

Washington State Animal Response Team
June 7th, 2023
1900 – 21:00
Via Zoom
Minutes

In attendance: Leo Notenboom, Kimberly Taylor, Gretchen McCallum, Diane Johnson, Josette Holden, Julie Shipman, Rory Kelleher, Greta Cook, Jennifer O'Neal, Julie Shipman, Michaela Eaves

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

Priority Discussion and Decision Items:

Treasurer: *Gretchen McCallum*

Total donations deposited May: \$7,686.36

YTD as of May 2023

Gross Profit: \$ 41,741.65

Expenses: \$ 40,709.29

<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>
2023: \$1,032.36	2023: \$ 303,418.60
2022: \$-4,279.19	2022: \$ 240,186.06

Committee Reports:

Merchandise – *Diane Johnson*

May Sales \$ 25.00

May Expenses \$ 0

Michaela is helping Diane with the graphics for the new embroidery shop. The new shop is called All Color Embroidery and Print Shop in Tacoma..

Fundraising – *Vacant*

WASART Donors for 6+ Years

Gretchen ran a report on those who have donated to us for six years or longer and we have 24 consistent donors. This was only a partial report so she will be running a new one that includes "In Kind, Matching, Other, and Gifts and will email it to the BOD after the meeting

Some of our long-term donors include:

Anonymous donors (multiple) from Microsoft, 11 years totaling \$16,868.

Bill Daugaard 9 years

Leo Notenboom 9 years

Ruth McIntire (former member)8 years

Jasper Family Giving Foundation (the daughter is a former member) 6 years \$50,000
Leanna Anderson 7 years \$8,200

Information & Communications Technology –
Leo Notenboom – not present

Radios

In-vehicle radio documentation Needs to be reviewed and updated.

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 other tall object. Possibly could use a snap-on tool holder or two (e.g., <https://amzn.to/3hZOofH>) 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.

WASART1 (new water rescue)

Planning on hand-held radios, and longer term, a mobile installation along the lines of what's described above for WASART2.

I-90 TRT Storage

Planning on hand-held radios Have not come up with a viable reseller that might offer SAR or nonprofit discounts. Might be going retail for this.

Training

Every training and (almost) every deployment should be considered an opportunity to use, practice, and become more comfortable with radios. GroupMe videos to be created.

InReach

We still want to add video training to the website. IT "washingtonsart.org" domain came up for renewal,

and I'm using this as an opportunity to migrate away from GoDaddy to SimpleURL for our domain registrar. (A recent horrible experience with one of my friends-and-family "clients" was the final straw.) Once this transfer is complete, will look at moving the other domains registered there: washingtonsart.com and wasart.org.

Supply – Greta Cook

Graphics

We need to get the trailers updated with correct contact information. Greta will coordinate with Michaela on getting the files together.

Outreach – Greta, Kristi, Kimberly, Jeanette

Events attended in May

May 27th light systems training with dogs at Marymoor Park
May 18th KC Regional Summer Hazards Seminar at KCOEM
May 6th Kenmore Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with TWRT and Sara Price

Upcoming Events

October 7th Harvest Festival with the City of Fife at Columbia Jr High. They would like us to participate in their emergency preparedness section.
August 17th Western WA Hound Association Event at the Expo Center. They would like us to display one of the AKC trailers.

The committee is working out what we can do to support the organization.

Membership – Gretchen McCallum

Membership Statistics - Julie Shipman/Gretchen McCallum

Membership: 126
Base/Ops Support deployment eligible: 68

Long Term WASART Members

Gretchen ran a report on the long-term members from 2007-2020. The report can be seen at the bottom of the minutes.

Volunteer Management – Bill Daugaard

Lynn Snow has agreed to plan and manage the 2023 picnic. Olallie Park was suggested as a location for the picnic.

Sheltering – Jeanette Whitmire

We have a work party planned for Sunday June 11th for some basic maintenance and organization.

Finance – Gretchen McCallum

Nothing to report.

Technical Rescue – Jeff Dahl – not present

Jeff emailed in his notes

TRT will be training at the Martha Lake Fire Department Saturday June 17th. We will be using their concrete trench to practice a bipod scenario with Joey, including working on the best way to safely rig him.

The IRB class went well. There was a great attendance of ESAR members. I wish there were more of the newer WASART members present. I think it would have given them a good jump-start.

One of the class participants, Lilly DuPuis, is an ESAR member and was a great student. She'd love to be able to join WASART but is only 15 years old and won't be 16 until next June. Is there any provision by a vote of the BOD where we could selectively allow a younger member to join under "special circumstances" or given special prerequisite credentials, like being a member of a SAR group?

Discussion for SAR exemption for 15-year-old

The Board discussed the issue Jeff mentioned regarding allowing a member to join who is only 15 years old. We have changed the bylaws once before from a minimum age of 18 to 16 and are hesitant to make any exceptions. It was decided we would not lower the age limit below 16 even with a SAR exemption as a special circumstance.

Introductions to Rigging Basics – June 3rd

Kimberly was at the training and reported that she would like to see it as a 2-day class. There wasn't enough time for people to get hands-on experience.

The attendees were very engaged, and Jeff gave a great and interesting presentation.

Technical Water Rescue – Rory Kelleher

Trainings

- We had a training at Olallie State Park on June 3rd, mainly working on rigging across the river.
- July 22nd we will cross-train with TRT at Olallie State Park. This will be our first time getting the two groups together.

Van Updates

Industry Graphics will be doing a full wrap and signage for the discounted cost of \$4500. He will make sure the invoice for the full amount (\$7,500) will include the donated amount (\$4,500) and will be forwarded to Gretchen for posting in Little Green Light and a 'thank you' acknowledgement to the donor. The build-out of the van won't be started until the end of the summer. Rory is planning for the rear half of van to have a liner on the floor and walls.

