



VASARCO Minutes – 07/23/2011

Groups represented at meeting:	
ACSAR	ATT
BDSAR	BGSAR
BRMRG	CSAR
DOGS-East	GARD
K9ALERT	PSAR
SARTI	SMRG
TSAR	TROTSAR
VSRDA	VRK9

Approved minutes from 21MAY2011 meeting

Reports - Officers:

- President (Bob Allam) – Submitted SCC annual report and fee
- Vice President (Bryan Saunders)
- Secretary (Jack Corrigan) – Setup repository for master copy of key documents:
 - Established storage location on acrobat.com maintained by the Secretary with Officer access
 - Maintain accessible pdf copies of current documents on Yahoo and vasarco.org
 - Locate source files for currently approved documents IN PROGRESS
 - Not Found:
 - General Administrative Recognition Standard
 - Procedure Approving Standards
 - Ground Team Accreditation Standard 2007
 - ATV Standards 2002
 - FTL Standards 2007
 - FTM Standard 2007
 - FTS Standard 2007
 - Incident Commander For Ground (ICG)
 - K-9 Air Scent Group Standards 2007
 - Developed a plan to convert current pdf files to editable source files
 - Recognized the need to establish standard format to identify and control VASARCO documents
- Treasurer (Sharon Jones)
 - As of 23JUL2011 all dues are paid

Balance as of: April 30, 2011 6,006.99

Expenses: PayPal Conf Refund/correction	213.62
SCC Registration	25.00
New Checkbook Order	27.83
2012 VaSARCo Conference Deposit	150.00

Total Expenses: 416.45

Deposits: Dues	80.00
PayPal Conf Dep	211.22
PayPal Test Dep	.15

Total Deposits: 291.37

Balance as of July 23, 2011 **\$5881.91**

Reports - Committees:

- Awards (Bryan Saunders) – Reminder on Lisa Hannon award selection process: Any individual can submit a nomination. The committee was comprised of the VP (Chair), President, and former recipients. Each committee member ranked the nominees. The Chair assigned points based on each ranking starting with 1 (highest) and working down. The nominee with the lowest total was the winner.
- Bylaws (Leah Coffman) NR
- Cave Rescue (Jeff Good) NR
- Communications (T'mi Finkle)
 - Each group should renew your FCC license prior to the narrow-band implementation date. How-To Guidelines posted on VASARCO Yahoo Site
- Exercise (Rick Christ) NR
- MOU (Bob Wingfield)
 - Orion – Pending implementation of management group standard
 - Hanover Hounds – Working on meeting operational requirements
 - Virginia Airborne – Pending development and approval of standards
- SAR Conference 2012 (Sharon Johnson) – April 19-22; committee formed; expect registration to open on 10/22; let sharon know if you have ideas for topics and/or are willing to make a presentation
- SOP (Jack Corrigan)
 - Old wordperfect pdf has been converted update revision in progress
- Website (Leah Coffman) NR

Standards:

- Equine (Leah Coffman, T'mi Finkle) – Evac standard
Submitted for approval
- FTL (Sharon Keith)
Training videos in development
- FTM (Bob Wingfield)
Training videos in development
- FTS (Rob Speiden) – On hold pending STM/STL
- Tracking (Rob Speiden)
- Group Accreditation (Kevin Brewer)
- Search Mission Coordinator (Bob Koester) - After MTL and MTM standards; will require revisions
- Management Team Leader (Dave Carter)
- Management Team Member (Dave Carter)
- Management group (Bob Allam)
- K9 Air Scent (Jane Servais, Sharon Jones) – Met and reviewed a number of proposed updates. Once these proposals have been reviewed further by the committee, any modifications will be sent to the teams for discussion and approval. Next meeting date TBD.
- K9 Cadaver (Sharon Johnson)
Organized committee reviewing specialty –specific requirements
- K9 First Responder (Sharon Johnson)
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- K9 Trailing (Pete McClintock) – nothing new

- K9 Water (Sharon Johnson)
Organized committee reviewing specialty –specific requirements
- Rotary group (Bob Allam) – Starting to draft standard
- Rotary resources (Bob Allam) – Starting to draft standards for Helicopter SAR Pilot and Helicopter SAR Flight Officer
- Wilderness Rescue Technician (Bryan Saunders) – On hold pending STM/STL standards

Old business:

- Post group reports on Yahoo prior to each meeting – Q2 not posted as of 07/17:
 - ACSAR
 - APTG
 - CAP
 - RASAR
- Still missing Q1 reports from:
 - APTG
 - RASAR
- Status on receipt of rosters by Jack Corrigan and Billy Chrimes
 - ATT
 - BGSAR
 - BDSAR
 - BRMRG
 - DOGS-East
 - K9ALERT
 - PSAR
 - SARTI
 - SMRG
 - SWVaMRG
 - TROTSAR
 - TSAR
 - VACAP
 - VRK9
 - VSRDA
- Suggestions for future presentations? Let Bob Allam know if you have suggestions
- Compare FTM/STM against NASAR SARTECH II standards (T'mi Finkle and Sharon Jefferies)
Sharon J presented comparison where several gaps were identified.
VDEM is also in reciprocity discussions with NASAR.
- Consider rotating meeting location and have each hosted by the local group(s)
POC needed to explore alternate locations
- Reflective safety vests – Mark was asked to research placing an order with VDOT on behalf of all teams;
any vendor that sells public safety gear could likely accommodate a group order
Group reps let Bob A know if large group orders are desired.
Many vendors available for bulk including Walmart/Lowes

