

Washington State Animal Response Team
June 5th, 2024
19:00 – 21:00
Via Zoom
BOD Minutes

In attendance: Leo Notenboom, Noah Bernays, Michaela Eaves, Diane Johnson, Kimberly Taylor, Gretchen McCallum, Lynn Snow, Lenore Marentette, Jeanette Whitmire, Rory Kelleher, Greta Cook, Julie Shipman

The June 5th meeting was called to order at 19:00.

Priority Discussion and Decision Items:

None.

Additional Unfinished Business:

- Past WASART instructor Gary Kaufmann's medical situation has taken a turn for the worse.
- Gary provides care for a whole herd of llamas and is a resource in the llama community.
- As Gary was such a valuable instructor and remains a member of WASART's community, Gretchen will send an email asking how WASART can help.

Treasurer – Gretchen McCallum

- Total donations deposited in May: \$ 6,608.98
 - Of that amount, \$ 4,818 was raised in the GiveBig 2024 campaign
- Insurance annual premium, 2024: \$ 11,911.79 (10.1% increase over 2023)

Complete financial documents for July will be presented at the August BOD meeting as Gretchen will be on vacation and unable to complete her portion of the month-end bookkeeping responsibilities for the July BOD meeting.

YTD as of June 2024

Gross Profit: \$ 37,102.21

Expenses: \$ 43,343.86

<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>
2024: \$ -6,241.65	2024: \$ 295,751.46
2023: \$ -1,357.11	2023: \$ 306,800.03

Committee Reports

Merchandise – Diane Johnson

May Sales: \$ 0

May Expenses: \$ 0

- There are 8 jackets in inventory that Diane will bring in for WASART embroidery
- A lightweight, waterproof ~\$80 rain jacket for silk screening was presented.
- Diane will contact the ESAR Merchandise point-person to inquire about Arc'teryx and Outdoor Research deals (both sell goldenrod jackets, a WASART color that has proven difficult to find)
- Applying Velcro on jackets was discussed as an option so responders could change out patches
 - The Board might need to re-evaluate the policy regarding patches on WASART jackets
- Sales from the Emergency Animal Training at Steven's Sanctuary on May 5th totaled \$ 253.28 (and were not reported in last month's minutes)

Fundraising – Vacant

- 2024 GiveBig Campaign, May 7-8: \$ 4,818 from 46 donors (4 of whom were first-time donors)
- 2023 GiveBig Campaign: \$ 4,536 from 42 donors
- 2022 GiveBig Campaign: \$ 3,462 from 32 donors

Information & Communications Technology – Leo Notenboom

- Created an online business card, optimized to display on mobile devices—easy tool to show people at events (has both a QR code to scan as well as a URL)
- Business card also has an experimental link to add WASART contacts into some phones' contact lists

Supply – Greta Cook

- Continuing to organize the storage unit while additional Outreach supplies come in
- Tami Waugh has agreed to help with the for-sale/giveaway items
- Titan (one of WASART's horse manikins has been sold to the Thurston County Equine Outreach Group who will donate Titan to Tom Berryman, a Thurston County Fire Lieutenant, for large animal technical rigging training (final sale price TBD, \$100 - \$300).
- Thurston County Equine Outreach Group is donating 10 emergency ID horse collars to WASART that will be going into Sheltering supplies (potentially a sale item for \$15 each). Gretchen will send an official 'thank you' and a donation receipt after the items are received.

Outreach – Jenifer Clark – not present

- Lessons learned from the May 11 Port Orchard event:
 - Ask more specific questions beforehand, like “How many attendees?”, “How many presenters?”
 - When Greta, Jeanette, and Diane showed up, there were only 5 attendees, no donation drive, and the only other presenters were the folks who invited WASART.
 - WASART did a good job engaging those who were there.
- Set up a booth at Middle Fork 5/25/24 while TRT did a mock dog packout.
 - Many folks, including uniformed Park personnel, came over to ask about WASART.
 - Outreach event in Enumclaw, 5/1/24—lots of foot traffic, good networking opportunities.

See end of minutes for all recent past and upcoming events.

