

Washington State Animal Response Team
August 4th, 2021
1900 – 21:00
KCOEM, 3511 NE 2nd, Renton, WA 98056 and Via GTM
Minutes

In attendance in person: Gretchen McCallum, Jeanette Whitmire, Kimberly Taylor; via GTM: Jeff Dahl, , Josette Holden, Jeremy Kane, Diane Johnson, Bill Daugaard, Julie Shipman

The meeting was called to order by Josette at 19:08

Priority Discussion and Decision Items:

Treasurer: *Gretchen/Ritz*

Financial Documents

Total donations deposited July 2021: \$14,489.20. Of that amount, \$10,000 was from the Jasper Family Fund whose daughter is a former WASART member. After discussion, the Board decided that the \$10,000 should be deposited into the Truck Account for use when the 2WD truck needs replacing.

The Temporary Restricted Net Assets of \$4,725 on the Balance Sheet are funds designated for specific items but not yet expended.

YTD as of July 2021

Gross Profit: \$ 59,240.38

Expenses: \$ 56,518.59

<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>
2021: \$ 2,874.81	2021: \$ 229,594.33
2020: \$ -(21,630.95)	2020: \$ 209,281.00
2019: \$10,414.08	2019: \$ 243,825.67

Committee Reports:

Merchandise – *Diane Johnson*

July Sales \$ 105

July Expenses \$ 11

Fundraising – *Michaela Eaves* – not present

Technology and Communications – *Leo*

Notenboom – not present

Supply – *Greta Cook* – not present

Membership – *Gretchen McCallum*

Membership Statistics

Membership: 151

Base/Ops Support deployment eligible – 73

Base Support deployment eligible – 3

Outreach– *Bonnie*– not in attendance

Grays Harbor July 31st Expo

Bonnie and Robert attended the annual Emergency Management Expo in Montesano and reported that there was a lot of interest in WASART. 911 in Grays Harbor will add us onto their call list.

Volunteer Management – *Bill Daugaard*

Action item: Bill will send out a message that we are cancelling the picnic

Sheltering – *position open*

Meeting held July 28th with 8 attendees

We reviewed the cooling tent shelter event and discussed operations of the sheltering committee.

Four new people joined the committee.

Next meeting is August 18th

Finance – *Gretchen McCallum*

No updates

Technical Rescue – *Jeff*

No updates

Water Rescue – *Rory Kelleher* – not present

Board Member Reports

Josette Holden, President – not present

Answering Service Activity

July = 14

Jeremy Kane, Vice President

Summer Picnic Status

Jeremy requested we cancel due to the current COVID situation, and the Board agreed

Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary

Minutes accepted as presented

Reviewed action items

Kimberly Taylor, Training Director

Lack of Transport Responders

Lack of transport delayed the arrival of the truck & trailer to the Jammer deployment on July 27th. What can we do about the lack of responders, on the South end, that can/will transport needed vehicles?

- Diane Johnson is certified as a Tier 1 trainer and will be training Ami Cyr and Jing Liu on August 23rd. Jeremy Kane would like to join the training.
- Kimberly will see if there are any slide shows for basic information such as scouting, spotting, truck maintenance and other information regarding the vehicle(s).

Insurance Coverage

Because Diane is certified as a Tier 1 trainer, as long as the members she trains are certified by the training committee and the training class was included in our 2021 Training

Request/Authorization, we would be covered by the state or our own insurance.

For deployments, members can only drive the vehicles they are certified on (truck or van vs. truck/trailer endorsement).

Benton/Franklin County Sheltering Training

September 24th and 25th

Kimberly will request a copy of the training request, so we know what kind of training they are expecting, and if we need to amend it

In the future, Bill emphasized that, if WASART wants to conduct a special training event, only we should (always) submit the Training Request. It should not be submitted by another entity that is requesting the special class.

Upcoming Events

Open House – August 22nd (online)

Base & Ops – September 18th

Bill Daugaard, Past President

YTD Metrics presented

WASARCON Conference Oct 1- 3 2021

Bill will contact Bill Gillespie to verify that he wants us to present, and if we need to file a summary and abstract.

We have confirmed that we will be teaching a class and doing a large animal rescue TRT demonstration.

Public Relations – Michaela Eaves- not present

FB likes: 12,355

Twitter Followers: 471

Instagram: 427

YouTube Subscribers: 147

Advising Specialists

Jeff Dahl: no report

Julie Shipman:

No updates

Rory Kelleher: not present

Unfinished Business:

Status of 2019/2020 Annual Reports

Michaela has sent out a draft to the board
Gretchen will check with her on the status

New Business

2022 Training Committee Schedule

Kimberly will give Bill Daugaard the following information so he can submit to Jason Shirron at KCOEM:

- Curriculum
- Dates
- Locations

Bill will need the same info for TRT & WRT training for 2022, same as was done for 2021.

Pet Cooling Shelter at Enumclaw Expo Center in June, 2021 as a Regualification for Sheltering

It was agreed that all responders, no matter how many hours worked, will be recertified for sheltering. For instance, Kimberly worked 33.25 hours, Diane 29.75, Greta 29.67 while Michaela, Karen Bachelder, and Jeanette both worked 8 hours and Kelsey Jennings 6 hours.

Appoint Bylaws Committee Members

Gretchen and Bill were appointed to this committee.

KCOEM and RASKC Meeting 7/30/21

Gretchen, Greta, and Michaela met with KCOEM Director Brendan McCluskey and RASKC Director Gene Mueller to discuss the pet cooling shelter at the Enumclaw Expo Center on June 27-29, 2021. Instead of KCSARA initiating the event, KCOEM

should have contacted us with a DEM number and instructions.

- KCOEM does not currently have any locations allocated for pet shelters but will start looking for some
- They have now identified WASART as a stakeholder
- Gretchen will email Eric O'Brian, EM Program Manager regarding upcoming trainings so that WASART members can be trained in the EOC.

Jennifer Brenes, President of KCSARA, has set up an incident response team who are being trained to prepare and plan for upcoming events and will open trainings to WASART

RASKC Annual Exercise

Gene Mueller suggested an annual exercise at their facility in Kent. They can take in 56 dogs in an emergency.

Moved to adjourn at 20:34