



## VASARCO Minutes

April 23, 2010

Called to order at 2000

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Members Present: Gary Goodson (ASAR); Mark Gleason (APTG); Rick Christ (APTG/TOVSAR); Vickie Ganey (ATT Search Dogs); Misty Sampson (B & G); Bob Koester (BRMRG); Leah Coffman (CSAR); Sharon Jones (Dogs East); Pete McClintock (GARD); Elena Llewellyn (GARD); Kim Bidwell (K-9 Alert); Ron Hedlund (PSAR); Bob Allam (PSAR); Kevin Brewer (SARTI); Theresa Crossland (SARTI); Chris Stone (SMRG); Nate Brown (TSAR); Laurie Hanahan (TROT-SAR); Tomí Finkle (TROT-SAR); Billy Chrimes, (VDEM); Jack Corrigan (VSRDA);

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### Reports - Officers:

- President (Bob Allam)
- Vice President (Bryan Saunders)
- Secretary (Leah Coffman)
- Treasurer (Sharon Jones)
  - 501c3 application – Submitted (additional charges levied)
  - Balance as of 4/23/10 is \$3227.38 current balance
  - Invoices for dues have been sent out

### Reports - Committees:

- Awards (Bryan Saunders) ready for presentation at SAR Conference
- Bylaws (Leah Coffman) – current and posted
- CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) (Wendy Carter) – Newly formed
- Communications (T'mi Finkle)
  - Program VDEM's EOC number into cell phones 1-800-468-8892
  - Anyone wanting to serve on this committee should contact T'mi
  - Advise your members to add the VDEM EOC telephone number to their cell phones.
  - Preparing for narrow-band radio – Provide to T'mi:
    - TROT-SAR donated radios to Angel SAR
- Exercise (Rick Christ)
  - SWVAMRG will sponsor another SAREX 9/24-26/10 in Blacksburg area.
  - TSAR will sponsor a SAREX spring 2011 (multi-disciplinary/multi-exercise)
  - CAP is expanding their exercise program (Rick Christ will be coordinating regional exercises with civilian SAR)
- MOU (Bob Wingfield)
  - Orion – Pending creation and approval of management group standard
  - BRMRG status – pending
  - SMRG status – Fee (TBD), paperwork (TBD), field evaluation (TBD) – Questions remain to be answered
  - Looking for volunteers to help with committee
- SAR Conference (Nate Brown, Leah Coffman) – Need chair for 2011 SAR Conference
- Website (Leah Coffman)

- Facebook page was successful for getting information out about conference. (Nate Brown)

#### Standards:

- Development of standards template based on NIMS format and terminology and modification of existing standards (Bryan Saunders)
- Equine (Leah Coffman) – Create mounted evac standard; next review: Q2
- FTL (Sharon Keith) - next review: in progress
- FTM (Bob Wingfield) - next review: in progress
- FTS (Rob Speiden) - next review: in progress
- Group Accreditation (Kevin Brewer) - next review: in progress/working with Billy Chrimes
  - Polled groups on what is being used for COQ. Compiling four critical elements that must be included.
- IC (Bob Koester) - next review: waiting on staff standards
- IS (Dave Carter) – Need to revise based on VDEM feedback
- K9 Air Scent (Jane Servais, Sharon Jones) - next review: revised written test. Will be addressing field tests next.
- K9 Cadaver (Pete Suitt) - next review: TBD
- K9 First Responder (Pete Suitt) - next review: TBD
- K9 Trailing (Pete Suitt) - next review: TBD
- K9 Water (Pete Suitt) - next review: TBD
- Management group (Bob Allam) – On hold pending VDEM naming and definition for management-related groups and roles
- Wilderness Rescue Technician (Bryan Saunders) – First pilot will be run though September 2010

#### Old Business:

- Group reports, for most part, have been posted as required; rosters have been received by Leah Coffman and Billy Chrimes. RASAR and CSAR are still missing reports.
- Suggestions for future presentations? Let Bob Allam know if you have suggestions. Pete McClintock will present on trailing dogs at July meeting.
- VASARCO vehicle decals for sale – Sell for \$2 each; \$1 each for original paper version
- SAR license plates (Nathan Alley)
- Inclusion of SAR in Senate Bill 18 (malicious wounding) – passed in the Senate and is included in legislation.

#### New Business

- Mission protocols: do not secure the net for a clue. Secure the net for finds. Please reinforce with teams. State, “Secure the net” and give status. Do NOT say, “We have a find.”
- Motion made that business meeting during SAR Conference be abbreviated and full meetings only be held in Summer, Fall and Winter. Suggested that technology can be used to make sure things get done. Discussion ensued that this may be one of the few times that non-members are exposed to VASARCO and it needs to be a positive impression. Suggestion made that committee reports be submitted in advance and included in Agenda so detailed information is available to non-members. Motion carried
- Pete McClintock raised questions about debriefing form on TAF – some areas do not apply for trailing dogs. Suggestions made that pertinent information be completed by resource as appropriate.

VDEM update (Billy Chrimes)

- Busy first quarter – 13 searches in 8 days
- Black Diamond SAR competition was excellent. Wants to implement a K-9 track next year. One day event – well run.
- FTS class is filled (New Kent)
- Next classes will be Hungry Mother State Park GSAR (weekend before and after Halloween) registration will open 90 days prior to event. Additional classes will be available after new fiscal year – will be posted in May.
- SWAN alert information needs to be current with accurate contact information and primary method of receipt. Will be getting with Watch Officers on procedures for SAR. New process will be tested within next several months.
- Looking at adopting Joel Hardin tracking standards for Virginia standards

Training:

- 05/15-16 – Rocky Knob SAREX
- Apr 2011 – TSAR SAREX

Next meeting: 07/24 at 1030, VDEM building on Trade Court

Upcoming meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
07/24	VDEM	Trailing dogs (Peter McClintock)
10/23	VDEM	TBD (TBD)