

SRRRMN MEETING 9/3/09 18:30

Board Members in Attendance: Wendy Deane, Kevin Stokes, Ken Anderson, Emily Boote, Jeff Hasse, Chet Wilberg. Not in attendance: Fred Graupman

Guests: Ken Levinson

Ken A. called meeting to order at 18:38. Passed out agenda.

Ken L. from Faegre updating info on 501c3 e-card info and how to file (best practices). Suggest that since we are under \$25,000.00, we can file on our own and not use a CPA.

Does this affect AMICO if we were to join? They require 5 years of 990s. E-cards didn't exist back then, what then? We have 3 years of financials and they may not make us do the full 5 years of financials. We'd be fine with doing an internal audit of our financials at this time and having the current president sign off on the e-card and file it once a year.

Jeff volunteered to design a policy to file the e-card and audit the financials. The question was brought up as to when we need to file. Ken L. will check on it.

Ken L.: Possible articles/bylaws amendments regarding the election of directors – Faegre update and board discussion.

Bylaws only, not the articles. Then we don't need to file with the state. It will be simply an internal thing.

4 directors are currently voted to become officers by the membership. Term limits of not more than 2 years, consecutive terms. Only as a specific officer to these terms. You can change positions on the board.

Consider adjusting the way we elect the directors. Let members vote for the directors and let the directors then vote for the officers. Therefore, no constraints would be put on the term limit (unless we so desired). Officers would not be required to be a director (member of the board).

Jeff argued that he believes the majority of SRRRMN members are more used to the more corporate approach of having an elected board, rather than having directors and a board. Although, he'd like to have more people in SRRRMN having a voice in the decision making issues.

If we had a board separate from directors, we'd have a potentially new board each year, or those members may be elected to maintain their positions on the board year after year.

Disadvantage: if anyone considers it a power grab. But, it can't happen as the membership still has the vote as to who are the directors. It's the directors that decide who the board members are, therefore no power plays can happen.

Jeff moves that we develop bylaw changes with the help of Faegre that (1) will have the membership elect the directors and the board of directors will then appoint the officers, (2) which will eliminate term limits of officers, which changes will be submitted for approval by the membership.

Chet seconds.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ken A. Equipment purchases: At the Watertown search, the large bank charger for the radios died. A new bank charger had to be purchased for approximately \$80.00, which was already purchased by Ken and he simply needs to be reimbursed. The base radio is bricked (dead) and Ken is seeing if it can be refurbished. So, there may be the need for another expenditure of a new base radio for approximately \$75.00 and it comes with the software.

Wendy made the motion to pre-approve these 2 purchases up to a total of \$200.00, if needed.

Chet seconded this motion.

Motioned passed unanimously.

Jeff: General membership meeting date: 4th week of September. 4th week of Feb. 2nd week of April (discussed previously). 17th of October is the recommended date. Location: Waconia hospital, 2nd option River Hills Church. 9-11:30 for business meeting. 12:30 – 4:00 for training. Possibly SAFER training at this meeting.

SAFER: Jeff discussed that SAFER is interested in joining SRRRMN. Discussed what the organization of SAFER is. Mario is meeting with his board to discuss joining. He'd also like to provide SRRRMN with the SAFER training. Mario is working with the legislature working on changing how sar is funded.

Jeff: Swanson Law Update: Brandon's law passed and was put into affect July 1, 2009. It puts children and adults on the same footing. It does not mandate any physical response. A model policy was put into place (based on LE side and the investigative process). Within 2 hrs of the report, it has to be entered into the NCIC and a report HAS to be taken. SRRRMN will help in making sar policy for procedures to occur at every missing person incident.

Newsletter: Announce the purpose of the newsletter. It should be out conduit to pass on the information of what SRRRMN is doing. Next newsletter will be our "end of year, what SRRRMN has done" issue.

Ken A. : Large scope at searches. We need to keep our minds open to more than just the missing person (meth houses, finding other things that we didn't expect, marijuana growing places,...)

Jeff H. suggested that SRRRMN form several IMT (incident management teams) to get together, practice, and perfect these teams. Chet suggested that we get out the information of what SRRRMN has done so that all members realize what we do so that members will want to participate in the IMT.

Member applications:

Chuck Hoppi – Member of sunshine kennel service dogs. Wished to join as an individual.

Diane Stefanick – Member of Sunshine kennels – Wishes to join as an individual.

Roger & Kay McGrath - Member of Sunshine – join as individual

Heather Medved – Individual membership

Philip Jacobs – Individual

Sandra Vernlund – Brookings County K9 SAR – Individual

Aaron Hoover – Individual membership

Jeff moved that we accept all applications submitted above.

Kevin Stokes seconded the motion

Passed unanimously. Pending the receipt of membership dues.

Add to membership form: SRRRMN is not required to call you out to searches.

SRRRMN is not a “call out” agency.

David Lovelock (wrote the CASSIE program) would like to join SRRRMN, mostly in an advisory capacity. He is also interested in teaching small courses (12 max) on POA kind of stuff. He created a website called SARAZ and would like to promote SRRRMN on his website.

Lacy Peterson fund – request a grant as they are planning on winding down. Ken will submit the grant request for radios. Deadline: ??

Emily proposed that we submit the AMICO application fee of \$100 and join.

Seconded by Ken A.

Passed unanimously.

Resume for the various teams. Request this from all SRRRMN handlers.

Members only on website: Database of all qualifications. Maintained of who is certified and if you no longer are certified, you are immediately taken off the site.

Chet threw out the idea of starting a text page that certain people only have access to that would alert others for searches.

Ken L. Introduction presentation of Intellectual Property protection – Faegre.

Trademarks, patents, copyrights, trade secrets, contracts. Areas that we expressed interest in, we'd like to follow up on such as patents (radio system Ken developed for caving applications), copyrights (articles, report formats, etc.). Discussion to be continued with Faegre.

Chet motioned to adjourn

Wendy seconded

Unaniomously passed.