hold a picnic this year - most responded that we should have a picnic but have it later in the summer, August, or September.

Organization Committee: Jeremy will lead the picnic organizing committee; Bill will provide names of members who have offered to help

Potential Location: Dr Heather's property in Enumclaw, WA

Volunteer of the Quarter for 2nd Quarter

- Zach Colburn nominated and approved by the Board
- Gretchen will write up the nomination and have Kimberly and Jeff review before sending it to Bill

Sheltering – *position open*

No updates

Finance – *Gretchen McCallum*

No updates

Technical Rescue – *Jeff*

Trainings

Technician Track Training: held last weekend and planning for another the end of June and end of July

Large Animal Training: Scheduled for June 20th

OP6 Status

Would like to consider it complete so he can post it on the website. Bill agreed, so Jeff will forward it to Leo in a PDF format.

Invitations and Committee Meeting Minutes

Discussion around sending out invitations to TRT meetings and meeting minutes to all members, instead of just attendees.

It was agreed that sending out the invitations, agenda, and meeting minutes, will keep other members informed, involved and interested in what is going on with WASART.

When emailing the minutes, Jeff will include a summary and link to the minutes on the Website.

Individual committees can decide if they want to share their minutes

We will also start adding Board minutes to the website once they have been redacted.

Helicopter Lift as a Resource

Jeff would like to see us use private helicopter companies as a resource for horses, as needed.

- We need to consider the liability issues that can arise
- We would need training on the Anderson Sling
- We would need to create a new waiver for the owner(s) to sign

As a minimum we want to have this as a resource for the owner

Initial Steps

- Come up with a list of references and send to Bill
- Identify the different types of slings that can be used and who has access to them
- Contact Rebecca Jimenez to discuss the pros and cons for helicopter rescue
- Get training with Anderson Sling

Water Rescue – *Rory Kelleher- not present*

- June 12th training will be at a park and not in the water
- TRT and Water Rescue combined training that was originally scheduled for

August has been postponed to October, due to the late arrival of the new raft.

Board Member Reports

Josette Holden, President

Answering Service Activity
May = 13

Gabe and ICS 300

Josette contacted Gabe and he does intend to take the class so he can continue his TL status

Due to the past year of COVID preventing classes from being available, and Gabe's personal circumstances, the board has agreed to give him another year (until June 2022) to complete the course, by "renominate" him.

Jeremy Kane, Vice President

2019 Annual Report Status

Michaela emailed the current draft to the Board. She will email out a revision by June 8th, once the edits needed have been reviewed, and she has talked to Ritz about the financials.

Michaela will have the report completed and emailed to the BOD by June 23rd, 2021.

General Membership Meeting

Jeremy will start the planning for the September 2021 Meeting

Annual Picnic

Jeremy will lead the organization of the annual picnic

Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary

Minutes accepted as presented

Reviewed action items

Kimberly Taylor, Training Director

June 13th Base and Ops Training

Being held at Rebecca Potter's property in Snohomish, WA

Emergency Animal Shelter Training

July 24th at Dr Heather's property in Enumclaw, WA

Bill Daugaard, Past President

YTD Metrics presented

SARVAC 2021 Conference

WASARCON Pre-Conference: September 28th, 29th and 30th

WASARCON Conference: October 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Location: Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg

WASART Involvement: We have been asked by SARVAC to put on a TRT demonstration and/or a Rope Class and teach a class on how SAR teams can best interact with WASART (several requests from SAR members).

Public Relations – Michaela Eaves

FB likes: 12,258

Twitter Followers: 465

Instagram: 411

YouTube Subscribers: 144

Advising Specialists

Jeff Dahl: no report.

Julie Shipman:

Wenatchee Rotary Club Presentation

Julie reached out to the veterinarian that contacted Gretchen regarding WASART doing a presentation at their September 7th meeting. Both Michaela and Julie will present if it is a virtual meeting – if it is an in person meeting just Julie will present.

Rory Kelleher: not present. No report.

Unfinished Business:

Online Meetings – Zoom and GTM

We are considering using Zoom instead of GTM. GTM is \$310 a year vs \$150 for Zoom. We have until December 21st to decide (when our GTM meeting subscription needs to be renewed).

2020 Annual Report

Michaela has documentation organized to start working on it as soon as she is done with the 2019 Annual Report

Firearms Carry Waiver Request Status

The request is now with the King County Executive's Office and once/if approved, we will start working on implementing training credentials.

Box Van Proceeds

The Board approved moving the \$12,500 from the general checking account to the truck account.

New Business

Approval of Bylaws (Policy 1) Revision V

The Board approved the revision

Emergency Animal Shelter Training Request

Benton and Franklin Counties requested a training in September, in Richland.

- They will pay \$95 per person plus per diem and travel.
- We will send 2-5 trainers, depending on the training desired.
- Kimberly will take lead

King County Position on COVID Safeguards

Bill forwarded King County Search and Rescues protocols to Jason Shirron at KCOEM and he said they were acceptable. WASART will follow these same protocols while on deployments or training sessions.

Bill has emailed the approved guidelines to all WASART members and will specifically make sure the TL's are aware.

So, until further notice, these are the guidelines we will be following, regardless of whether members are vaccinated or not. In all cases, members must follow the lead of the Strike Team, Task Force Leader or Training Director/Team Instructor.

Masks must be worn when:

- In confined spaces such as the cabs of our rescue trucks or vans, working inside a rescue trailer or van box, classrooms, etc.
- Outside if you cannot socially distance. If you can socially distance (6 feet or more), you do not need to wear a mask.
- During pack-outs.
- With subjects' owners.

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