

Washington State Animal Response Team
December 7th 2022
1900 – 21:00
Via Zoom
Minutes

In attendance: Leo Notenboom, Greta Cook, Bill Daugaard, Jeff Dahl, Kimberly Taylor, Jeanette Whitmire, Gretchen McCallum, Julie Shipman, Rory Kelleher, Josette Holden, Jennifer O'Neal

The meeting was called to order by Josette at 19:10

Priority Discussion and Decision Items:

Treasurer: *Gretchen McCallum*

Total donations deposited November: \$1,470.40

YTD as of November 2022

Gross Profit: \$ 120,850.19

Expenses: \$ 68,287.71

<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>
2022: \$53,065.70	2022: \$ 297,696.27
2021: \$15,813.90	2021: \$ 242,566.60

Gretchen will be stepping back from some of her responsibilities. She will continue as Treasurer, Call Coordinator, and Credentials. In January she will be training Julie Shipman, who will be taking over Membership.

Committee Reports:

Merchandise – *Diane Johnson*

November Sales \$ 0

November Expenses \$ 299.43

Fundraising – *Vacant*

A distribution of 1100+ emails to donors in our Little Green Light program on GivingTuesday, November 29th garnered \$2,683.74 from 30 donors.

There may be some donations coming in through Facebook or checks but we won't see that for about 2 more weeks.

Technology and Communications – *Leo Notenboom*

Website visits down from 1600 last month to around 1000 this month– possibly due to the holiday.

Supply – *Greta Cook*

American Driving Society (ADS)

Greta gave a presentation on December 2nd at the 2022 ADS Annual Meeting, held in Seattle. They are a non-profit that supports carriage drivers in the US and Canada.

She discussed what we do, lessons learned, and personal preparedness. Also discussed was partnering with drivers who have teams that could potentially get into a place that a vehicle could not. Greta is getting contacts for the drivers in Washington that have teams we might be able to utilize that way.

She also let them know we need folks with training and large animal experience to partner with us in a large area disaster and they were receptive to that.

W3 Dodge Tires

WASART3 is needing new tires. They work fine as long as you don't go off road or get into mud or snow. Currently new tires are about \$2500 so Greta is waiting and hoping the price will go down.

WASART Pro Tips

Greta would like to start doing something like what REI does on their website for "Tips". We could post suggestions to membership for things such as gear, seasonal recommendations, etc. The question is what is the best way of communicating – do we send out monthly newsletters, post on the Water Cooler, public FB page, send out an email, etc. An example of a tip would be, now that its winter, put microspikes in your go-bag.

Leo mentioned that anyone can email such tips via 'everyone' emails.

Membership – *Gretchen McCallum*

Membership Statistics

Membership: 147

Base/Ops Support deployment eligible: 66

Base Support deployment eligible: 1

Volunteer Management – Bill Daugaard

Recognition of the Quarter

The Board agreed that we will start allowing Board Members to be nominated and we will not have a limit on how many people can be nominated.

Jeanette Whitmire and Penny Drost were nominated for this quarter

Holiday Party

The party is this Saturday at Rebecca Potters home.

Sheltering – Jeanette Whitmire

- We have a work party scheduled at the Expo Center on February 18th. We will be working on the trailers.
- Gretchen met with Pat Donovan, Operations Chief for the City of Puyallup, and Assistant Chief for the Buckley Fire Department, Johan Olson. City of Puyallup will be scheduling an animal sheltering practice and would like to know if we would be interested in participating or observe and offer “lessons learned”. Buckley FD might be interested in a hands-on ‘how to deal with animals in distress’ training, similar to the class Rory and Gretchen put on for a SnoCo FD at Dr. Heather’s farm 11/16/2019. Gretchen extended an offer to Chief Olson for Buckley FD riggers to attend WASART’s monthly TRT trainings. Gretchen will keep the Board and Sheltering Committee updated when she gets more information.

Finance – Gretchen McCallum

No updates

Technical Rescue – Jeff Dahl

- TRT had a light systems training on Sunday December 4th. Jeff would like to do a heavy systems training next month to try out the new winch.
- Jeff is planning to do a Ropes 1 course in April or May and will have it open to all members and possibly ESAR members. Whether there will be a charge for the

course is still under discussion by the TRT Steering Committee.

- Jeff is planning an Rigging for Rescue training next fall for the newer members
- WASART 2 got some new leaf springs to stabilize it
We still need to do badging for the winch.

Water Rescue – Rory Kelleher

Trainings

- We had a cross training with Summit to Sound/Whatcom SAR on 11/20/22 with 3 people from WASART attending. They have expressed interest in doing more trainings with us.
- We had a rigging training at the Abbott Construction Office on 12/3/22 with five attending. We will have more trainings to get ready for the SSI class.
- Currently 6 slots have been booked for WASART to attend the NFPA Swiftwater class with Swiftwater Safety Institute on April 8th-10th in North Bend. With this class we should be able to get NFPA certification. Two Summit to Sound members have also signed up for the 3-day class and will pay the \$475 tuition cost directly to SSI. The WASARTs tuition will be paid from the monies put aside from several past WRT budgets.

Board Member Reports

Josette Holden, President –

Answering Service Activity
November = 17

Jeremy Kane, Vice President – not present

Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary –
Minutes of November BOD meeting– M/S/P as presented

Reviewed action items

Kimberly Taylor, Training Director

- The 2023 Calendar has been posted
- Kimberly will be attending the next technical rescue meeting to make sure everyone is aware of the training calendar
- T-002 – has been revised but Gretchen has some more revisions before it is finalized.

Bill Daugaard, Past President

YTD Metrics presented

Our training requests for 2023 have been submitted to Jason.

Bill has written to Amy Allbritten regarding prior conversations with Chris Long about WAC118 - being out of date and needing to be rewritten to include animal rescue. Amy has said the revised version will include animal rescue.

Public Relations – *Michaela Eaves*

FB likes: 14,052

Twitter Followers: 469

Instagram: 625

YouTube Subscribers: 261

Advising Specialists

Julie Shipman:

No updates

Jennifer O'Neal:

No updates

Unfinished Business:

New Truck Research

Rory doesn't think we will find a truck by the end of the year as planned. The vehicle we want is running 30% above MSRP due to the chip shortage.

Gretchen will contact the Gary E Milgard Family Foundation/Ruth Foundation, who gave us the \$59,056 grant for this vehicle, and ask if we can extend the time needed to make a purchase.

The dealerships Rory has spoken with are anticipating it being 3-9 months before stock starts to come back up.

Proposed Revision N to Policy 2

The Board voted on and approved the revision to sections 8.2.2 and Appendix A. Jeanette has emailed the updates to the Board and Bill will take care of updating the policy, then letting Leo know when it is ready to post on the website.

New Business:

Appoint Chair for Fundraising

Bill will contact those interested in being on the fundraising committee to see if they are interested in being Chair.

Dropbox Maintenance of Forms

Jeanette will be meeting with Greta on December 12th via Zoom to determine how we want to organize, maintain and update forms and the forms record, in Dropbox. They will also be reviewing the policy related to updating forms and r revisions .

Good of the Order

Moved to adjourn at 20:29