

**State Animal Response Team
February 2nd, 2022
1900 – 21:00
Via GTM
Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order by Josette at 19:02

Priority Discussion and Decision Items:

WASART's 15-year anniversary will be February 6th

These are the current members who have been with us the longest:

Date of Joining	Member Name	AR Number
2007.02.01	McCallum, Gretchen	AR-0001
2007.02.01	Cook, Greta	AR-0002
2007.11.17	Cottle, Ken	AR-0022
2008.01.09	Stewart, VMD, Heather	AR-0014
2008.01.12	Duchesne, Ritz	AR-0054
2008.01.15	Smith, DVM, David	AR-0016
2008.01.22	Burr, RN, Kathie	AR-0011
2008.01.26	Daugaard, Bill	AR-0020
2008.03.27	Archer, Barbara	AR-0061
2008.05.24	Michell, Shawndra	AR-0062
2008.06.01	Steinkerchner, Denise	AR-0087
2008.09.01	Proctor (Kuester), Heidi	AR-0060

2008.11.12	Olszewski, Julia	AR-0038
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Treasurer: *Gretchen/Ritz*

Financial Documents

Total donations deposited January 2022: \$6,396.96

PayPal Login

Gretchen is currently the only person who has access to PayPal. Leo was nominated and approved to also have access.

YTD as of January 2022

Gross Profit: \$ 9,589.89

Expenses: \$ 4,636.71

<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>
2022: \$4,953.18	2022: \$ 251,076.81
2021: \$3,368.64	2021: \$ 230,038.21

Committee Reports:

Merchandise – Diane Johnson

January Sales \$

January Expenses \$

Fundraising – Vacant

Technology and Communications – Leo Notenboom –

Forest Service Radio

Leo is still waiting to hear from the contact regarding using their frequency

Password Management Program

Current choice is Last Pass Enterprise

Website

Most popular page is the training and events page
Leo updated the registration page to make it easier to access

Supply – Greta Cook – not present

GearLog Status

Jeff and Jeanette are making progress on learning the program and entering inventory. The programmer is being very helpful in answering questions and making requested updates or changes.

Membership – Gretchen McCallum

Membership Statistics

Membership: 166
Base/Ops Support deployment eligible: 57
Base Support deployment eligible: 2

Year End Personal Records

Gretchen has sent out the personal records for each member

2022 Dues

Those members who have not renewed by February 15th will be deleted from the membership rosters. Three reminders were emailed to all current members. We typically lose about 30 members at the beginning of each year.

Volunteer Management – Bill Daugaard

No updates

Sheltering – Jeanette Whitmire

SHAC and the May 2022 Sheltering Training

Penny Drost would like the Sheltering Committee to start doing the annual Sheltering Trainings. Greta suggested we start by reviewing the curriculum with Kimberly. After much discussion, the Board decided that SHAC would primarily be responsible for the 2022 Sheltering Training, working in conjunction with the Training Committee.

Finance – Gretchen McCallum

No updates

Technical Rescue – Jeff Dahl

Supplemental training at Marymoor Park

Had our first supplemental training January 29th with a good turnout

Oregon TLAER

They are wanting to come up and train with WASART. Jeff will start organizing with them within the next few months

Water Rescue – Rory Kelleher – not present

Board Member Reports

Josette Holden, President

Answering Service Activity
January = 8

Jeremy Kane, Vice President

No updates

Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary

Minutes – approved as presented with the condition that January Stats need to be added

Reviewed action items

Kimberly Taylor, Training Director

Upcoming Trainings and Events

- February 12, 2022 Open House - Virtual
- March 19, 2022 Base and Op's – Remlinger Farms

Bill Daugaard, Past President

YTD Metrics presented

Water Rescue – Bill will contact Rory for training dates so he can submit the training plan for 2022

Public Relations – Michaela Eaves

FB likes: 12,492
Twitter Followers: 481
Instagram: 480
YouTube Subscribers: 215

Longhorn Rescue

One thing that stood out was how professional the team was and even though the owner was trying to give commands, they only followed Michaela's lead as STL.

Deaf Community Participation

There has been a request from the deaf community to participate with WASART.

- Committee Participation – They could help out with committees using the TDD process
- ASL Interpreters – Michaela will look into volunteer interpreters

Advising Specialists

Jeff Dahl:

No Updates

Julie Shipman:

No updates

Rory Kelleher: - not present

Unfinished Business:

Status of 2020 annual report

Complete – will wait one week for any suggested edits before posting

Pet Cooling Shelter AAR of June 27-29th

Should be completed by day end and forwarded to Gretchen and Bill for finalization. *Update*, received and distributed.

Fundraising Committee Issues

We need to see if anyone that has said they are interested in helping with Fundraising is willing to take on the Chair position.

1/9/22 DO/CC/TL Training

Molly is stepping down as TL due to a new job

Field Euthanasia

We need to supply an operating procedure that implements the AVMA guidelines, to King County Action Item:

New Business:

Humane Euthanasia in Disaster Shelters

WASART needs a policy regarding the potential for an animal needing to be euthanized during a sheltering event

Bill wrote to American Humane inquiring if they have a written policy on Humane Euthanasia in a Shelter situation and if they would be willing to share it with us.

The State Vet through the Department of Agriculture would be another source to request their current policy. They can send reserve vet core for livestock and possibly companion animals.

Written Procedure

Bill and Jeremy will start drafting a procedure once the procedure on Firearms Euthanasia in the Backcountry has been completed.

Things to consider:

- Do we need separate policies for large animals' vs small animals?
- What is WASART's liability if an animal is put down prior to being able to identify or contact the owner – example: someone brings in an injured animal they found
- We need to follow AVMA guidelines

Euthanizing an Animal

Only a veterinarian can determine and administer chemical Euthanasia

The veterinarian would be covered under the DEM# as a temporary emergency worker, so the state would indemnify the vet

Appleatchee Riders Association Training Enquiry

Appleatchee is a private riding club and boarding facility in Wenatchee. They are home to around 120 horses and 40 head of cattle.

Breanna Howell contacted Gretchen regarding having WASART use their facility for a training, for around 20-50 attendees.

Gretchen suggested they come on this side of the mountains for training so that in the event we get called out for a deployment, we want to make sure we have enough people available to deploy. Greta suggested contacting Rebecca (Gimenez) Husted to do the training and then we would only need to send a couple of our people.

Cost of training: Bill will review his correspondence with Chris Long (Washington State Search and Rescue Coordinator) to determine if a cost was ever agreed upon. If not, he will contact Chris.

Once Bill hears back from Chris, Gretchen will contact Breanna to get specifics on what type of training they are wanting and what equipment do they already have or are planning to purchase. Then Gretchen will present it to the Board.

Grays Harbor County Emergency Management Invitation

They have invited us to set up a booth at their July 30th annual expo. Gretchen will let them know we decline.

Moved to adjourn at 21:05