

Washington State Animal Response Team
BOD Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2026
1901-2055
via Zoom

Attendees: Lynn Snow, Kimberly Taylor, Lenore Marentette, Greta Cook, Gretchen McCallum, Leo Notenboom, Niccole Peters, Julie Shipman, Micheala Eaves, Joy Waugh, Jeff Dahl, Caroline Phelps, Angela Sorkin, Bill Daugaard, Jon Mercer

Priority Discussion & Decision Items:

- Respond.Reset.Ready!
- Moving the ICS 200 and 800 requirement from initial membership to later in the WASART curriculum.
 - Concerns have been raised about requiring ICS 200 and 800 for initial membership, as they're lengthy courses that focus on leadership within a large scale natural disaster. With the majority of recent deployments being focused on technical rescue, this is knowledge that hasn't been needed in recent years. However, it still remains a requirement for deploying nationally with the ASPCA. Concerns were also raised that removing it would dilute the caliber of our basic training, and this is knowledge that many have found beneficial in past deployments.
 - Three options have been proposed:
 - 1) Keep everything the same as it currently is, with new members being required to complete ICS 200 and 800 before they are eligible to deploy.
 - 2) Remove ICS 200 and 800 from initial membership, but require it for all TLs (TRT and Sheltering), and possibly the initial sheltering credential if the sheltering committee decides to do so.
 - 3) Remove ICS 200 and 800 from initial membership, and the TRT TL credential. Then, these two ICS courses would only be required for sheltering (either all members or TL) and national deployments with the ASPCA.
 - The board decided to table this discussion and vote on it at a later date.
- Code of Conduct review & possible update
 - An Ad Hoc committee is being formed to review and update the code of conduct
- Current DO/CC list, getting new recruits, procedure
 - Currently, any DO who answers the AS (answering service) call is responsible for calling the RP, and should not rely on another DO being able to return the phone call.
 - A CC training will be held at some point in the next few months, likely in early September.

Additional Unfinished Business:

- [WASART Organizational Memory Log](#) - Pin to agenda as reminder to add content

New Business:

- Advisement for W3 truck replacement
 - The truck is currently reaching its maximum towing capacity, which may contribute to its issues.
 - There is a lack of trust in the truck's dependability after its many issues in the past year.
 - The board discussed buying a new truck, but this has the potential to be a lengthy process.
- Contributor of the Quarter nominations
 - Contributor of the Quarter nominations have been emailed to Caroline.
- Rebecca Potter Memorial Tree Donation \$29/tree
<https://tree-tc.tributestore.com/memorial-tree?old=48597262&tn=AdPerfect-OF-V1&otv=One-Funnel-MediaPartner1-Timeless&bn=AdPerfect%2520-%2520Seattle%20Times&md=Seattle%20Times>
 - In honor of Rebecca, WASART has funded planting three trees in her name.

Committee Reports:

Technical Rescue Committee - Jeff Dahl

- RFR now completed. Meeting to discuss learning points and procedures is scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd
- Upcoming LS and HS trainings... see TRC meeting minutes
- If enough people show up for the pre-picnic training, I'm trying to put together some fun flat-ground training ideas. I also have a list of trivia questions for use during the picnic. Still working on how to make it flow.
- Next couple months will be more focused on preparing for this year's FTLT weekend in Enumclaw

Information and Communications Technology - Leo Notenboom

- 12 Radios distributed
- We now have a Team SignupGenius account.
- Important security reminder.
 - Email sent to membership

Merchandise - Niccole Peters

- Sales \$25
- Expenses \$5,695 (order of 20 winter coats)
- Gift from TRT budget for RFR instructor \$38

Supply & Vehicles - *Greta Cook*

- Equipment Access Guide & Vehicle Specifications Guide have been updated and are accessible in DB Vehicle Guides folder
- has been updated and
- "Training in Progress" signage - one 18"x24" and one 24"x24" sandwich boards currently available at Storage. 1 ea - 24"x6" sign rider (toppers) are with W1 and W2 but their durability and usefulness are in question at the moment.

Membership - *Julie Shipman*

- 121 Members (including 3 new members)

Credentials - *Kimberly Taylor*

Removed from the Deployment Eligible list:

1. Maizie Humphrey, ACO – CPR/FA expired
2. Claire Jacobsmeyer – BBP expired
3. Joey Mette, ACO – CPR/FA expired

I will email each person to let them know of the expiration.

At this time, we have the following deployable members:

Total = 58

- Trainees = 2
 - Zachary Marentette
 - Paul Batchelder, ACO

Volunteer Management - *Caroline Phelps*

- Annual Picnic scheduled for July 12.
- No new mentor/mentee pairs last month.

Finance Committee - *Gretchen McCallum*

- No report.

UAS Committee - *Jon Mercer*

- [Dennis Brislawn](#) with KCSAR donated a DJI Air 2S drone with basic lift capabilities. It has been licensed and flight tested. In-kind donation acknowledgement emailed to Dennis.
- We are set up with an enterprise license with AirData that will allow for better tracking of flights. Accounts have been set up for each pilot to use when they are flying so the tracking data will be recorded against them.