TWRT Operation Guidelines

Rory, along with the six people that attended the SSI class on April 8-10, 2023, has drafted a TWRT training curriculum forwarded it to the Board for approval.

We will defer review of the guidelines to the next meeting, giving everyone a chance to review it.

Board Member Reports

Josette Holden, President –

Answering Service Activity
May = 7

Note from the President for Annual Report 2021

Josette will be sending the "Note From The President" for the 2021 annual report, to Lynn by the 28th.

She has been in discussions with Jeremy about his role as VP and hopes to have a report for the BOD at the July meeting.

Jeremy Kane, Vice President – not present

Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary – not present

Minutes of April BOD meeting– M/S/P as presented.

Action item review

Kimberly Taylor, Training Director

Base & Operations June 24th

It will be at Rebecca Potter's property and 7 students have signed up so far.

Increasing Training Attendance

The training committee is discussing how to garner better attendance and interest with existing members.

Bill Daugaard, Past President –

YTD Metrics presented.

Field Euthanasia Update

SARVAC had a meeting last week in Tacoma, which was attended by Juan Carlos and Elizabeth Benedetto. Amy Allbritton, the State SAR Program Manager, touched base with them about our Field Euthanasia policy. Bill emailed Amy to tell her where our waiver request with KCOEM had gone and that this was a King County issue only, the state had not been involved. Bill offered to send her the proposed revision for Policy 4. The revision is 90-95% complete but still needs some work to come up with firm guidelines. It has been submitted to King County and Jason has forwarded it to KCOEM. The committee for this policy update consists of Josette, Rory, Jeff, and Bill.

Public Relations – Michaela Eaves –

FB likes: 14,333
Twitter Followers: 460
Instagram: 645
YouTube Subscribers: 267

Michaela talked to a guy who does Search & Rescue in Portugal. He wanted to talk about how we do rescues and questions about why we need such a large tripod. She will send him a folder with information.

Advising Specialists

Julie Shipman:

No updates

Jennifer O'Neal:

No updates

Unfinished Business:

Status of 2021 Annual Report

The report is now with Lynn Snow. Half of the article is written, formatting is done, and the finances are done. Lynn noticed some discrepancies between the numbers from Ritz compared to the numbers from Gretchen. Gretchen told her to go with Ritz's numbers, which are more accurate. Once she gets Josette's letter, she will distribute the 2021 Annual Report to the BOD for review before finalizing the report and posting it to our website.

New Business:

The Board voted on and approved the following:

- Ratify recent BOD email decision for Ritz to pay our insurance premium of \$10,756.87.
- Authorize Ritz to transfer \$2,500 from the Checking account into the Capital Campaign Special Reserves account for TRT advanced training.
- Authorize Ritz to transfer \$1,000 from the General Account into the Capital Campaign Special Reserves account for unexpected vehicle maintenance.

Wildfire Season

Be prepared to respond for sheltering needs. We need to notify General Membership that we will have a high likelihood that we will get called out for sheltering help. Bill will send out the email to GM. Greta will forward Bill some information she received in her recent wildfire training.

Moved to adjourn at 20:36

Current WASART Members since 2007

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Cook, Greta	Burr, Kathie	Clelland, Zoe	Kelleher, Rory	Eaves, Michaela	Edwards, Connie	Becker, Joe
Cottle, Ken	Daugaard, Bill	Hasbargen, Ken	Knight, Fred		Hendrix, Linda	Benedetto, Gabe
McCallum, Gretchen	Duchesne, Ritz	McBeath-Davies, Lauri	Mercer, Jon		Roeben, MD, Gregory	Benedetto, Elizabeth
	Michell, Shawnda	Mosby, Susan	Taylor, DVM, Kelli		Schmidt, Tammy	Benedetto, Juan Carlos
	Olszewski, Julia	Pedersen, Marcia				Benedetto-Webb, Tatianna
	Smith, DVM, Dave					Crenshaw, Jennifer
	Steinkerchner, Denise					Cruikshank, Joe
	Stewart, VMD, Heather					deRelle, Nikki
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Farrar, Judith
Cook, Aaron	Craig, Shelli	Becker, Tricia	Cook, Mike	Cowell, DVM, Alena	Kane, Jeremy	Gagnon, Carrie Lee
Edelgaard Fischer, RN, Natalie	Dahl, DVM, Jeff	Bryant, Elena	Hinz, Beth	Cyr, LVT, Ami	Smokoska, ACO, Rebecca	Johnson, Diane
Fosnick Davis, Larry	Goodwin, Brad	Miller, Valon	Holden, Josette	Diller, Kelsey	Wade, Dawn	Lollis, Kathy
Lyne, Jennifer	King, Robert	Olarti, Kristie	Hoofnagle, DVM, Sharon	Drost, Penny		Orban, Bonnie
Notenboom, Leo	Rogers, Cheryl	Pettengill, Kat	Lane, Tiffani	Green, Jessica	2020	Osnes, Libby
Shipman, Julie	Schwecke, Meg	Swift, Jennifer	Stock, Laura	Jennings, Kelsey	Colburn, EMT, Zach	
	Sunde, Minde		Ugrin, Lori	Mullen, Betsey	Donald, Kat	
	Vogel, Bill			O'Neal, Jennifer	Kane, Krista	
	Whitmire, Jeanette			Taylor, Kimberly	Simmons, Kiley	
	Young, RN, Kirsten			Thomas, Kelly	Smith, Angel	
					Suhr, Allison	
					Thompson, DVM, Charlotte	
					Zarlengo, WEMT, Christopher	