

Minutes of the SRRRMN Membership Meeting
9:00am October 11, 2014
Crow Wing County Hwy Maintenance Complex

General

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:15am by Kevin Stokes
2. Introductions by all attendees: Kevin Stokes, Emily Boote, Brian Benson, Sharolyn Sievert, Tim Briard, Jolene Briard, John Warren, Karla Peterson, Ken Levinson, Denise Schultz, Amy Britain, John Francis, Peggy Larsen.
3. Voting by Proxy: Polk County Posse, Emergency Search Services, WoodsTalk, Northstar Search and Rescue, Lake County Rescue.
4. New Members: None
5. SRRRMN Goals Review:
 - Bring [SAR] groups together.
 - Conduct two multi-unit trainings annually. Karla suggested that one, fabulous training should be the goal, to give the opportunity for all to participate, and conserve their funds. Kevin suggests a second training wouldn't have to be as big.
6. Board of Directors Update:
 - Tent sold for \$400.
 - Rick Slatten resigned, resulting in an open board seat. Kevin asked for suggestions as to who may be available/interested. Elections to occur at the next annual meeting in February 2015.

Old Business

7. Membership Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2014 were approved (motion by John, second by Sharolyn).

New Business/Officer Reports

8. President - Emily summarized the Board Meetings
 - Has asked the Board for thoughts on updating/clarifying the Mission Statement.
 - Has asked the Board for 1-, 2- and 5-year plan thoughts.
 - Need to update website. Lots of discussion about domain names, ownership, web things. Emily discussed the difficulties in transferring domain name. Sharolyn described the CLSAR member-run website, and her thoughts. John discussed the ownership of domain names, indicating that domains are owned by an individual.
 - Motion to transfer the all domains to the ownership of the SRRRMN Board (motion by Sharolyn, second by Denise), motion carried, one opposed.
 - Motion amended to make transfer of ownership of srrrmn.org domain to SRRRMN Secretary by 11/1/2014 (motion by Sharolyn, second by Denise), motion carried, one abstention.
9. Vice President - no report (seat vacant).
10. Secretary – Big Report. Refer to Item #7 above. Lots more discussion about website. Sharolyn moved that we push the website transfer, get it up and running ASAP (Sharolyn motion, Brian second), motion carried. Brian suggests that the website is essentially ready to make live.

Emily and Karla presented the memorial plaque of Ariel to Sharolyn.

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11. Treasurer - Denise provided a current balance sheet, with a quick tour. Highlights: We have \$6,237.95 in the bank. Very little account activity. Some discussion about grants. Sharolyn asked if the proposed 2015 budget will include MSA, conference fees or other promotional budget line items. John asked if the budget should include items for domain names and website hosting. Denise said these have not been included, since they're not yet planned. Kevin will check with Ken A. about the APRS grant restriction.
- Proposed budget approved, as amended by discussion (motion by John, second by Ken L).
 - Treasurer's report approved (motion by Sharolyn, second by John)

Committee Reports

12. Finance (Kevin, Chair) - no report. Refer to Item #10 above.
13. Membership (Chet, Chair) - no report. Emily will follow up on an email she recently received.
14. Public Affairs (Brian, Chair) - no report. See #7, #9 & #10 above.
15. Training (Chair vacant) - no report. Discussion:
- M.U.S.T.A.N.G. –
 - Option 1: John L. discussed that Crow Wing Posse's spring clinic scheduled for May 15-17, 2015 may interfere with their participation in MUSTANG.

 - Option 2: Emily discussed Scott County possibility, targeted for June 12-14, 2015. The 900 acres across the road is also a possibility, but the family is concerned about equine viruses. John suggests that Scott County not be considered, unless we receive permission to use the DNR land on the Minnesota River.

 - Option 3: Emily suggests AHATS for May 22-24, 2015. AHATS has added classrooms and has a lot of land. Sgt Janice Hawkins is POC and is willing to create scenarios for us, at no charge other than the space rental fees. Lots of discussion about AHATS possibilities and dates. Emily appointed Ken L., Denise, Sharolyn, John F. and John W. as project officer.
- ACTION: Team to visit with AHATS staff to determine best dates and/or conflicts in May and June 2015.**

- Sharolyn asked about the training wishlist from the last meeting. Lots of discussion about the wish list and when this training can occur. Maybe during MUSTANG? The following are items suggested during the April 2014 meeting:
 - Kevin wants an Overview of SAR Principles and Practices
 - Denise wants to learn more about Equine/Mounted Search Practices and Training
 - Chuck wants to learn more about drone technologies and availability for SAR work.
 - Chuck wants to learn more about privacy laws (e.g., HIPAA rules).
 - All want to learn more about how to best integrate resources, for training and for SAR practices.
- ACTION: TBD.**

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16. Best Practices (Ken L, Chair) - The committee is continuing working on General Competencies, with the intent to be a recommendations guide for SAR preparation. Lots of discussion about what general competencies means, and what the relationship is, between SRRRMN and member organizations. John F. discussed the limited training opportunities for northern MN posses and thinks there should be a list of minimum training when folks with a wide variety of skills and backgrounds are brought together on training or searching.
17. See attached flyer for Search Management Course, May 1–3, 2015, Vermilion Community College, Ely, MN.

Next Meeting/Reminders – The next meeting will be 2/28/2014. John W. will try to find a Hennepin County hosting location.

ACTION: TBD.

Announcement – Fred Graupmann died with morning, motion carried by assent for SRRRMN to send flowers.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at about 12:00pm (Motion by John, second by assent).

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian L Benson
Secretary

Search Management Course

May 1 – 3, 2015

**Fri. 12-9pm, Sat. 8-6pm, Sun. 8-4pm
Vermilion Community College, Ely, MN**

Since 90% of missing person searches are resolved within 24 hours, the initial response phase is crucial to search success.



The VCC Search Management Course is for law enforcement officers, park rangers, EMTs, first responders, firefighters, and rescue squad volunteers, or anyone who will receive first notice and need to plan for the initial phase of a search for a missing person.

This course will cover standard response protocols, which include determining urgency, subject profiling, investigating the point last seen, setting up Incident Command, prioritizing scenarios, determining search areas, techniques for confinement, hasty searching, passive attraction, and grid searching.

It will also incorporate the use of special resources such as search dogs, trackers, air resources, and state (HSEM) and national (USAF) assistance. While this course emphasizes planning, outdoor practical skills are included as part of the syllabus.

This course (# PREC 1255) is taught at the VCC Outdoor Learning Center outside of Ely, MN. MN resident tuition is \$355.

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