

North Carolina Search & Rescue Advisory Council

Minutes from Meeting

February 8, 2004

Ash-Rand Rescue & EMS, Asheboro, North Carolina

Alex Auten called the meeting to order at 1400 hours. Larry Pugh conducted roll call with the following teams represented:

Burke County SAR
NC Emerg. Mgt.
REDS
Wake Canine SAR

Charlotte Fire Dept.
NCSARDA-Central Unit
Rutherford County SAR

Down East SAR
Randolph County SAR
Sandhills Overland Search

Officers present were Alex Auten – Vice President, Larry Pugh – Treasurer, and Brian Smith.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were disseminated and the floor was opened for any corrections or additions to be made. Motion made by Mike Guzo that the minutes be accepted as were documented. Second to the motion by Gail Druley. Approved by membership present.

Treasurers Report

Larry Pugh reported that the checking account balance is \$14,183.95 on hand. An explanation of the financial expenditures was given. We currently have received 2004 membership dues from 17 teams. Albemarle SAR, Cooks Fire Dept., NCEM, NC State Parks, Mitchell Co. K9, Robeson Co. SAR, Rowan Co. Rescue, and Wake Co. EM have not paid.

The Eastern NC SAR Exercise netted the council \$628.89 after expenses. Larry suggested that we monitor meal expense closely at future events.

Old Business

Membership Committee

Larry Pugh stated that we have received membership applications for six organizations. Pineland Resources, Lenoir Rescue Squad, Orange Co. EMS, Chesapeake Bay Area Canines, and Tennessee Mountain SAR Dogs, and United States Support Command. The applications will be assigned to the membership committees. The Tennessee application will be assigned to the western committee and the Chesapeake application will be assigned to the eastern committee.

Education Committee Report

Todd Brown reported on numerous training opportunities on the SAR Council web page and the NCEM page. Larry Pugh advised that the AB Taylor Mantracking course was a success. 46 attendees. The council paid \$690.00 towards the class. Benny Davis suggested that we arrange another Ab Taylor Mantracking course to be run in the western area of the state. Burke Co. was suggested. Larry will contact Randy about hosting the course in Morganton.

NASAR Update

Larry Pugh reported that SAR 2004 would be held in Lansdowne, Virginia. Mike Tuttle has resigned from NASAR and the person that received the 4th amount of votes in the 2003 election will complete Mike's last year of his three-year term, Randy Servis. Randy was elected as president of NASAR at the January board meeting. Mike Tuttle submitted a written reply to the concerns presented from the council membership at the August 2003 meeting. President, Randy McKinney has the letter.

State SAR Coordinator

Mike Guzo reported that a Structural Collapse ICS Course will be ran during the upcoming USAR Technician Course in Charlotte. Anyone that wants to attend can obtain the application for the EM web page and submit it to their local EM coordinator for approval.

Spring SAR Exercise 04

The Daniel Boone Boyscout Camp has been selected, which was similar in terrain, features to Burke County. The facilities were a plus as there would be cabins available for the attendees, and a large dining hall will serve as the ICP and the Food Unit. Directions in the form of a map will be placed on the council's web page. There is a reduced registration fee for early registration.

Management Qualifications

Charlie Williams discussed the draft version of the recommended qualifications for management positions in SAR. Jim Stumpf has reviewed the document and made several recommendations. No one else has commented. It was suggested that the draft version be placed in the member's only section of the council's web page for final review comments.

SAR K-9 Standards

Benny Davis reported that the k-9 standards are ready to be discussed by the committee. After discussion, it was decided by a consensus of the members present that the K-9 standards committee meet on the Saturday before the May council meeting to review the draft standards and make a report to the council at the budget meeting on Sunday. After discussion, it was agreed that the May budget meeting of the council be held on May 16 @ 2 pm at the NCEM EOC. The K-9 committee members will meet at 11 am on May 15 at NCEM EOC. The council will assist with the cost of meals for the committee members in attendance.

New Business

Web Page Sales

There has been a delay in the shipping of merchandise from web page sales. Alex and Larry both thought that the web page automatically sent the two of them an email notification of an order. Alex will contact Kenneth to see how this can be improved to assure future orders are completed in a timely manner.

Floor Open for Discussion

Christy Judah was not able to attend today but has asked Larry to discuss with the membership a possibility of conducting future council meetings by teleconference call. Mike Guzo advised that there is a possibility of having conference calls through North Carolina Emergency Management. Mike will research the possibility teleconference calls through EM and report back at the next council meeting.

NASAR Certificates

Benny Davis asked Larry why NASAR is not getting student certificates mailed backed to students that attend NASAR courses in a timely manner. Larry advised that NASAR is attempting to get a handle on the backlog of certificates and instructors and students should see an improvement in the future. Larry will contact the NASAR director and advise her of the concern.

NASAR Awards

Larry reminded all council members in attendance that if they wanted to nominate someone from our state for the NASAR State SAR award, it must be submitted as soon as possible.

Closing

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Spring SAR Exercise on the Saturday night of the exercise. Our bylaws mandate that a meeting be held in May for approval of the 2004/2005 budget. The meeting will be held at the NCEM EOC on May 16 @ 1400 hours. The K-9 committee will meet on May 15 at the same location @ 1100 hours. If anyone has a request for the next fiscal year budget, please submit to Larry.

Motion made by Todd Brown to adjourn. Benny Davis made the second to the motion. Motion was approved and meeting was adjourned at 1510 hours.