

VASARCO Quarterly Meeting Minutes - April 28, 2007

Meeting convened at 1033 hours.
Minutes of meeting January 20, 2007 approved as posted.

Officer Reports

- President. No report.
- Vice-President. No report.
- Sec. No report.
- Treas. Acct balance of \$3,302.95 (represents some income from conference).

Group Reports

- Any special requests. Nil.
- In the interest of brevity, group reports were not submitted.

New Members

- Intermont SAR. Application from Intermont SAR – new ground group, from Damascus. No rep. Application tabled.
- First Response K-9 Unit. SARTI to sponsor. Bart Mix, moved, seconded. Approved.
- PSAR MOU request. TSAR (Butch), moved, seconded. Evaluation with Bob Wingfield. Approved with 1 abstention.
- PSAR to become a voting member. Bob Wingfield moved, seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

- Admin: No report.
- Awards: Jan: awards to be handed out tonight at the dinner.
- K9 airscent: Meeting May 1.
- Disaster K9: Pete: standards posted.
- K9 land cadaver: Sent to VDEM.
- K9 tracking/trailing: ?
- K9 water: Pete: Sent to VDEM.
- Conference Committee: 47 registered. Conf. budget to be discussed under new business.
- Dispatch/Comm: Nil. Wendy is Chair - update web site.
- Equine: Leah: Sending final draft. Sharon Jones moved, seconded. Recommend to VDEM that they adopt the Equine std as published on VASARCO web site. Approved.
- FTL: Sent to VDEM
- FTM: Sent to VDEM. President to double check FTM/FTL standards passed to VDEM.
- FTS: standards were posted, new ready to be posted.
- IC: on hold pending IS standards, can start now.
- IS: One response mostly grammatical issues. Send to VDEM for approval. Approved 2 against.
- Legislative/Budget: No action. HB 1348 still in the hopper. Wording revision required.
- MOU: NC Dogs sending info. Orion needs to submit docs.
- SARSafe: No report

Old Business

- Dues collection. Dues are due at July meeting.
- Committee membership: Updates to be provided.

- Past searches. Comments about insufficient responses to searches. Referred to Dispatch committee. TSAR responded to Alz. Search in April, received thankyou letter from husband, particularly noted Bob Allam.
- SW VA. Low on staff resources. Request IS support. Dispatch problems still noted getting the right resources on scene. Text page test. Promised from VDEM but not delivered.

New Business

- Conference Budget
- Costs have exceeded income. \$8,300 + for expenses. Reduced rooms to \$2,200 reception canceled – food already ordered. No meaningful cost cutting available. Ballroom (Chesapeake) released, which may produce \$500-1000 savings.
- Income \$1,800 in account.
- Income from conference. \$4,000 (approx.)
- Motion: Assess each voting member unit an equal portion of the debt 15 days from 4/28/07. Wingfield moved, seconded. 11 for 5 against 1 abstention.
- Amendment to ask groups as advanced dues. Moved Hutchison. Not agreed to by original motion maker. Defeated.
- Quorum requested. 19 of 28 present. Quorum confirmed.
- Discussion continues.
- Deficit from VASARCON07 likely to be between \$3,000 - \$4,000.
- Sean Happel offered to make no interest loan, if paid back in 6 months.
- Motion: Dues policy be addressed at the July meeting. Wingfield moved, second. Approved.

Elections

- President: Koester
- Vice President: Olsen
- Treasurer: Jones
- Secretary: Coffman

Next Meeting

- 28 July at Trade Court at 1030 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1220 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex B. McLellan
 VASARCO Secretary