

Washington State Animal Response Team
August 2nd, 2023
1900 – 21:00
Via Zoom
Minutes

In attendance: Leo Notenboom, Gretchen McCallum, Diane Johnson, Julie Shipman, Rory Kelleher, Michaela Eaves, Jeanette Whitmire, Jeff Dahl, Greta Cook

The meeting was called to order by at 19:05

Priority Discussion and Decision Items:

ESAR/WASART GroupMe

Should WASART members, who are also ESAR members and deploying and signing in under ESAR, be included in our GroupMe communication? The Board agreed to include them if Pete Linde has given us permission to utilize GroupMe.

Do we want to invite ESAR Command to be in our GroupMe? The Board agreed to include them if Pete Linde has given us permission to utilize GroupMe.

Concerns:

- Does ESAR have control over what we say in our GroupMe due to the possibility of falling under a criminal case?
- Do we stop GroupMe communication once everyone is on scene?
- If we utilize any personal devices on a mutual deployment or WASART only deployment, they can be suspended.

Follow up:

- Gretchen will contact KC SAR Coordinator Deputy Pete Linde to verify if there is a deployment and we are called in with ESAR, does our CC need to contact the SAR Coordinator to see if we can communicate with our team via GroupMe, until we get on site.

ESAR/WASART Credit on Joint Deployment

If a WASART member is deploying and signed in under ESAR, they will not automatically get credit for recertification purposes because they are not operating under WASART protocols, but they can

file a “challenge” with the Training Committee at a later date.

Jeff will notify the TRT committee at their next meeting and Gretchen will send out this information in an email to membership.

TWRT Document – Guideline or Policy?

The Board agreed that the new TWRT Document should be a “Guideline” rather than an Operating Procedure or Policy.

Policies are something that must be followed whereas Guidelines are information/advice. If we were to be sued, Policies and Procedures would take precedence over Guidelines.

Gretchen proposed and the attending Board voted on and approved that “Another set of documents entitled Guidelines be added to the existing WASART document order.” Bill Daugaard voted “nay” by proxy.

Follow up:

- TRT Operation Procedure 6 will need to be changed to a Guideline.
- There may be other Procedures that will need to be changed to Guidelines.
- Policy 2, under Section 2, Policies, Plans and Operating Procedures, will need to be updated with Guidelines.

Penny Drost has agreed to take over document management from Bill Daugaard.

TWRT Guidelines Draft Review

Leo will forward the document to the Board. We can make comments and send back, then review and approve at the next meeting.

Treasurer: Gretchen McCallum

Total donations deposited July: \$2,167.74

YTD as of July 2023

Gross Profit: \$ 3,414.24
Expenses: \$ 14,954.88

<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>
2023: \$-11,540.64	2023: \$ 295,093.52
2022: \$54,620.85	2022: \$ 291,079.29

Committee Reports:

Merchandise – Diane Johnson
July Sales \$ 50
July Expenses \$ 17.15

An order has been placed with the new embroidery shop and Diane is hoping to pick everything up tomorrow. Prices are higher with this new shop.

Fundraising – Vacant

Donations from 7/23/23 Kahu Packout
The Mailbox Peak write up on FB resulted in donations of \$575.00.

Information & Communications Technology –
Leo Notenboom –

We have received and distributed the 4 new handheld radios.

Supply – Greta Cook –

No updates

Outreach – Greta, Kristie, Kimberly, Jeanette

There will be a date change for our presence at the upcoming event at the Expo Center for WWHA (Western Washington Hound Association). Katie Campbell, Director of WWHA and VP will let Jeanette know the new date ASAP. They previously requested we attend on 8/17/23.

Membership – Gretchen McCallum

Membership Statistics - Julie Shipman/Gretchen McCallum
Membership: 135
Base/Ops Support deployment eligible: 69

Volunteer Management – Bill Daugaard – not present

Picnic and Officer's Election Process
Gretchen will contact Bill to get an update

Sheltering – Vacant

No updates

Finance – Gretchen McCallum

The next budget meeting is October 15, 2023

Technical Rescue – Jeff Dahl

New I-90 Equipment

We now have a full supply of gear staged on the I-90 corridor, in North Bend. Gretchen has sent out the following notice to the CCDO group:

“The equipment and supplies are geared towards animal-related incidents including packouts and any or all of the equipment can be used in the deployment. The CC is to provide access info to the WASART responder collecting the gear for the deployment and returning it afterwards. Please note the name of the collector in the deployment specific GM.

In the rare event that there are no WASART responders on the deployment but a joint ESAR/WASART responder deploys on an animal-related incident and intends to sign the deployment roster as an ESAR member, the CC can provide that responder with the access information to the garage to retrieve and return the supplies and equipment. The following are a few of the joint ESAR/WASART members who regularly deploy: Jing Liu, Angela Sorkin, Jon Mercer, Lynn Snow, Ben Marwick, Noah Bernays.

King County SAR Deputies Ed Christian and Pete Linde have been advised of this equipment's location and of the necessity that a WASART member must accompany the equipment; an ESAR/WASART member is acceptable.

With the exception of the orange and yellow bags, all equipment including the tote containing medical supplies will need to be taken to the command post of the deployment. The yellow and orange bags are to be included when a technical rescue is contemplated.”

Upcoming Trainings

- August 13th TRT Training
- August 19th-23rd RFR

Technical Water Rescue – Rory

Board Member Reports

Josette Holden, President –

Answering Service Activity
July = 18

Jeremy Kane, Vice President – not present

Jeanette Whitmire – Secretary

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

Action item review

Kimberly Taylor, Training Director – not present

Next Open House – August 12th at KCEOC

Bill Daugaard, Past President – not present
YTD Metrics presented

7/19/23 NASAAEP Conference Call
Jeff and Bill were in attendance.

Presenters on the call were Eireann Collins and Eric Thompson of 4Hooves Large Animal Rescue, a for-profit company in Biscoe, NC, with a nonprofit division. Their website is at <https://4hoovessmart.com/> The company seems to be a pretty big operation: they have an Anderson Sling and a fleet of 6 large horse and emergency trailers. They also sell some rescue gear: PPE, block & tackle, etc.

Public Relations – Michaela Eaves –

FB likes: 14,767
Instagram: 660
YouTube Subscribers: 270

- Michaela is going to stop reporting on Twitter.
- The Kahu Rescue was picked up by multiple news outlets.

Advising Specialists

Julie Shipman: no report

Jennifer O'Neal: not present

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Appoint Bylaws Committee Members
Gretchen and Bill will continue this role

Review of Draft 2022 Annual Report (pending distribution)
Ritz sent the 2022 financial figures to Gretchen, who has forwarded them to Lynn

Annual Report 2021
This is complete and Gretchen will send it out to the BOD.

OneCallNow Issues

- Due to multiple calls not getting to everyone, Gretchen would like to find a new service.
The BOD voted on and approved but this was placed on hold until after we receive the results of Leo's Survey Monkey .
- It was questioned if we can just use GroupMe. Our hold up on using GroupMe is because it doesn't have a "voice" option.
- Leo will send out a Survey Monkey to determine if we really need to have the "voice" option.

Sharing Bylaws

Michaela inquired if OK to share our Bylaws with a new group, Jackson CO SAR. They just need a template so they can start writing their own document. The Bylaws are already public knowledge, posted on our Website, so Michaela will direct them to the Website.

As far as sharing other documents, it is only OK to share guidelines.

Group Me Activity Issues

Jeff emailed the membership regarding minimizing the GM messages as much as possible so it is not too overwhelming and important information is not missed.

Moved to adjourn at 20:50
