

Minutes

4/24/04 Organizational Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Jeff, Kurt, Ken, Scott, Fred, Tom, (Kevin & Stan arrived after item 4)
Committee Members Absent: Deb, "Guest" Bob

Meeting called to order at 08:19.

1. Jeff brought up that, upon reflection and discussions with others, he felt that the committee had traveled down a slippery slope and arrived at a place we might not want to be in regards to membership criteria. Because of time pressure, the committee was forced to make up "rules" for membership on an ad hoc basis, without the benefit of a lot of discussion and input from the rest of SRRRMN. At the February general meeting, the group gave the committee the authority to review and approve the applications of those organizations that have been part of SRRRMN activities since the beginning. It was felt that this would essentially be a straightforward process of "rubber stamping" the applications. However, the various issues that were brought up during the review of Yellow Medicine County Technical Rescue Team, North Central Mountain Bike Patrol, and K-9 Search Services complicated things considerably. The suggestion was made to let the "non-contraversial" members vote on those three applications. Other committee members felt that we had been given the task to make these decisions and it would create problems at the general meeting if we didn't complete our job. Fred/Ken moved that the Organizational Committee make the decision regarding the applications currently in process. Voting: 4 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstained—Motion carried.
2. Yellow Medicine County Technical Rescue Team. No new information, their paperwork is still in process. Fred/Tom moved to grant them Provisional membership pending clarification of their paperwork status. Voting: 4 Yes, 2 Abstain—Motion carried.
3. STAR Dogs. Jim was notified of the paperwork error and will correct it as soon as he arrives. Fred/Ken moved to approve their application pending the correction. Voting: 5 Yes, 1 Abstained—Motion carried.
4. Central Lakes SAR Dog Assn. Second page of paperwork corrected. Tom/Ken moved to approve their application. Voting: 5 Yes, 1 Abstain—Motion carried.
5. K-9 Search Services. Discussed their desire to be an Organizational Member rather than temporary individual members. Fred/Kevin moved to grant them Provisional membership pending clarification of their status as an organization. Voting: 4 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstained—Motion carried.
6. Jeff/Ken moved to send the completed list to the members and have them vote it up or down. It was argued that this was unnecessary. Voting: 3 Yes, 4 No, 1 Abstained—Motion defeated.
7. The as-yet-unnamed new North Central Mountain Bike Patrol. After the National Mountain Bike Patrol refused to acknowledge NCMBP, Tom decided to reform the group under a different name. None of the paperwork is completed yet. Jeff/Kevin moved to grant them Provisional membership pending clarification of their status as a corporation. Voting: 6 Yes, 2 Abstained—Motion carried.

Stan/Kevin moved for adjournment. Motion passed with 6 Yes, 1 Abstained. Meeting adjourned at 09:04.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Hasse.