

**Washington State Animal Response Team
BOD Agenda
August 5, 2026
1901-2020
via Zoom**

In attendance: Bill Dugaard, Greta Cook, Angela Sorkin, Gretchen McCallum, Jeff Dahl, Jon Mercer, Kimberly Taylor, Lenore Marentette, Leo Notenboom, Lynn Snow, Niccole Peters, Michaela Eaves

Priority Discussion & Decision Items:

- Respond.Reset.Ready!
- FEMA 200 and 800 vote: Status quo, or part of the Basic Sheltering Certification?
 - The board voted to remove ICS 200 and 800 from basic training, and it will now be required only for the basic sheltering certification.

Additional Unfinished Business:

- [WASART Organizational Memory Log](#) - Pin to agenda as reminder to add content
- Status of Ed Christian's discussion with SMR re animal rescues.
 - Ed says we are the go to for animal rescues but if there is or may be an injured human involved, SAR units will also be deployed.

New Business:

- Elections committee for 2026. Positions up for election are Training Director and Vice President
 - Lenore will run again for Training Director, but the Vice President position will be open
 - An ad hoc elections committee was formed. Niccole is leading the elections committee, with Joy assisting as a committee member.
- Annual By-Laws review committee
 - An ad hoc committee is being formed for the review.

Committee Reports:

Technical Rescue Committee - Jeff Dahl

- Currently most of the focus is on preparing for FTL weekend, Aug. 22-23. Joy and I have been working to change the format, and expect this year's training to continue to improve on those from the previous two years as we learn from activities in the previous year. More focus has been placed on preparing attendees - primarily the Field Team Leaders in Training (FTLTs) - by having them read documents and watch training videos ahead of time so that we don't have a full Saturday of presentations to sit through and can focus more on practical, hands-on tasks.
- The TRC was notified of the TC and BOD discussions regarding requirements and voting for the ICS-200 & ICS-800 courses. They were asked for their input, and overwhelmingly responders to that query saw no benefit to requiring those two courses of TRT team leads

Information and Communications Technology - Leo Notenboom

- Nothing to report.

Merchandise - Niccole Peters

- Sales - \$55 + \$30 from volunteer budget (picnic prize)
- Expenses - \$481 - UV protection hoodies
- An additional \$186.18 was needed to purchase the UV hoodies, and this funding was not available in the budget.
 - Jeff took \$186.18 out of the TRT's budget and paid the invoice for the additional hoodies

Supply & Vehicles - Greta Cook

- W3 was detailed by Dave Peters - Thank you! And we are working on keeping it clean. • KCSARA HQ is under construction and W1 has been moved but is readily accessible.

Membership - Julie Shipman

- 122 members (includes 1 new member)

Credentials - Kimberly Taylor

- We have 63 deployable members, 3 of which are Trainees
- Removed:
 - Julian Amrine – BBP expiration
 - Bill Vogle – BBP expiration
- Added:
 - Elise Garvey, Trainee

Volunteer Management - Caroline Phelps

- Annual summer picnic was held on July 12th with a nice turnout. Thanks to all who attended and helped with setup and breakdown.

Finance Committee - Gretchen McCallum

- Nothing to report.

UAS Committee - Jon Mercer

- Training on August 15th unless it rains/smokes then August 29th.
- Purchased and received a new DJI Aveta 2. Need licensed pilots who can go in the field to be able to take it with them.

Sheltering Committee - Vacant

- AKC Reunite is still looking for another organization to take over Trailer4. • Boneyard work party on July 11th to sort and repack supplies in Trailer2 (Large Animal) and Trailer5 (AKC) attended by Betsey M, Carey G, Dave P, Greta C and new member Elise Garvey - Thank you!
- Preparations to deploy to wildfire shelters are underway. Calls have been made to several jurisdictions and conversations are ongoing.
 - Member availability survey was emailed to the membership and 10 respondents have listed their availability for the month of August to deploy, assist from home and assist with supplies prep, loading, and cleaning.

- Sheltering documents - procedures, guides, checklists and forms - have been shared with Kittitas Emergency Management who is working on their animal sheltering plans and Ferry County SAR President Sam Jenkins who is operating a shelter. Carey Gates did a great job organizing all the documents for easy sharing.
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Emergency Manager and the Emerald Downs Emergency Manager requested assistance in updating their evacuation plans.

Outreach Committee - Vacant

- Upcoming and Past Events listed at end of Agenda
- Held 2 Hiking with Dogs classes, one at REI Issaquah on 7/22 and another at Cobber's Pet Pantry on 8/2 with good attendance, especially at Cobber's. The classes are well received and feedback is that it provides helpful and practical information. Thanks to all who attended and helped.

Fundraising - Vacant

- Nothing to report.

BOD Reports:

Lynn Snow, President:

- July answering service calls: 17

Angela Sorkin, Vice President:

- I am still working to schedule the ad hoc code of conduct meeting for the group 1 members (Angela, Micheala, Greta, and Jeff).
- The General membership meeting is scheduled for September 16th (may be changed to the 23rd). Please provide any suggestions about content. All ideas are welcome.

Gretchen/Ritz, Treasurer:

- Donations in July: 2026: \$10,475.86 (includes annual \$5K from family of former member); 2025: \$4,184.03
- As of July 31, 2026:
- Total in all bank accounts and CD: 2026, \$246,164.33; 2025, \$223,635.59
- Total other assets, merchandise, trucks/trailers, etc.: 2026, \$85,720.50; 2025, \$80,431.44
- Total for Assets: 2026, \$331,885.32; 2025, \$304,067.03
- January-July, 2026:
- Total for Revenues: 2026, \$93,359.15; 2025, \$63,067.34
- Total for Expenditures: 2026, \$75,041.19; 2025, \$65,428.50
- Net Revenue: 2026, \$18,317.96; 2025, \$381.46

Joy Waugh, Secretary:

- July meeting minutes were approved and have been uploaded to the website and Dropbox.

Lenore Marentette, Training Director:

- IFO Sep 19; reminder email sent out yesterday. 4 students signed up so far with several more new members expected to sign up. Will post to WASART Social GM and Watercooler as well.
- First Aid/CPR class at long last scheduled for Oct 10 in Newcastle! Registration email to go out the first week of August.

Public Relations: *Michaela Eaves*

- Social media stats: Facebook: 19,455
- Instagram: 899
- YouTube: 306

Advising Specialists:

Bill Daugaard:

- YTD Deployments: 20
- Last year YTD deployments: 15
- Deployments by year metric (Attachment)
- Operating Procedure 11

Noah Bernays:

- Bill reformatted Operating Procedure 11, *Guidelines for Operating Around Water*. It was approved by both Noah and Jeff, and sent to Leo for posting on the website.

Good of the Order:

- N/A

Upcoming Events

- 8/8/26 Trailhead Outreach at Mt Si (Angela, Lynn, Joy)
- 8/13/26 Kelsey Creek Day Camp (Carey, Dave, Angela, Joy)
- 9/2/26 BCHW Tahoma Chapter Presentation (Greta)
- 9/30/26 Call Coordinator Training (Gretchen)
- 10/31/26 PNW SAR Conference, large animal rigging demonstration (Jeff, Michaela, TRT)

Past Events:

- 8/2/26 Hiking with Dogs - Cobber's Pet Pantry (Joy, Tamie, Michaela, Jeff) •
- 7/22/26 Hiking with Dogs - REI Issaquah (Lynn, Jeff, Michaela, Joy, Tamie) •
- 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