

**Washington State Animal Response Team**  
**April 6th, 2022**  
**1900 – 21:00**  
**Via GTM**  
**Minutes**

In attendance: Gretchen McCallum, Bill Daugaard, Josette Holden, Kimberly Taylor, Jeff Dahl, Jeanette Whitmire, Greta Cook

The meeting was called to order by Josette at 19:00

**Priority Discussion and Decision Items:**

**Treasurer:** *Gretchen/Ritz*

Financial Documents

Total donations deposited March 2022: \$ 3,168.28

YTD as of March 2022

Gross Profit: \$ 20,721.62

Expenses: \$ 14,624.02

<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>
2022: \$6097.60	2022: \$ 252,281.74
2021: \$-6,838.77	2021: \$ 220,770.24

Enumclaw Plateau Heated Storage

Covered Parking for the truck & trailer is increasing again this month, from \$203 to \$219 and will probably continue to increase. The only other storage unit in the area does not have covered parking so we have no other options at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

**Merchandise** – *Diane Johnson – not present*

March Sales \$ 835.50

March Expenses \$ 414.56

**Fundraising** – *Vacant*

**Technology and Communications** – *Leo*

*Notenboom – not present*

Forest Service Radio Frequency w/KCSARA

KCSARA is in negotiations with the Forest Service to set up an MOU that would encompass allowing KCSARA (and WASART) to use their radio frequency, if necessary, when out in the wilds on a deployment. The frequency would only be allowed on association-owned radios, per the Forest

Service. Awaiting contact from Forest Service Radio person

Snohomish County DEM Repeaters

We've been given permission to use a set of repeaters belonging to DEM when on a mission in Snohomish County. These need to be programmed into the radios.

Holding off reprogramming radios until we get the Forest Service info

WASART2: (Isuzu box van, Taylor's Landing)

PowerWerx radio available for use in the box. Not yet mounted or programmed. Antenna proposal: Rather than mounting something permanently to the box van, we get this:

<https://n9taxlabs.com/shop/ols/products/dual-band-2m-70cm-standard-antenna> (roll-up dual band jpole), mount it inside a 1" PVC tube with a hook so that it can be hung from a nearby tree or another tall object. Possibly could use a snap-on tool holder or two (e.g., <https://amzn.to/3hZOfsH>) attached to the outside of the vehicle to snap the antenna in place during a deployment when there's no convenient hanging location. Radio proposal: mount the PowerWerx at the door-end of the box van, underneath a shelf. Significantly easier to access when in use, and still out of the way.

Training Every training and (almost) every deployment should be considered an opportunity to use, practice, and become more comfortable with radios. InReach Investigate linkage between InReach and SARTopo

**Supply** – *Greta Cook*

All the vehicles with motors now have locking gas caps

Greta has been taking pictures of the technical rescue gear bags for to update the gear lists.

We will be doing sheltering inventory prior to the shelter training in May

## **Membership – Gretchen McCallum**

### Membership Statistics

Membership: 128

Base/Ops Support deployment eligible: 58

Base Support deployment eligible: 1

## **Volunteer Management – Bill Daugaard**

### Volunteer of the Quarter

Pim van Caspel and Lynn Snow were jointly recognized and approved by the Board as Volunteers of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2022

## **Sheltering – Jeanette Whitmire**

### EAS Training May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

We have added a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting each month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, in preparation for the upcoming training.

### Animals in Disasters Workshop

On April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, Wenatchee Valley Humane Society will be hosting an event at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wenatchee. Disaster response and preparedness leaders from across the country will help anyone who assists companion animals learn how to prepare and respond to natural disasters specific to the Pacific Northwest.

Greta will be attending on the 15<sup>th</sup> (virtually) and will contact Julie to see if she is interested and available to attend either class.

## **Finance – Gretchen McCallum**

### Finance Committee Meeting

Our next bi-annual meeting is on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Committee chairs are to have proposed budgets to Gretchen no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Technical Rescue – Jeff Dahl**

### Training with OHSTAR

OHSTAR may no longer be needing to train with us on the tripod and bipod. The Oregon Horse Council will be holding a three-day Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Awareness and Operations courses, October 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

### SARCON June 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

Jeff contacted Bill Gillespie to verify what they are wanting WASART to demonstrate, and when. Bill's response was that we would be demonstrating to the emergency managers on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

for 3-4 hours. Tentatively we will have a room large enough to put the truck inside, allowing for demonstrations and presentations. We can also explain what WASART does and how emergency managers can use our teams and make contacts. Jeff will also be teaching a 90-minute Canine Wilderness First Aid class, multiple times throughout the day. The concern is that Jeff is taking the 3-day (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) Wilderness First Aid Class and does not want to miss Thursday's classes because he needs to teach the Canine Wilderness First Aid classes during the same time.

