

MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S Conference Call
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
Oct. 29 2008 – 1pm Eastern

Agenda Item 1

President Kathy Johnston convened the meeting at 1 PM Eastern

Roll Call (Kathy Johnston)

Kathy Johnston	P	
Monty Bell	P	
Jimmie Canfield		A
Dan Hourihan	P	
Allan Knox	P	
Ken Lesperance		A
Vicki Wooters	P	
George Rice	P	
Howard Paul	P	

Staff

Megan Bartlett	P
Ross Robinson	P

President Johnston opened the discussion on the absence of Secretary Lesperance. Director Wooters moved to have the President appoint an Acting Secretary when the Secretary is not present. Director Paul seconded the motion. The motion carried. The President asked Director Rice to serve as Acting Secretary. Rice accepted.

Agenda Item 2

Subject: Subject Matter Committee Report – SAR Dog

Responding to Board Requested Action (per supplied Memo) – Attachment VII
Canine Certification Program update (approval requested) – Attachment VIII
Update on LE/E Funding Program (approved at last meeting)
Information about Regional Lead Evaluator Program (for discussion)

Wooters reported on her discussions with the SAR Dog Committee. Director Hourihan moved to approve the request as stated in the proposal. Paul seconded the motion. Discussion followed

(Director Bell joined the teleconference)

The Question was called.

Ayes- none

Nays- a majority

Abstentions- none

The motion failed.

The President appointed Director Knox to chair an ad hoc committee to work with the President and Executive Director Bartlett to research the need and possible solutions to this issue. The President asked Wooters to meet again with the SAR Dog Committee to define what is not working that their proposed solution will fix.

Bartlett affirmed that the current NASAR policy is that an approved committee can draft procedures to be used within the committee. These procedures and any future modifications must be presented to the Board for approval prior to their implementation.

The implementation date for the Canine Certification Program (CCP) proposed changes has been postponed from Nov. 1, 08 to Jan. 1, 09.

The President asked Bartlett to ask John Boburchuk, Certification Unit Manager, to review the Crosswalk work already done and compare it to the most current adopted applicable NIMS and ASTM standards. She also for the adopted and/or effective date of the referenced documents.

Agenda Item 3

Subject: **Subject Matter Committee Report – Tracking**

Project Direction and Progress

The current members of the Tracking Education Task Force (TETF) are developing a basic Clue/Track Awareness and man-tracking course that would introduce tracking techniques of a higher skill level than what is currently taught in Fundamentals of Search and Rescue Courses

Wooters reported there would be a 20-hour Pre-Conference 2009 Tracking course and Exam. This will be a Beta test of the program. She reported the Tracking Program is in good shape.

Announcements

Ref: Board member requests to hold in-person meetings at more centrally located facilities considering travel time and economy of flight cost.

The next in-person Board meeting will be Jan 17-18 2009 in Dallas, TX.

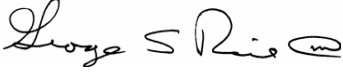
The next Teleconference Board meeting will be Wed. Nov 5 at 1pm EST.

Ref: the Oct 24, 2008 email from Bartlett.

Bartlett stated per prior question from the board, that since our bylaws do not specifically require it, our Virginia incorporation does not oblige that an annual meeting be held in Virginia.

Bell moved for adjournment. Knox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George S. Rice" followed by a small flourish or mark.

George Rice, Director, Acting Secretary