

VA Search and Rescue Council

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2008

Meeting Convened 1805 hours

Motion made and passed to accept February meeting minutes.

Attendees:

Angel SAR; ASRC; Black Diamond SAR; Blue & Gray Search Dogs; Carroll County SAR; Civil Air Patrol; CSAR; Dogs East; Floyd County Sheriff; Frog Level VFD; GARD; Halifax County SAR; K-9 Alert; Mid-Atlantic Dogs; National Park Service; PSAR; SARTI; SMRG; Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office; Suffolk Fire & Rescue; SWVMRG; TOVSAR; TROT-SAR; TSAR; VAVRS/Spotsylvania VFRD; Virginia State Police; VDEM; VSRDA

Group Reports:

- Reports submitted by hand or electronically to Secretary by Black Diamond; K-9 Alert; Piedmont Search & Rescue; RASAR; SARTI; TSAR; and VSRDA

Officer Reports:

- President – new website is up and running. Address is www.vasarco.org
- VP – no report
- Secretary -
- Treasurer
 - Beginning balance \$1,299.71
 - Deposited \$310.00
 - Current balance \$1,609.71

Committee Reports:

- IS – VDEM still has to make changes/recommendations
- FTS – signed waiting final approval from Michael Cline
- Equine Standards – signed waiting final approval from Michael Cline
- ByLaw Committee - Leah Coffman to chair committee. Bob Wingfield and Sharon Jones to serve on committee.
- Cadaver – no report
- K-9 First Responder – no report
- Trailing Standards – Need to be posted on new site. As soon as latest standards are located – they will be posted.
- Water standards – no report
- Communications – no report
- Wilderness Rescue Technician – Waiting VDEM sign-off
- Full SAR Exercise – report and draft planning guide to go out with minutes
- Conference – Roy Hutchinson (chair).
 - 2008 Conference is running in the black
 - Please with conference venue
- MOU Committee:
 - SWVMRG paperwork submitted and approved. Evaluation June 7, 2008 at Hungry Mother State Park.

Old Business:

- Orion has met to review minimum standards/performance criteria and schedule evaluation.

New Business:

- Awards
 - Lisa Hannon Award given to Janice Olsen

- Elections
 - Election cycle initially held January to December. Was moved to July, but not documented in minutes, SOPs or ByLaws.
 - Suggestions – hold elections now and officers in place for 6 months; hold elections now and hold office for 18 months or have current officers hold office until December.
Motion made and passed to have current officers stay in office until December. Nominations and elections to be held in October.
 - Nominations made for:
 - Chair – Bob Allam
 - VC – Dave Carter, Alex McLellan
 - Secretary – Leah Coffman
 - Treasurer – Sharon Jones

Motion made and passed to adjourn at 1840 hours.

Next meeting will be Saturday, July 26, 2008 at 1030

Respectfully submitted,
Leah K. Coffman