

Approved Minutes
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
January 17-18, 2009 ~ Dallas, TX

Agenda Item 1

Subject: Opening Administrative Business

a. Call to Order (President – Kathy Johnston)

b. Roll Call (Secretary – George Rice)

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| i. Kathy Johnston | P | |
| ii. Monty Bell | P | |
| iii. Jimmie Canfield | P | |
| iv. Dan Hourihan | P | |
| v. Allan Knox | P | |
| vi. Ken Lesperance | | A |
| vii. Vicki Wooters | | A |
| viii. George Rice | P | |
| ix. Howard Paul | P | |
| x. Stephen Tropp | | A |
| xi. NSARC Rep | | |
| xii. Dir. Nom. Rob Brewer | P | |

Staff

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| Megan Bartlett | P |
| Ross Robinson | P |

c. Approval of December 3, 2008 Conference Call Minutes

Hourihan moved to approve minutes with correction to Agenda Item 4 Hug-A-Tree. Canfield second. Carried.

d. President's Report – K9 SARTECH Evaluator criteria- President Johnston recommended return of the subject of Trailing Evaluator criteria to the SAR Dog Committee for additional consideration.

President Johnston congratulated the Board members present and thanked them for their dedication and professionalism during 2008.

Removal of a Director- IAW Art V, Sec. 8 Removal President Johnston reported that Dir. Ken Lesperance had failed to attend 4 duly scheduled BoD meetings during his current term. In accordance with section 8 he has forfeited his position and has been deemed to have resigned his director position.

Appointment to fill a vacancy on the board. . IAW Sec. 7. C Vacancy President Johnston has appointed voting Member Rob Brewer as Director. Mr. Brewer was the

highest ranked candidate behind the winners of the 2008 general election (Johnston, Knox, and Hourihan)

e. Treasurer's Report – see Agenda item 3

f. Seating of New BoD Members - President Johnston congratulated the Directors reelected (beside herself) Allan Knox and Dan Hourihan.

Agenda Item 2

Subject: Election of 2008 Officers

Executive Director Bartlett conducted the election for President. Bell nominated Hourihan. He accepted the nomination. Paul nominated Johnston. With regret, Johnston declined the nomination. There were no further nominations for president. Bartlett congratulated Hourihan as President for the calendar year 2009. Hourihan thanked Johnston for her contributions to the progress of NASAR.

President Hourihan opened nominations for Secretary. Hourihan nominated Rice. Rice accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for Secretary. Hourihan congratulated Rice as Secretary. Hourihan nominated Bell for Treasurer. There were no further nominations for Treasurer. Hourihan congratulated Bell as Treasurer. Hourihan, Rice, and Bell constitute the Executive Committee for 2009.

President's appointments for CY2009 per the NASAR Organization Chart (PAM Chap. 2 pg. 3)

Corporate Affairs Director-Rice

Finance and Strategic Planning Director- Bell

Programs Director- Johnston

External Affairs Director- Hourihan

Subject Matter Liaison Director- Knox

Public Information Officer- Paul

Under the SME Liaison Director, Hourihan asked the following Directors to assist on SME subjects:

Brewer- Ground Search

Paul- Water Rescue

Bartlett- SAR Dog

Canfield- Mounted SAR and Tracking

Special Projects-Wooters

Knox and Johnston were asked to explore development of a new education product

Agenda Item 3

Subject: CFO Report –

- Robinson distributed the 2007 Financial Report from McGladrey & Pullen, CPA's. He advised that, per recent IRS requirements, the BoD is required to verify that they have reviewed the annual Tax return before it is filed.
- Addition financial data has been distributed to the BoD by email

Agenda Item 4

Subject: Executive Director Report

- The Arkansas hosts for the 2009 Conference are very enthusiastic about the upcoming event. Paul will assist in providing Public Information support
 - No decision was made on the 2010 Conference location. The BoD and staff will gather additional information for the March conference call.
 - Bartlett distributed Member Demographic Information and reviewed the Education Statistics for FY 2008 with the BoD.
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Agenda Item 5

Subject: Recertification of K9 certifications.

Knox moved that effective 1 July 2011 all K9 certifications will expire 2 years after the date of issue. All K9 certifications issued prior to the above date will expire 1 July 2013. Second Canfield, Carried. The BoD declined to endorse the SAR Dog committee's request for a reduced fee for re-certifications.

Agenda Item 6

Subject: External Affairs Report

Hourihan indicated not much had changed since his report to the BoD last month.

Agenda Item 7

Subject: SAR Dog Committee Report

Johnston moved to request the SAR Dog Committee to abide by the original approved budget level for the 2009 conference and adjust committee expenses as appropriate. Bell second, carried. Canfield discussed some reported K9 certification quality control irregularities. The BoD discussed spot checks and other actions

Director Canfield had to leave the meeting early

Agenda Item 8

Subject: Ground SAR Committee Report –

The BoD discussed the possibility of reinstating a NASAR Newsletter. The BoD declined to increase the instructor discount for publications. The BoD did encourage ISAR instructors to offer the ICS 100 exam. Hourihan asked Brewer to explore the CERT/ISAR issue to see if and how NASAR could support the CERT program with a land search module to complement the CERT program

Agenda Item 9

Subject: Tracking Committee Report –

The Tracking Committee reported the Beta test of a Basic SAR Tracking Program will not be ready for delivery as a 2009 Pre-Conference activity. They are continuing with the development of the text

Agenda Item 10

Subject: Water Committee Report –

Chairman Rooker reported some medical challenges and job changes have eroded his ability serve as well as he would like. The BoD assured him the NASAR tele-conferencing services can be used to support his committee and subcommittee work. The BoD gave him their support in his effort to improve Firefighter Water Rescue Standard Operations Guidelines similar those in use in Charlotte, NC FD and his efforts with the IAFC in this endeavor.

Agenda Item 11

Subject: Structure for Committees within NASAR –

Knox offered to draft wording to develop consistency with NASAR committees in their structure and performance. He will try to create a template to ease its administration.

Agenda Item 12

Subject: Hug-A-Tree Kits

Various kit prices have been explored but until some subsidy is identified, the project will need more research. The suggested content has been determined.

Agenda Item 13

Subject: FY 2009 Meeting and Conference call schedule

The proposed time will be moved to 2PM eastern.

March 11 – Conference Call 2pm Eastern Time Zone

May 13 – Conference Call 2pm Eastern

May 27 – In person BoD meeting, Little Rock, AR

July 15 Conference Call 2pm Eastern

September 9 – Conference Call 2pm Eastern

October 7 – Conference Call 2pm Eastern

October 14 – Conference Call 2pm Eastern

November 11 – Conference Call 2pm Eastern

Added discussion items

There are nominations for State Awards from less than 20 % of the 50 states. This condition needs to be improved by commitment from all NASAR members

The BoD is looking into more formally establishing the relationship between NASAR and the State and Federal SAR coordinators

Bell reported on a recent Good Samaritan ruling in California.

Adjournment 11:20 hours Jan. 18

Respectfully submitted, George Rice, Secretary