Membership – Julie Shipman/Gretchen McCallum

Membership Statistics

Membership: 132

Base/Ops Support deployment eligible: 75

- Ken Hasbargen has been a WASART member since 2009. He was a Transport trainer and instrumental in WASART vehicle maintenance early on.
- WASART was contacted by a vet in Black Diamond who said Ken's health is declining and asked if WASART could find a home for Ken's 35-year old mule, Charlie.
- Heather Stewart (a WASART member since 2009) and Charlie's farrier (who owned Charlie when Charlie was in his teens) are both willing to house the mule after Ken passes.
- **Members:** Ken's family is looking for (10) 8-foot 2x4's for barn repairs. Contact Gretchen (gretchen@wasart.org) if you have these supplies.
- Gretchen will ask Ken's daughter if she wants WASART to set up a work party or a food train.
- Unless it is a private affair, Ken's daughter will keep Gretchen informed about funeral arrangements so WASART can attend.

Volunteer Management – Jeanette Whitmire

- Jeanette will ensure someone takes care of the Contributors of the Quarter while she's in Europe.

- Shout-out to Jeanette for putting together a successful, last-minute tail gate following the Memorial Day TRT packout training.
- Upcoming picnic in July—Lynn is taking the lead.
 - Both veggie and meat options will be available.
 - Send Lynn (lynn@wasart.org) ideas for fun ideas for the picnic (activities, competitions, responder recognitions).

Mentor Program Update

- 7 Mentors and 16 Mentees
- All Mentees have received an intro email and two emails about the deployment process.
- Next email going out will be about TRT training.
- Kristie Olarti has gone above and beyond as a Mentor, relaying questions to the Mentor Program Leads from her Mentees that will bolster the Program.

Sheltering – *Vacant*

- King County Summer Hazards Seminar, 5/16/24: Greta and Jeanette attended
 - King County working with Snohomish, Pierce, Thurston, Skagit, Kitsap, and Whatcom Counties to develop plans for wildfires: great presenters and networking opportunities
 - Jeanette chatted with the KCOEM Emergency Program Coordinator, Nathan Emory, about barriers to getting people into shelters (like the ability to bring their pets). He sent her a copy of King County’s Extreme Heat Incident Playbook, which mentions WASART. Nathan submitted a sheltering plan on May 22 for government approval that includes animal sheltering (with or close to their humans). Jeanette will keep in touch with him about that plan.
 - Nathan mentioned RASKC is looking for their own facilities to shelter in emergencies—it is worth coordinating with RASKC in advance of the need to set up a shelter.
- Seattle Humane reached out to renew their partnership for emergency sheltering. Greta and Jeanette will be meeting with them and touring their sheltering facility on June 12th to start planning with them for disasters.
- All-Hazards Preparedness in Animals in Disasters seminars 5/29-30/24: possibility of WASART hosting these seminars in the future
 - See events at the end of the minutes for details.

Finance – *Gretchen McCallum*

Nothing to report.

Technical Rescue – *Jeff Dahl*

- A motion was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the nominations of 14 TRT members as TRT Team Leaders. Those nominees were: Angela Sorkin, Gabe Benedetto, JC Benedetto, John Marra, Chris Gan, Jing Liu, Noah Bernays, Zach Colburn, Melissa Romeo, Lynn Snow, Kristie Olarti, Lenore Marentette, Alexis Foldvary, Jeff Dahl
- Got Airtags for W2 and gear
- Drone protocol status - completed and will be added to OP-6 Appendix as “Drone/UAV Procedures and Guidelines”. Requested and received permission to use UAV in trainings (amended our training mission request form), but there are many restrictions to drone usage many of the places we might like to use them
- “Base Operations and Management” is being added to the list of subjects taught at the annual TL training.

Upcoming Trainings:

- June 15th: Heavy Systems training at Ravensdale
- July 20th: Flat-ground training at Lake Sammamish prior to the WASART picnic

See end of meeting minutes and TR Committee minutes for additional TRT-related events.

Technical Water Rescue – Rory Kelleher

The TWRT van will be collected later this week from the shop and will be at Transport Training.

Board Member Reports

President – Lynn Snow

Answering Service Activity

May = 7

Vice President – Lenore Marentette

- Send Lenore (vicepresident@wasart.org) ideas for presenters for the semi-annual General Meeting
 - Lenore will contact Chris Gan about presenting on her Iditarod and/or ASPCA experiences.
- The General Meeting will likely be a hybrid in-person meeting with a Zoom option.

