

# North Carolina Search & Rescue Advisory Council

## Minutes from Meeting

### **April 3, 2004 @ 1930 hours Camp Daniel Boone Western North Carolina SAR Exercise 2004**

Randy McKinney called the meeting to order at 1930 hours with the following teams represented:

Burke County SAR	NC Emergency Management
Rutherford County SAR	Haywood County Emergency Services
Black Mountain SAR	Charlotte Fire Department
Cooks Fire Department	NCSARDA
Cleveland FIRST Team	Down East SAR
Randolph County SAR	Southern Pride SAR Dogs
Wake Canine SAR	

Officers present were Randy McKinney – President, Alex Auten – Vice President, Ken Anthony – Secretary, Brian Smith.

#### **Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting on February 8, 2004 were distributed and reviewed by all present. Motion by Alex Auten that minutes be approved as written. Second to the motion by Greg Shuping. Approved by membership present.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Larry Pugh was not present due to a death in his family. A detailed expense report will be given at the next meeting. Randy asks everyone to remember Larry due to the recent loss of his father.

#### **David Carter**

Randy informed everyone that David Carter has been hospitalized due to cardiac problems. He asks everyone to remember David and a card had been purchased and he wanted all teams to sign.

#### **Membership**

Randy informed the group that several teams had made application for membership to the council. The first was Pineland Resources. Randy reported that they have met all the team requirements set by the council and he made motion the council accept their application for membership. Second to the motion by Alex Auten. Approved by membership present. The next team was Dallas Rescue. Alex Auten had met with them and all requirements for membership have been met. Motion by Tim Miller to accept the team for membership, Second by Gail Druley. Approved by membership present. Randy then reported that US Command had made application. Larry Pugh was in the process of meeting with them but he was not present. Randy informed everyone that Gail Druley is to follow up on their application and report back to the council. Orange County EMS/Rescue had also made application and Kim Ringsein and Gail Druley were ask to meet with them and report back to the council at the next meeting. Tennessee Mountain Search and Rescue has made application to the council. Randy explained that the by-laws do not address out of state applications. Several members stated that the team was a resource to the council and they would like to see them as a part of our council, but agreed that the by-laws do not address this. Motion was made by Todd Brown that they be accepted as an associate member and second to the motion by Johnny DiGorgio. Approved as an associate

member by all present. The other team making application was Virginia SAR Dogs. Brian Smith was ask to meet with them and report back to the council at the next meeting.

#### **Education Committee**

Todd Brown informed everyone that the survey from the LAST Conference 2003 was still on the web page. He encouraged everyone to complete the form as this will help in preparing for topics at the next conference scheduled for fall of this year.

#### **Member Dues**

Randy advised that Larry had requested for any team that has not paid their dues for 2004 to do so ASAP. It was discussed at the last meeting and everyone should check the minutes from the last meeting to see if their team had paid.

#### **Training**

Randy informed everyone that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) has been presented with the recommendations for incident management training posted. He also informed that Charlie Williams has been working on the position manual for Incident Command. Same was passed out by Charlie and explained to everyone. The floor was open for discussion. Charlie informed us that this manual was the same format that was used by US Forest Service. Andy Osborne requested to know if Incident Command staff would have to be qualified at the field tech level. Charlie explained it would be helpful for them. Randy explained that everyone should review this document and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. Mike Guzo reminded everyone that EM was offering all of the ICS classes at no cost to the student. Everyone can check the EM web page to see a list of the classes.

#### **USAR**

Alex Auten stated that the current course was 50% complete. He advised there would be a split course offered in August of this year. Mike Guzo spoke on the requirements for USAR and the need for K9's to become involved

#### **Open for Discussion**

Ken advised everyone that the date for recommendations for the State SAR Award had passed. It was recommended that David Carter be nominated but the deadline has already passed.

Randy discussed the date of the first week in September for the Fall Exercise. He explained that David was not present but he would contact him to work out the logistics for the event

This was Haywood's first year at hosting the exercise. Everyone wanted to thank Greg Shuping and his staff for all the hard work. Randy informed everyone that the exercise would be back in Burke next year. The dates will be announced on the web site.

K9 committee to meet May 15, 2004 at the State EOC in Raleigh

The idea of a possible bill placed on state hunting license to support SAR in North Carolina. There were several discussions on this and the general impression from the group was to research the idea and go forward with it. Alex Auten was to chair a committee of Mike Guzo and Craig Bannerman to determine what avenues the council would have and how to approach this idea. They are to report back to the group at the next meeting.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Raleigh at 1300 hours.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Anthony with a second by Alex Auten. Approved by membership present.