Sheltering Committee - *Vacant*

- Sheltering Request for Assistance form shared with DO/CC's and added to DB folder for use when sheltering requests for assistance are received.

- Auburn Area Emergency Communications Team presentation (AAECT) on 6/25. Greta, Carey and Jeanette attended their monthly meeting and gave a "We Are WASART" presentation with additional communications content and suggestions on how we can work together. The Auburn Emergency Mgmt Coordinator, Camille Schualtze, and Emergency Manager Matt Colpitts, attended the meeting. They are seeking support as they update their animal sheltering plans. Some attendees were familiar with Leo and were impressed that he is involved with WASART. Leo's reputation is far reaching and an attendee has already reached out to Leo asking for our Communications plan so they can add our frequencies to their plan. Greta invited the team to attend the October Annual Exercise and will follow up with them as the date gets closer.
- Expo Center Boneyard work party scheduled for July 11 to repack trailers & containers to make sure all vehicles are ready for sheltering deployments.

Outreach Committee - Vacant

- Upcoming and Past Events listed at end of Agenda
- WASART had several outreach events in June, and we're grateful to everyone who helped make them a success. We also received several *More Info* sign-ups from these events. Caroline Phelps is reaching out to follow up with those interested in learning more.

Fundraising - Vacant

- No report.

BOD Reports:

Lynn Snow, President:

- June answering service calls: 21

Angela Sorkin, Vice President:

- Nothing to report

Gretchen/Ritz, Treasurer:

- Donations in June: \$13,619.92 (2026); \$10,839.00 (2025)
- Total revenue January-June: \$82,057.26 (2026); \$57,937.29 (2025)
- Total expenditures January-June: \$67,601.96 (2026); \$52,370.58 (2025)
- Total net revenue January-June: \$14,455.30 (2026); \$7,659.33 (2025)
- Total assets January-June: \$327,928.69 (2026); \$313,314.57 (2025)
- Total in Money Market Account: \$16,875.06
- Current value of CDs: (1) Expires 7/6/2026: Prime Alliance \$61,959.89; (2) Expires 9/17/2026: Prime Alliance \$42,906.21; (3) Expires 1/16/2027: SCU \$35,591.46

Joy Waugh, Secretary:

- June meeting minutes are approved and are uploaded to Dropbox and the website

Lenore Marentette, Training Director:

- Transport training was June 27: Three W1 and one W3/T1 endorsements awarded, along with two conditional W2 and W3/T1 endorsements
- FA/CPR contract signed; next step scheduling

Public Relations: *Michaela Eaves*

- Social media stats: Facebook: 18,808
Instagram: 878
YouTube: 306

Advising Specialists:

Bill Dugaard:

- YTD Deployments: 16
- 2025 YTD Deployments: 10
- Deployments by year metric (Attachment)

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- No report

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Upcoming Events

- 7/22/26 Hiking with Dogs - REI Issaquah
- 8/13/26 Kelsey Creek Day Camp
- 9/2/26 BCHW Tahoma Chapter Presentation (Greta)
- 10/31/26 PNW SAR Conference, large animal rigging demonstration (Jeff, Michaela, TRT)

Past Events:

- 6/14/26 Hounds Around Town, Enumclaw - (Greta, Joy, Jeff, Dave, Heather)
- 6/14/26 Trailhead Outreach at Mt Si with KCESAR - (Lynn)
- 6/11/26 Hiking with Dogs at REI Lynnwood - (Dave, Jeff, Michaela, Jaym)
- 5/28/26 Pierce County Conservation District co-presentation - Firewise Practices for Livestock Farms presentation (Greta) - via Zoom
- 5/23/26 Exotics at Redmond Town Center Car Show (Dave, Jeanette, Carey)
- 5/14/26 SARposium - Carnation
- 5/8/26 BCHW Buckhorn Chapter Presentation (Greta)
- 5/7/26 King County Summer Hazards Seminar - KC EOC (Greta, Jeanette)
- 5/2/26 Puyallup CERT Presentation (Michaela)

- 4/24/26 Vertical World Lynnwood (Caroline, Lynn, Jeff, Joy, Dave)
- 3/19 King County OEM Quarterly Briefing Meeting capabilities presentation (Michaela, Angela)
- 2/7/26 9am-3pm - Tacoma Equine Horse Health Expo info table and presentation. Lakewood
- 1/13/26 6pm - Enumclaw Plateau Community Association - Presentation, Q&A - Horse trails and safety on the trail, Muckleshoot Library, Auburn (Greta, Joy, Tamie)

Action #	Description	Assigned to	Last Update
26.02.04	Succession Plan for Credentials	Kimberly	Assigned 2/4/26
26.02.05	Succession Plan for Membership	Julie	Assigned 2/4/26
26.02.06	Succession Plan for Bill Daugaard	Bill D	Assigned 2/4/26
26.02.07	Succession Plan Reviews of Current Docs	All BOD with a current doc	Assigned 2/4/26