

April 17th, 2010

SRRRMN General Membership meeting.

Attending:

Wendy Deane, Kevin Stokes, Jean Fredlund, Patricia Sargent, Gina Buetow, Deb Plumley

Ken Anderson, Sharolyn Sievert, Karla Peterson, Diane Stefanic, Therese Naber
Emily Boote, Chuck Lubowitz, Ken Levinson, Fred Graupmann, Sandy Vernlund

Ken Anderson called meeting to order 13:06.

From 9 am to 13:00 – training

Emily Boote moved to have the minutes recirculated within the next 5 days and any changes be brought up at the next met. Seconded. Passed.

Fred G. – Treasurer's report. Copy attached.

Carver Cty Posse will be joining SRRRMN

Committee reports:

*Membership committee: Kevin S. – nothing to report

*Public relations: nothing to report

*Operations: Ken A.-Ken would like to have an equipment list added to the resources list on the members website. We purchased the radios that were received from the donation of the Polad family. Talked about the infrared mapping technology out there now.

*Mounted Posse Report: Ken L- Reported on Basic Competencies for Mounted SAR Participants (attached). Ken L., Emily B. & Kevin S. created the competency guidelines draft for the mounted posse groups. They are encouraging other posse orgs to utilize the competency guidelines to create more standardized capabilities for the horse and the rider. We'd add this in its draft form to the SRRRMN website under the documents so that it would be more readily available.

*K9 Report- standards have been in place for over a year now and everyone is getting up to date. We'll be posting on the website, the NSSDN standards as well as the other orgs that are accepted levels of certification (as well as those that aren't acceptable).

*President's report: Ken A.- Trying to finish up the Swanson and Calayca searches, but we haven't managed yet. The Acherman search is also a still open case (being handled by CLSAR). Calayca should continue again at the beginning of June.

New business:

*New member applications: Patricia Sargent (individual membership); Dustin Hadley (Individual membership); John Ashwood (individual membership); Scott Vilinskis (individual membership) Ken L moved to accept all these applications. Seconded. Passed.

Amended bylaws: discussed at previous meeting and approved. Just recapping before the elections for today.

Elections: Replacing 4 positions. Emily B., Ken A., Kevin S, Fred G. Opened up nominations for these 4 board positions.

Nominations: Chuck Lubowitz, Emily Boote., Ken Anderson., Kevin Stokes., Fred Graupman., Sharolyn Sievert.

Elected: Ken Anderson, Emily Boote, Sharolyn Sievert, Chuck Lubowitz

Legislative updates: BCA is working on aspects of the Brandon law. The BCA is asking us to help with the training of LE for the Brandon's law. Jeff Hasse is on the committee for this.

Promotional opportunities: NASDN training next weekend. Ken L. mentioned a "dream" of bringing together multiple posse and k9 orgs together for a larger training, possibly at Arden Hills Trng center, perhaps in the next year or so.

Idea submitted by Karla to have SRRRMN purchase a couple of cases of bottled water and attach a flyer to the cooler saying it was donated by SRRRMN. Or, to add business cards to the case so people can grab them. The board agreed to discuss this after the general meeting.

Emily B. recommends that the board puts together a committee for grant writers. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Fred G. asked how much we should charge for the NASAR FUNSAR books. Diane S. made a motion that we charge \$40.00 each. Seconded. Motion passed. Ken A. has the books.

The winning caption for Jeff and cows pic: "I'll be hear til the cows come home."
Submitted by Deb Plumley.

Fred: What type of the ground team requirements do we want? Emily B. recommended that the board puts together a committee to set up ground team support guidelines.

Fred moved to end the meeting. Seconded. Passed 15:00.

SRRR/MN
Search Rescue and Recovery Resources of Minnesota

Basic Competencies for Mounted Search and Rescue Participants

These Basic Competencies are intended to provide guidance to the various city or county mounted posses regarding basic skills and experiences required by SRRRMN for mounted SAR ("MSAR") units being deployed into the field when searches (rescues or recoveries) are being coordinated or managed by SRRRMN (or its member organizations). The Basic Competencies may be tested or confirmed annually as each individual posse determines for their particular horse and rider combinations in question, and a record kept by such posse. SRRRMN posse members annually will be requested to provide a list of their riders/horses that have satisfied the Basic Competencies, but each posse may make changes to their lists during the year as warranted.

The Basic Competencies are NOT to be regarded or referred to as a "certification," qualification or licensure of any kind. They are strictly intended to represent the minimum skills that SRRRMN member organizations need MSAR field units to have before being deployed by SRRRMN as search coordinator or manager so as to ensure their ability to perform the SAR mission assigned, to ensure the safety of the horses and riders in the field, and to assure common training and experience among mounted units from different posses who will be working together in the field as circumstances dictate.

The Basic Competencies are:

- Equitation and Equine Competencies
 - Able to mount horse in the field, without a block
 - Controlled walk, trot, canter
 - Stop and Stand
 - Rein back
 - Side pass (left and right)
 - Close order formation riding (with unfamiliar horses)
 - SAR line station-keeping (with unfamiliar horses)
 - Horse able to stand calmly when tied to trailer (or similarly-secured arrangement)
 - Horse in sufficiently good medical/physical condition to remain in field at least 6 hours
 - Horse must exhibit calm demeanor and ability to work with unfamiliar horses and in unfamiliar sensory situations
 - Minimum age of horse: 4 years old
 - Negative Coggins test within 12 months
 - Stallions are excluded
- Obstacle Experience
 - Mud/water/soft terrain surfaces
 - Slicker/rain gear distractions
 - Sled pull
 - Transit through brush, forest, high grass
 - Changes in footing (wood, tarmac, gravel, rock, grass, etc.)

- Sensory Acceptance
 - Fire, flares
 - Pungent smoke
 - Colors, streamers, flags, police tape
 - Unusual, loud noises and proximity (helicopters, dogs barking, ATVs)
 - Sirens, horns honking, bright lights
- Rider Competencies
 - Member in good standing of a recognized posse (sheriff's office, city, county, state or federal law enforcement)
 - Understanding of and respect for scene preservation, and scene safety
 - Land navigation skills (able to use map and compass, GPS, etc.)
 - Able to use a field radio
 - Has and maintains gear, tack and equipment appropriate to the conditions (to protect both horse and rider) and MSAR mission
 - Understands Incident Command and MSAR field team organization structure, and adheres to search assignments and organizational discipline
 - Willingness to adapt to changing circumstances and assignments as the rider's MSAR field unit, the search situation or the IC requires