

Search, Rescue, and Recovery Resources of Minnesota  
Membership meeting February 26, 2011

Meeting called to order at 10:14 by President Chet Wilberg

Introduction of attendees

An attendance sheet was passed around and is attached as part of these minutes.

Old Business:

Secretary's report: correction – Apres account is \$161.03, General account is \$2105.83. Emily Boote moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Wendy Deane. All approved

Treasurer's report: Apres account is \$161.03, Pohlad account is \$46.50, General account is \$2390.08. Fred received \$40.00 in dues giving us total funds of \$2644.61

Dues paid by Emergency Support Services, Midwest Technical Rescue Training Associates, Northstar SAR, Brookings Co Canine SAR, Minnesota Sheriff's mounted Posse Assoc., and nine individual members.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Jeff Hasse, seconded by Ken Anderson, all approved.

Finance committee: Have been working on organizing record keeping processes, define process for membership. Have been contacting organizations specializing in helping non-profits – looking for advice.

Membership committee: Have started working on "Welcome letters" for first time attendees to the meetings. This initiated a discussion about ideas to welcome attendees. First time attendees at this meeting contributed to the discussion. The idea of "mentors" for new members was brought up.

Public affairs: The first newsletter has been distributed. Looking for articles and ideas for future editions. Sharolyn Sievert is the contact. They were most recently used at the "New Sheriffs conference" where many found out about available resources.

Training committee; have been continuing with training for the SARtech 2 examination.

Other training – March 26 – scent class at Lake Maria state park

April 29-May 1 – NASAR training at Camp Ripley

June 4-5, M.U.S.T.A.N.G. weekend at AHATS in Arden Hills

Best Practices committee: Setting up field practices – currently focusing on mounted.

Board actions:

Logo/acronym: decided the correct acronym was SRRRMN, without the slash – to keep things consistent. No change to logo.

Working on policies for finances

Toll free number to provide a consistent contact point. 1 800 4SRRRMN (800 477 7766) number can be forwarded as needed.

Proposed Bylaw changes – Presented was a proposal to amend the bylaws to allow members to hold an individual membership while a member of an organizational member. (copy is attached) To be voted at the April membership meeting.

Jeff H and Ken A attended a Missing and unidentified Person conference at Fox Valley Technical College. The attendees were a mix of Law enforcement, families, SAR providers, and more. Provided some unique insights.

McLeod Co mounted had an incident while parking cars at an event. A person intentionally tried to hit one of the horses with his car. This revealed an ill defined area in the laws regarding assault. An Ad Hoc committee is working with the legislature to change this.

Next meeting is April 9. Possible location is the forensic center in Anoka Co. A secondary possible location is a church in Roseville.  
This will be the annual meeting with elections – three board terms are up.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff H, Seconded by Fred Graupmann  
Meeting adjourned at 17:46

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Stokes

Meeting followed by:

Potluck lunch

Case Reviews

Training about Incident command system, the organization and responsibilities.

Gearapolusa – clothing and gear for search and rescue – a giant “show and tell”