

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

In attendance: Gretchen McCallum, , Leo Notenboom, Jeremy Kane, Josette Holden, Diane Johnson, Bill Daugaard, Greta Cook, Kristi Olarti, Julie Shipman, Leo Notenboom, Rory Kelleher, Michaela Eaves

The meeting was called to order by Josette at 19:05

**Priority Discussion and Decision Items:**

**Treasurer:** *Gretchen/Ritz*

Financial Documents

Total donations deposited June 2022: \$ 1,624.54.  
In comparison, in June 2021 the donations were \$5,884.52

YTD as of June 2022

Gross Profit: \$ 29,555.94  
Expenses: \$ 38,121.24

| <u>Net Income</u>  | <u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2022: \$ -8,062.08 | 2022: \$ 236,415.61                 |
| 2021: \$ -7,496.77 | 2021: \$ 219,159.24                 |

**Committee Reports:**

**Merchandise – Diane Johnson**

June Sales \$ 112.60  
June Expenses \$ 0

Stickers for Outreach

- Before we buy new ones, we will use up what we currently have.
- If we have a good visual on the sticker (like we have on the grey stickers) there is no need to add information on what WASART does. We can instead hand out cards along with the stickers, that give instructions for Paw Wrapping and/or Heat Stroke.
- For the July 16<sup>th</sup> dog pack out event, we will give away the stickers (vs selling them) along with the trifolds.
- Jeff sent a follow up email regarding his idea for a new sticker that includes wording

and the importance of having it for outreach. We would want to give them away, not try to sell them.

**Fundraising – Vacant**

No updates

**Technology and Communications – Leo Notenboom**

Forestry Service Frequency

Leo has been inquiring for permission to use their frequency but has received no response so he will discontinue pursuing it.

Will reprogram the radios sometime this summer.

**Supply – Greta Cook**

- Greta took all the vehicles in for tire rotations and the trailers to have bearings repacked.
- Trailer 1 has some outside tire wear on back set of tires. She is hoping it's just an alignment issue and not a need to replace the rear axle.
- Trailer 2 had its bearing and brake pads fouled when someone did some greasing and blew out the seals. Bill Vogel is working on the brakes and finding a place to get new bearings.
- Greta is looking into replacing the tires on the Dodge because the tire treads are meant for street driving, so it has gotten stuck several times on deployments.

**Membership – Gretchen McCallum**

Membership Statistics

Membership: 133  
Base/Ops Support deployment eligible: 63  
Base Support deployment eligible: 1

**Volunteer Management – Bill Daugaard**

Summer Picnic

Date: 7/31/22  
Time: 1:00-4:00

Lynn Snow sent out the invitation to all members on 7/17/22

There was discussion regarding continuing with the picnic due to the newest outbreak of COVID and the Board decided to move forward, using the normal precautions such as social distancing.

#### Volunteer of the Quarter

Christine Gan was nominated and chosen as VOQ for the 2022 second Quarter

**Sheltering** – *Jeanette Whitmire – not present*

**Finance** – *Gretchen McCallum*

No updates

**Technical Rescue** – *Jeff Dahl 52.11*

#### Winch

The winch is installed, but they still need to install a secure attachment tow point on the front of the frame that they forgot. They had to order a couple parts which they expect to have in this week, then hopefully I can return the truck for just one day and they can get it completed.

We will need to pay the sales tax, acquire winch accessories, both for W2 and some for T1. These funds can come out of the truck account.

Jeff wants to do something to recognize the Trust that is paying for the winch and Roy Nelson for the work he's done. Roy Nelson was making end of life arrangements for his friend Bill Leander, and he asked Bill what he wanted to do with his money. Bill said "something for the critters", and explained that he wanted it available for good animal-related causes. Jeff would like to have the neoprene cover for the winch embroidered with "Bill Leander Animal Trust Fund "for the critters". Thank you, Nelson Truck Equipment Co. Inc. The Board approved this along with adding a badge with an appropriate logo.

#### Picnic table at TL

Jeff has found a table he would like to purchase for Taylors Landing.

#### Upcoming TRT Training

Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>: Light systems training

Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>: Litter assembly and use, radio usage, dog exam/bandaging/packaging/mock packout. We plan on having W2 parked there, with some community outreach available. Several members have already offered to stay with the vehicle and do the outreach, and plans are in work. Last month there was a recommendation that we also use this as a time to practice usage of the InReach device.

#### InReach

Discussion was tabled for next month's meeting

#### SARTopo

Discussion was tabled for next month's meeting

#### Tripod loan for Anacortes August 2<sup>nd</sup> event:

Issac Boseman with Skagit County SAR and former WASART member would like to use our tripod to practice raising the litter.

It is WASART policy to only loan equipment when we have enough qualified volunteers to oversee. Due to the distance, we will not have enough TRT members to assist.

Jeremy will contact them to get more information.

#### **Water Rescue** – *Rory Kelleher*

Next training is Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> at Twin Falls Trailhead

#### **Board Member Reports**

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

Answering Service Activity  
June = 11

##### ***Jeremy Kane, Vice President*** –

No updates

***Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary – not present***

Minutes of June BOD meeting– M/S/P as presented once Michaela sends Jeanette the stats for social media

Reviewed action items

**Kimberly Taylor, Training Director – not present**

#### Upcoming Events

- Open House August 20<sup>th</sup> - In person and online at KCOEM
- Base & Op's September 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Transport Training

The June 21<sup>st</sup> Transport training was cancelled because only one person available to instruct.

Six of the trainees are qualified to drive the truck and van. Four are qualified to drive the truck and van and also to haul the trailers.

Greta is willing to teach anyone who wants to learn transport, at the Expo Center.

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

YTD Metrics presented

#### SARVAC Meeting EMD Report (Chris Long)

Our 2022 already-approved training requests cover us for the training sessions in the training plans we submitted but note the 10-day advance notice requirement for any unplanned training sessions. Don't do training sessions without an approved training number.

Chris Long will be retiring soon; his position has been posted, and a replacement from Colorado has been found. He will provide about a 4-month transition period.

#### **Public Relations – Michaela Eaves**

FB likes: 12,972

Twitter Followers: 477

Instagram: 484

YouTube Subscribers: 254

#### **Advising Specialists**

**Julie Shipman:**

No updates

#### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **New Business:**

#### Review 2021 IRS Tax Return

Prior to the BOD meeting, Gretchen emailed the 2021 IRS tax return to the BOD member for review, which was done.

#### MOU with Whitman County EOM

There is a nonprofit organization starting to learn to provide shelter and care for animals in a disaster. Currently Whitman County does not have any plans in place, and they are not sure they need to. Gretchen suggested the nonprofit send a team here for training and to talk with Whitman County OEM for their involvement, since they should be going through the county when setting up a shelter.

#### Good of the Order

**Moved to adjourn at 21:00**