### KCOEM Covid Policy

What is their current mask mandate and are we going to allow people to train and deploy without a covid vaccination?

Gretchen contacted Jason Shirron at KCOEM, and his response was:

“Ensure the same COVID-19 training/meeting restrictions and safety measures (i.e., PPE, social distancing, etc.) are applied to emergency worker activities as are applied to local emergency management/law enforcement training/meetings. County policy matches the remaining federal mandates (masks are required in healthcare facilities, public transportation, and correctional facilities) plus vaccines required for employment.

## **Water Rescue – Rory Kelleher – not present**

Joe Cruikshank will be leading the water rescue training on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Plum #1 river access in Fall City.

Update: Training was cancelled due to lack of attendees.

## **Board Member Reports**

### ***Josette Holden, President***

Answering Service Activity  
March = 5

### ***Jeremy Kane, Vice President – not present***

### ***Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary***

Minutes – approved as presented

Reviewed action items

### ***Kimberly Taylor, Training Director***

### Upcoming Trainings

- Transport- April 10<sup>th</sup> – we only have 4 students so we will possibly move the training to Taylors Landing
- Emergency Animal Sheltering – May 21<sup>st</sup> – we will be touring the farm on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are working in conjunction with the Sheltering Committee on the planning.

### **Bill Daugaard, Past President**

YTD Metrics presented

To date, we have only had one deployment in 2022.

### **Public Relations – Michaela Eaves – not present**

FB likes: 12,874

Twitter Followers: 479

Instagram: 481

YouTube Subscribers: 242

### **Advising Specialists**

**Jeff Dahl:**

**Julie Shipman:**

**Rory Kelleher:**

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### OP 4 Dem No Procedures

OP4 has been updated with Thurston County's preferred/required procedure for requesting DEM numbers for deployment into their county. Bill has forwarded the revision out to the DO/CC mailing list.

#### Shelter Euthanasia Protocol Status

There are no updates on the status of the email to AHA.

### **New Business:**

#### Conversation with ASPCA's Brittany Benesi

Brittany Benesi, ASPCA's Senior Legislative Director, Western Division, contacted Gretchen regarding our procedures for pet cooling, heat and warming shelters. She was unaware there were no C.A.R.T.'s (Community Animal Response Team) or R.A.R.T.'s (Rural Animal Response Team) in Washington.

They also discussed the fact that the ASPCA had a deployment in Washington, January 2021, but did not call any WASART members to participate. Gretchen let her know that Tim Perciful and Dick Green have been making unkind and untruthful

statements about WASART for several years and asked if that was why we were not called. Brittany responded that she would look into and find out why we were not called.

#### Approval of Bylaws (Policy 1) Revision X

Bill sent out the proposed revision along with an explanation of the changes and has moved that we approve Revision X of the Bylaws Policy 1 as submitted. As a result of this revision, all Standing Committee chairs will now become members of the Board, with full voting privileges. The Board approved.

#### Policy Subsection 3.3 Board of Directors:

Due to the policy that "No single member may simultaneously occupy more than one Board position," Jeff and Rory will be removed as Advising Specialists.

#### Potential For Meeting Space at SHS

Jeanette is in discussion with Christopher Ross, CEO of Seattle Humane Society, regarding using their conference room(s) for committee meetings and possibly tabletop trainings.

### **Upcoming Events**

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Gretchen will be giving a presentation in South Bend for HAVA (Harbor Association of Volunteers for Animals).

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2022 Summer Hazard Seminar Sherry Badger, Senior Communications Specialist, PIO for KCOEM will be facilitating a panel on the 2021 extreme heat event and wants WASART to talk about the pet shelters opened and coordinated. Michaela will be talking about lessons learned and how our response will change for future events.

### **Past Events**

**Moved to adjourn at 20:32**