

VASARCO Quarterly Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2007

10501 Trade Court, Midlothian, VA

Meeting convened at 1033  
Rick Christ appointed Acting Sec.  
Minutes of meeting Oct. 28 approved as posted

Introductions and Group Reports

First Response K9 Group – new, New River Valley  
Intermont SAR – new ground group, from Damascus  
Black Diamond moved to grant Intermont SAR affiliate membership in VASARCO; second, approved

Officer Reports

President: Bob K. reported on New Zealand & Australia SAR  
VP: Jan: no report  
Sec: report given by Bob K. – squirrely characters on the website, will be fixed.  
Treas: Pete \$1830.95 balance.

Committee Reports

Admin: Kevin Brewer resigned, Richard Cox will chair; Jan reported progress  
Awards: Jan: looking for nominations for Lisa Hannon & Group awards to be presented at conf. in April. Deadline is 31 March.  
K9 airscen: no report  
Disaster K9: Pete – ready to submit standards for comment period  
K9 land cadaver: Pete - no action, planning to meet mid-year to review standards  
K9 tracking/trailing: Pete - no action  
K9 water: Pete: proposed standards on website, received comments and reacted to them, ready to submit for approval:  
20070120-01: VASARCO recommends to VDEM to adopt Water K9 standards, by Sharon Jones, D-E 2nd by Jan Olson, PSAR: motion carries unanimously w/ 2 abstentions; Pres. thanked committee.  
Conference Committee: Wendy offered report: \$85 conf. registration, \$85/room/night, Sheraton Park South on Midlothian Drive (US 60). Info to be posted on web site. Vendor booths \$50 (\$25 for SAR groups)  
Dispatch/Comm: no report  
Equine: Leah – standards are posted, committee has reviewed comments and submitted final draft for final posting, ready for next meeting  
FTL: no report  
FTM: no report  
FTS: standards were posted, comments reviewed, revised standards to be posted, ready for next meeting  
IC: on hold pending IS standards  
IS: Dave Carter: standards posted, comments reviewed, standards updated for NIMS compliance; will be reposted for comment period; discussion about formatting all standards for NIMS compliance – President recommended all new standards be drafted in that form.

20070120-02: by Bart Mix, SARTI, 2nd by Wendy Carter, CAP: VASARCO requests VDEM to specify the format for all future standards to be submitted: NIMS format or existing standard; motion carried

Legislative/Budget: Bob K: reported on legislation, progress will resume  
MOU: no report  
SARSafe: no report

15min break at 1144  
resume at 1206

Old Business:

None

New Business:

PSAR: field eval for MOU 3/3 @ SMRG SIM, needs evaluators, see Jan

Paging: discussion of proposed new VDEM paging system; Wendy White appointed to chair Dispatch committee. WLWHITE108@aol.com. Rick asked all groups to forward SMS addresses of Group Alert Officers to Rick (training@TOVSAR.org).

Discussion of incidents:

Radio comms at recent searches; field teams could not reach base – possible base reception problems;

ASRC Ops officer is following up with RA's after searches and asked for follow-up; RA's like the opportunity to give feedback;

One injury in SNP search, member declined aid on scene, which hinders reporting and prevention;

K9: teams assigned to conflicting or poorly arranged tasks: recommend K9 team leaders evaluate plans prior to taking tasks;

CAP: on missing aircraft, NTAP (radar plots) need to be communicated to search base; urges IS to request CAP through AFRCC; ARCHER (radar) available thru CAP;

Kim Search in OR: useful follow-up and after-action report available at:

<http://www.co.klamath.or.us/sheriff.html>

VDEM report: still some openings at this GSAR class.

Next meeting: 28 April at SARCON 1030

Intermont requests help at Trail Days May 17-19

Motion to adjourn at 1305.