



VASARCO Minutes

July 24, 2010

Called to order at 1033

Members Present: Angel SAR (Bob Wingfield); Black Diamond (Bryan Saunders); Blue & Gray (Misty Sampson); BRMRG (Evan Koepke); CSAR (Leah Coffman); Dogs East (Sharon Jones); ER-NCRC (Jeff Good); GARD (Pete McClintock); K-9 Alert (Kim Bidwell/Scott Schumann); MAD (Jane Servais/Christie Harrison); PSAR (Bob Allam); SARTI (Kevin Brewer); SMRG (Justin Stone); SWVaMrg (Erich Roscher); TSAR (Butch Burke/Nathan Brown); TROT-SAR (Tomí Finkle); VDEM (Mark Eggeman/Billy Chrimes); and VSRDA (Jack Corrigan)

Motion made and passed to approve minutes as posted.

Visitors from Albemarle Sheriff's office and Hanover County Fire & Rescue, VA Recovery K-9s

Reports - Officers:

- President (Bob Allam) – Filed annual report/fee paid to SCC
- Vice President (Bryan Saunders)
- Secretary (Leah Coffman)
 - 2010 Conference T-Shirts available @ \$10 each
- Treasurer (Sharon Jones)
 - Now have 501C3 status
 - Dues are still owed by:
 - MSAR (ASRC)
 - Mid-Atlantic Dogs
 - Top of VA
 - ATT Search Dogs
 - VSRDA
 - Financial Report:

Expenses	\$8,791.39
Deposits	\$11,339
Balance as of July 24, 2010	5,774.99

Reports - Committees:

- Awards (Bryan Saunders)
 - Will start accepting nominations for awards for spring conference.
- Bylaws (Leah Coffman) - inactive
- CISM (Wendy Carter) – n/a
- Communications (T'mi Finkle) – two areas needs volunteers - voice and data
 - FCC still moving forward with narrow-band radio
 - Groups will need apply for new licenses for narrow banding adding new frequencies
 - Changeover date is January 1, 2013, VSP has an officer that can serve as a resource
 - Using Facebook accounts

Standards Committees:

- Development of standards template based on NIMS format and terminology and modification of existing standards (Bryan Saunders) – On hold pending further input from VDEM (Billy Chrimes)
- Equine (Leah Coffman) – Create mounted evac standard; current equine standards are appropriate as written
- FTL (Sharon Keith) - in progress
- FTM (Bob Wingfield) – in progress
- FTS (Rob Speiden) - pending guidance from VDEM due to significant pending changes
- Group Accreditation (Kevin Brewer) - in progress
 - COQ curriculum status – requesting input from K-9 groups as well. Has input from ground teams. COQ will be managed at group level. Minimum knowledge base is already required for MOUs
- Search Mission Coordinator (Bob Koester) - next review: after MTL and MTM standards; will require revisions
- Management Team Leader (Dave Carter) – In progress
- Management Team Member (Dave Carter) – In progress
- K9 Air Scent (Jane Servais, Sharon Jones) – Written test sent to VDEM. Will be using new test as part of updated standard.
- K9 Cadaver (Pete Suitt) – nothing new
- K9 First Responder (Pete Suitt) – nothing new
- K9 Trailing (Pete Suitt) – nothing new
- K9 Water (Pete Suitt) – nothing new
- Management group (Bob Allam) – Refining draft
- Wilderness Rescue Technician (Bryan Saunders) – Pilot in progress and going well; runs through Sep 2010

Old Business:

- Post group reports on Yahoo prior to each meeting – Q2 not posted as of 07/23:
 - MAD (Q1); TOVSAR (Q2); VACAP (Q2)
- Current rosters received by Leah Coffman and Billy Chrimes
- Suggestions for future presentations? Let Bob Allam know if you have suggestions
- VASARCO vehicle decals for sale – Sell for \$2 each; two for \$1 original version

New Business

- Motion made and passed for VA Recovery K-9s to join VASARCO and pursue MOU with state (Peter McClintock with GARD, sponsor)
 - Trish Cartino starting new group – focus on cadaver dogs only
- Presentation of letter to Sharon Jones (and Marcus) on behalf of Blue Ridge Parkway/National Park Service (Pete Schula) referencing work on Booker search.
- Black Diamond is raffling a 4-wheeler. Tickets available from Bryan Saunders.
- Officer nominations for Jan 2011-Dec 2012; positions for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Elections at October meeting.
 - Tomí Finkle (TROT-SAR) has nominated Bob Allam for president
 - Bryan Saunders for VP nominated by Bob Wingfield (BD)
 - Sharon Jones nominated for Treasurer by Bob Allam (PSAR)
 - Leah Coffman has declined position of secretary, is willing to continue to maintain website
 - Elena Llewellyn nominated for secretary by Peter McClintock (GARD)

- Boy Scout Jamboree going on at Fort AP Hill. If SAR resources are needed, responders will need to provide, in advance, license tag numbers, responder personal information, to be allowed on premises.

Learning Points

- Fauquier County search – problems with datum used for maps. Used NAD 27 instead of WGS 84. Need to be sure datum is clearly noted on TAFs
- Wise County/Coeburn Search – problems with bears, rattlesnakes, lack of clues, law enforcement shy. Search suspended Sunday afternoon. Search resumed Thursday – no additional information found – suspended again Thursday evening.

VDEM Update (Billy Chrimes/Mark Eggeman)

- Web conferencing software – Acrobat.com/Acrobat Connect
- Presentation in October by companies who offer additional insurance coverage to groups
- Suggestion made to move VASARCO meetings to EOC (secure facility – members would need to arrive on time) basement of VSP headquarters
- Virginia adoption of Joel Hardin tracking standards under review. Tracking standard is being developed (above and beyond FTS/clue aware searcher).
- Standards for FTM/FTL and Management will be presented at next meeting for approval, or by January at latest.
- VDEM SWAN/phone message exercise run on 7/22/10. Callouts will refer dispatchers to conference call to get search mission details. Conference call format – roll call; briefing; directions. Conference call will commence 15 minutes after initial page. Once procedure has changed, email to respond to pages/conference call will be provided.

Training:

- SWVaMRG SAREX on Sep 24-26 at Camp Virginia Jaycees (Bedford)
- Hungry Mother GSAR schedule includes FTM/FTL/FTS/ICG/Lost Person Behavior. 10/22-25 and 11/5-7/10. Tentative GSAR 1/14 – 16 and 28-30/11 in Elkton to include FTM/FTL/FTS and MTM.
- TSAR will sponsor a SAREX (multi-disciplinary/multi-exercise) 2/18-20/2011. Location to be determined.
- BDSAR competition on 4/2/10 at Hungry Mother State Park

Presentation: Trailing dogs (Peter McClintock)

Next meeting: 10/30/10 at 1030, location EOC Midlothian Turnpike.

Upcoming meetings:

Date	Location	Presentation
10/30	EOC	VDEM - Billy Chrimes AFLAC & Chesterfield Insurance
01/22	TBD	K9 disaster experiences (OKC to Haiti) (Teresa MacPherson)
	TBD	How to Run a SAR Group as a Business Roundtable (member retention, financial process)