

Washington State Animal Response Team
October 5th 2022
1900 – 21:00
Via Zoom
Minutes

In attendance: Josette Holden, Diane Johnson, Greta Cook, Jeremy Kane, Bill Daugaard, Jeff Dahl, Kimberly Taylor, Greta Cook

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy at 1900

Priority Discussion and Decision Items:

Proposed revision N to Policy 2, Section 8.2.2
Jeanette reviewed with the group the suggested changes to the policy for reimbursement by Washington State, due to changes to the forms and procedures posted online.

Before updating the policy, we need to contact Amy Albritton to see if she will be making any changes since taking over the position and have her clarify a few questions.

Additional revisions need to policy 2 are to revise the Calendar regarding the month the training committee is required to establish curriculum, dates, location and instructors.

Treasurer: *Gretchen McCallum – not present*

Total donations deposited September: \$6,886

\$2000 was from a grant from Healthy Paws Pet Insurance & Foundation in Bellevue. They have been following us on Facebook and wanted to acknowledge our "service to animals".

YTD as of September 2022

Gross Profit: \$ 103,071.33
Expenses: \$ 58,468.38

<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>
2022: \$44,410.00	2022: \$ 289,049.01
2021: \$3,163.39	2021: \$ 230,151.45

ASPCA has reached out to WASART for volunteers to assist in emergency shelters on the East Coast because of Hurricane Ian. Eleven members have indicated their interest and four expect to be deployed shortly: Jeff Dahl, Tiffani

Lane, Emily Haney, Lynn Snow. The remainder still need to complete ASPCA's extra requirement of IS 10. and IS 11.A and/or wait to hear what deployment dates are available before arranging for time off from work. Penny Drost will be handling this deployment while Gretchen is on vacation.

Gretchen signed an MOU with the ASPCA on WASART's behalf on September 30th

Committee Reports:

Merchandise – Diane Johnson
September Sales \$1,027.63
September Expenses \$ 0

Diane dropped of some jackets at the embroidery shop, but they are booked through October so not sure when they will be ready. Diane will submit a T-shirt order in November or December.

Fundraising – Vacant

Technology and Communications – Leo
Notenboom – not present

Supply – Greta Cook

- We are adding vents to the containers at the boneyard
- Greta met with the Expo Center General Manager, Rene Popke, to discuss an MOU between WASART and the Expo Center. It has been forwarded to King County.

Membership – Gretchen McCallum- not present

Membership Statistics

Membership: 144
Base/Ops Support deployment eligible: 68
Base Support deployment eligible: 1

Regarding the single person who is only "Base Support" deployment eligible, the training committee will look into the member's training

history and possibly moving them into Base/Ops Support qualified.

Volunteer Management – Bill Daugaard

Bill would like to adopt Jeff's idea of changing the "Volunteer of the Quarter" recognition to be a general recognition of noteworthy contributions for the quarter.

Bill made a motion, and the Board voted on and approved "WASART change its current process for nominating and selecting volunteers of the quarter, to a process that acknowledges noteworthy contributions from any other member that has made significant contributions during the preceding quarter".

We will change the term "Volunteer of the Quarter" to "Recognition for the Quarter".

Sheltering – Jeanette Whitmire

We had a work party on the 2nd to continue working on the form's notes.

Finance – Gretchen McCallum- not present

Technical Rescue – Jeff Dahl

Winch for W2

We have the plan for the badging

Deployments that Qualify as Technical Rescue

The Training Committee will review the wording of the T-002 form to see if we need to change it so rescues that don't currently appear to qualify as "technical" but should, will qualify – example being our deployment to Spectacle Lake. In that deployment, responders camped out overnight and the litter and wheel were carried up to the dog's location but not used to transport the dog back to the trailhead. Thus, the equipment was not 'used' as is outlined on form T-002 and no technical skills were utilized.

Potential Presentation to Fire Departments

- How can we get our name out to different groups that haven't heard of us? The first Monday of every month there is a Chief Association meeting in Snohomish County. Jeff's brother can get us in to give a short presentation.
- King county has same monthly meeting, along with a training consortium meeting that we can try to get into for a presentation.

- Jeremy suggested we go to a Union Meeting and will help Jeff set something up.

Technical Rescue Training at Fire Dept. 21

After first of year, Jeff will set up a group training with technical rescue at Fire Department 21.

Discussion Regarding Emergent Workers

When we have non members helping during a deployment, examples being either volunteers from another organization, animal owners, or someone we meet up with on a trail willing to help, are they covered by covered by the State? Greta and Bill agreed that if they sign into the roster (A-21) and sign the Emergency Assignment and Identification form (A-020) they should be covered.

Water Rescue – Rory Kelleher – not present

- The next Water Rescue Training is on October 22nd at Rattlesnake Lake.
- Rory is still researching vehicles and will make recommendations at the November board meeting.

Board Member Reports

Josette Holden, President –

Answering Service Activity
September = 21

Jeremy Kane, Vice President –

Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary –

Minutes of September BOD meeting– M/S/P as presented

Reviewed action items

Kimberly Taylor, Training Director

Annual Exercise October 15, 2022

We will set up on Friday October 14th

Base/Ops Training September 17th, 2022

There were 13 students

Bill Daugaard, Past President

YTD Metrics presented

Public Relations – Michaela Eaves

FB likes: 13,969

Twitter Followers: 474
Instagram: 516
YouTube Subscribers: 259

Advising Specialists

Julie Shipman:

No updates

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Identify Prospective TL's

There was a discussion regarding the problem of nominating TL's while requiring ICS-300, which is a 3-day class that some people may not have the time or desire to take.

Leadership Training

We should have leadership training through WASART.

Jeremy will work on redoing our organizational command structure.

Appoint a Policy Review Committee

Postpone until next meeting

Bylaws Committee Present Proposed Bylaw changes to BOD

Postpone until next meeting

Good of the Order

Moved to adjourn at 21:05