New business

- Awards
 - Group Awards
 - Angel SAR - Gary Goodson
 - K9 Alert - Joe Atherton
 - Piedmont SAR - Ron Hedlund
 - SARTI - Will Dotson
 - TROT-SAR - Laurie Hanahan
 - Lisa Hannon award
 - Sharon and Bill Keith
- Equine mounted evacuation standard (T'mi)
Recommended for VDEM approval

- SAR Conference: Continue annually or change to every 2 years?
Annual conference preferred.
Discussed having two committee options:
Two committees One plans current year while second is planning the following year.
One committee has dual focus on current year and the following year.
Need 2013 committee chair
- Hunting on Sunday – GIF voted in support of hunting on Sunday. Do we want to contact legislators making them aware of increased risk for SAR groups since many train on Sunday?
Discussed the renewed need for an active legislative affairs committee.
Suggested organized letter writing campaign with common talking points, cost benefit data and addresses
- ID badges
 - Template proposed by VDEM/VASARCO
 - Issued by the group
 - Set and print an expiration date IAW most advanced certification
 - Include the logo of the issuing group and council
 - Require the member's picture
 - List current credentials
 - Require issuer's signature
 - Group track who has IDs
- Other new business items?
 - Discussed safety related communication protocols
 - Old "Romeo Alpha" RA with coordinates for search team with an immediate non-medical emergency
 - Additional status codes
 - VDEM reviewing options

VDEM update (Billy Chrimes)

- Certifications will continue to be sent out electronically as a pdf but starting with Fall 2011 GSAR, wallet cards will be issues.
- Conducted TEEEX Wide Area Search class
 - Looking into future presentation options or developing in-house program.
 - Incorporating Disaster SAR information into GSAR
- Improving Communications
 - VA SAR on FaceBook
 - VA SAR Community
 - Open Discussion Use and Billy has added a weekly group chat Wednesday evening at 2000
 - VA SAR Response
 - Sole Use is for mission related information
 - Group Training Officers
 - VDEM will be increasing information exchange with groups via Group Training Officers. Group rosters should identify this position.
 - Non Emergency Training Related Questions should be sent to sartraining@vdem.virginia.gov not Billy's direct email
- Recommended References
 - General Outdoor Knowledge- Backpacker's Field Manual <http://www.backpackersfieldmanual.com/>
 - MTM/MTL/SMC- Managing Land Search Operations by ERI will be issued once for use in all three certifications http://www.eri-online.com/ERI_Publications.html#TextbookMLSO
- National Park Service
 - Taking lead with NIMS compliant Land SAR
 - Basic SAR Training On-Line <http://connectpro77254837.adobeconnect.com/sar>
 - Developing Position Task Book that will be similar to VA program.
- Aviation Training

- Aviation 101 <https://www.iat.gov/Training/pages/online.asp>
- Available On-Line (requires account set up)
- Incorporate into GSAR as homework between weekends
- Conducted Instructor Workshop
 - Certified Instructor pool increased to 33 has increased availability for training.
 - Developing instructor selection protocols for future
- Public Safety/SAR training Center being explored at an old Juvenile Correction Center near Natural Bridge Station VA.
- Standards approvals:
 - Management group standard – To Mark on 05/26; cosmetic revisions on 07/10
 - Group Accreditation standard – To Mark on 05/26; cosmetic revisions on 07/10
- MOU approvals pending: BDSAR received K9 MOU
- Learning Management System
 - Presented new system that will be used for training
 - <https://covkc.virginia.gov/vdem> ## DO NOT REGISTER ## Old system still in use. Billy will coordinate with Group Training Officers for individual group training and registration
- Classes/GSAR schedule:

Course	Date	Location
Lost Person Behavior TTT	Aug 08-12	Albemarle County
Lost Person Behavior/SARFR	Aug 27-28	Dinwiddie County
Joel Hardin Training Weekend	Sep 09-11	Sky Meadows SP
K9Basics/MTL – part 1	Sep 09-11	Roanoke
K9Basics/MTL – part 2	Sep 24-25	Roanoke
Lost Person Behavior/SARFR	Oct 08-09	Carroll County
Joel Hardin class	Oct 14-16	Douthat SP
GSAR – part 1	Oct 21-23	HMSP
GSAR – part 2	Nov 04-06	HMSP
SMC Workshop	Dec 02-04	Twin Lakes SP
Joel Hardin Training Weekend	Dec 02-04	Bear Creek Lake SP
National SAR School	Dec 05-09	Yorktown
Lost Person Behavior/SARFR	Dec 10-11	Botetourt County

- PLANNED GSAR Colleges
 - Fall 2011 HMSP registraion will open soon
 - Jan 2012 Newport News Area
 - Mar 2012 Halifax/Pittsylvania Area
 - May 2012 Shenandoah Valley Area
- Training
 - 08/20-21 – Litter handling at Backbone Rock; contact Bryan Saunders
 - 09/23-25 – SWVaMRG SAREX, Troutville, VA
 - 09/30-10/02 – NC SAR Conference in Williamston, NC (eastern NC)
 - 06/25-29, 2012 – WV SAREX 2012

Presentation:

- Learning Management System (LMS) – Billy Chrimes

Next meeting: 10/29 at 1030, location: EOC

Upcoming meetings:

Date	Location	Presentation
10/29	VDEM	TBD

