

Minutes

SRRR/MN General Membership Meeting

28 February 2009

Minutes recorded by Stan Kegel, Secretary

Organizational Members Represented (including late arrivals):

- 1 Civil Air Patrol (Stan Kegel, alt. delgate)
- 2 MTRTA (Jeff Hasse, delgate)
- 3 Northstar SARDA (Wendy Deane, delegate)
- 4 Lake County Rescue (B J Kohlstedt, delgate)
- 5 Washington County Sheriff's Office (Kevin Stokes, alt. delegate)
- 6 Central Lakes SAR (Karla Peterson, alt. delegate)
- 7 Emergency Support Services (Ken Anderson, delegate)
- 8 Rescue Resources (Kurt Gensmer, delegate)

7 of 8 organizations represented at meeting start. (Rescue Resources delegate arrived during meeting.)

Quorum established.

Persons present (including late arrivals):

1. Ken Anderson, Emergency Support Services
 - 2 Stan Kegel, Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol
 - 3 Dan Mead, Richfield Police
 - 4 Chuck Hoppie, Sunshine K9 SAR
 - 5 Deborah Doering - Individual member
 - 6 Fred Graupmann - Individual member
 - 7 Ken Levinson - Individual member
 - 8 Patty Sargent, Sunshine K9 SAR
 - 9 Jeff Hasse, MTRTA
 - 10 Diane Stefanick, Sunshine K9 SAR
 - 11 Wendy Deane, Northstar SARDA
 - 12 Mary Hager, Northstar SARDA
 - 13 B J Kohlstedt, Lake County EM/Rescue
 - 14 Loretta Johnson, Northstar SARDA
 - 15 Jean Fredland, Dakota County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol
& MN Sheriff's Mounted Posse Assoc. - Individual member
 - 16 Emily Boote - Individual member
 - 17 Kevin Stokes, Washington County Mounted Patrol
 - 18 Chuck Lubowitz, Central Lakes SAR
 - 19 Karla Peterson, Central Lakes SAR
 - 20 Martha Cooper, Northstar SARDA
 - 21 Kurt Gensmer, Rescue Resources
- [Some other members of Rescue Resources were present, but they were not signed-in.]

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. local time.

Motion by Kevin Stokes, seconded by Wendy Deane:
Accept minutes of past meeting.
Motion passed.

Fred Graupmann provided a brief treasurer's report.

Motion by Ken Levenson, seconded by Emily Boote:

Accept treasurer's report.

Motion passed.

Old Business (none)

Membership committee report by Kevin Stokes:

Kevin briefed the meeting attendees on a situation currently being resolved whereby, last year, membership dues were collected from someone wishing to be a new member, but no membership application was received. A membership application has been sent to the individual. (Their dues paid last year will be applied to the current year.)

Operations committee report by Ken Anderson:

- Ken has an idea for an e-mail table top exercise
- Ken briefed the meeting attendees on the APRS project. Current approach is to put one GPS on a dog and another on the handler; GPS units record the track of the parties. They can then be brought back to the command post, and the data can be read into a computer and analyzed during debriefing. Wendy is currently working on a best approach for attaching the GPS to the dog's vest.
- Ken briefed attendees on the subject of resource/personnel accountability. back to

Recess called. Stan Kegel departs. The remainder of these minutes was recorded by Wendy Deane and Emily Boote.

New members accepted: Sandy Berglund, Deb Doering, Ken Levinson, Gina Buetow, Greg Hasse, Terry Nowaki, Benjamin Partlow

Jeff Hasse: Faegre, with lead contact Ken Levinson has been working on articles and bylaws upgrades to have technical references updated with MN consistently for electronic meetings. Discussed committee structure so the Board can create and structure meetings as needed. Also, all info is in one place.

Motion to approve/accept the amended and restated bylaws and articles.

Chuck Lubowitz motioned. Deb Doering seconded.

Motion passed unanimously: Voting parties: ESS, MNTRTA, Lake County Rescue, CLSAR, Rescue Resources, Washington County Posse, Northstar SARDA, Individual (single vote).

Election of directors/officers:

Director at large is now called "General Director"

Jeff Hasse: Discussion on changing voting of directors as general membership votes on directors then those directors vote on the various positions of officers on the board.

Ken Levinson: Board has responsibility to leadership and membership votes for leadership. Board votes for individual positions on the board. This is for ease of system. In anticipation for taking the next step, maybe want to consider looking forward to the next level of having a representative.

Kevin Stokes: People will be eligible to vote for people they've never met if we are voting for specific spots rather than a general board duty.

Wendy Deane: People should present qualifications to be on the board.

Ken Levinson: Reconfirming

Jeff Hasse: What would it take to change it?

Ken Levinson: We'd need to change the bylaws

Nobody would feel strongly about how we'd do business. Elect three Board members. Board could appoint a nominating committee.

Jeff Hasse: Disadvantage: members have a lot of say in what happens with the board. Reshuffling of officers (terms are up).

Ken Levinson: Bylaws could be worded so we could revise term limits and board may appoint secretary or treasurer from outside of the board (within SRRRMN membership).

Ken Anderson: Table discussion and continue with election of the 3 officers.

Emily Boote nominated Chet Wilberg for General Director. Wendy Deane seconded nomination (both of us had spoken with Chet previously in this nomination and he accepted via phone for this position).

Kevin Stokes nominated Wendy Deane for secretary. Ken Levinson seconded nomination.

Ken Anderson nominated Jeff Hasse for second term as Vice President. Fred Graupman seconded nomination.

All of these positions are 2 years. Chuck motioned to accept all these nominations for the board. Deb Doering seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Lubowitz: The disaster city project will be starting this summer at Camp Ripley. Chuck would like to form a committee to discuss the inclusion of HRD training aids in the construction for K9 use in the future. Discussion had already started with Camp Ripley. We just need to get the training aids and make sure everyone is on board (Sheriff, Camp Ripley, Medical Examiner). A committee was formed consisting of: Chuck Lubowitz, Wendy Deane, Ken Levinson, Ken Anderson and Jeff Hasse.

11:29 am Recess for training with Rescue Resources. Patient packaging.

14:38 Resumed meeting.

Emily Boote & Gina Buetow discussed the Wilderness Medicine seminar they attended in February in Big Sky, Montana. See attached handout.

B.J. Kolsted discussed the new requirement in regards to utilizing the USNG US National Grid) system. They have already begun to use it and to train their members on its use. Still can use the UTM system, as they are pretty much the

same. Also, aircraft will still be using Lat/Long. But, all ground searches should move to USNG (UTM).

Meeting ended at approximately 15:45.