Secretary – Noah Bernays

May minutes have been published after being approved by a majority Board vote via email.

Training Director – Kimberly Taylor

- Progress being made on breaking out W1-, W2-, and W3-specific trainings from the overall Transport Training curriculum.
- 6/16 and 6/18: first 2 W2-specific trainings
 - Revisions to the W2 Transport curriculum will be made as needed after these first trainings.
- 5/5/24: Emergency Animal Sheltering was rainy and successful.
- 6/23/24: Full-day Transport Training
- Kimberly's second term as Training Director ends 9/30/24
 - **Members:** if you are interested in this position, email Kimberly (kimberly@wasart.org).

Past President – Bill Daugaard

YTD metrics were presented.

YTD number of deployments

2024: 8

2023: 5

Public Relations – Michaela Eaves

FB likes: 15,438

Instagram: 722

YouTube Subscribers: 277

- Good PR from the dog-on-a-log-in-a-bog deployment 5/31/24
 - KIRO and King5 sourced pictures from WASART's FB page.
- The Hiking with Dogs presentation at REI 6/8/24 has been sold out.

Advising Specialists

Julie Shipman

Julie will reach out next week to the member who had expressed interest in helping with the newsletter.

Moved to adjourn at approximately 20:18.

Recent Past Events:

3/22/24: ACO Academy presentation in Burien (attendees: Noah Bernays, Gabe Benedetto, Shawndra Michell)

3/23/24: Social Impact Fundraising at Insight Climbing (attendees: Sara Price, Jenifer Clark, Gabe Benedetto, Kristie Olarti, Joy Waugh)

4/21/24: TR Training - dog handling, first aid, exam, rigging (attendees: Outreach and TRT—see AAR)

5/1/24: Community resource fair in Enumclaw (attendees: Kimberly Taylor)

5/11/24: Equine First Aid Seminar in Port Orchard with the Kitsap Saddle Club (attendees: Diane Johnson, Greta Cook, Jeanette Whitmire)

5/16/24: King County Regional Summer Hazards Seminar at KCOEM (attendees: Greta Cook, Jeanette Whitmire)

5/25/24: TR training dog mock packout and Outreach event (attendees: see AAR)

5/29-30/24: AWR-328: All-Hazards Preparedness in Animals in Disasters

- FEMA-funded 8-hour course providing tools to protect, respond to, and recover from the consequences of disasters and catastrophic disease exposure involving animals in rural communities.
- Attendees: Jeanette Whitmire, Bill Vogel, Betsey Mullen, Jeff Dahl, Andrea Scinkovec, Joie Mette, Kristi Olarti, Kristi Boucher

Upcoming Events:

~~6/6/24: Presentation to kids at Parkland Library (Outreach) cancelled~~

6/8/24: REI Presentation - Hiking with Dogs (Michaela Eaves and Jeff Dahl)

6/10/24: Bark at the Park (Jenifer Clark, Kristi Olarti, Jeanette Whitmire)

~~6/12/24: Presentation to kids at Summitt Library (Outreach) cancelled~~

6/20-23/24: NW Overland Rally (Outreach & TRT)

6/16/24: W2-specific Transport Training

6/18/24: W2-specific Transport Training

6/23/24: Full-day Transport Training

7/20/24: TRT training at Lake Sammamish State Park prior to the picnic

7/20/24, 1-4pm: Picnic at Lake Sammamish State Park

8/24-25/24: Overnighter for TRT TL training in Cle Elum

9/7/24: SAFE Presentation & Demo (TRT & Outreach)

Action #	Description	Assigned to	Last update
21.11.04	Write up a succession planning document for the Water Rescue Committee	Rory	90% done 6/5/24
21.11.06	Write up a succession planning document for the Fundraising Committee	Michaela & Gretchen	In work 11/2/22
21.11.07	Write up a succession planning document for the Supply Committee	Greta	In work 11/2/22
24.03.01	Write up a succession planning document for the VP role	Lenore	Assigned 3/15/24
24.03.02	Write up a succession planning document for the Outreach Committee	Jenifer	Assigned 3/15/24
24.05.01	Revise Policy 4 to reflect revised TL/STL requirements	Bill	Assigned 5/8/24