

July 28, 2007

VASARCO meeting minutes for 2nd quarter.

Meeting convened at 1037 hours

#### Group Reports

- Groups submitted reports to secretary electronically
- Orion submitted paperwork to Bob for testing.
- SARTI – Clue awareness in final stages.
- Kathy Graceland has submitted paperwork for VASARCO membership.
- Connie Kershner from VSRDA announces they are hosting the SAR DOG Symposium Oct 6-7 at Prince William State Park. Contact VSRDA for more info.
- Mark Eggeman gives DEM report on stats this year. 45 missions to date. Will probably reach 90 for year end. No DEM assistant now. Looking to hire instructor/trainer to help. Still working on ID cards and hoping to use DEM printer. Will send out notice when ready for group's pictures.

#### Officer Reports

- President – no report
- Vice-president – no report
- Secretary – no report
- Treasurer – Checking acct. balance is \$1,199.71. Currently in debt due to SAR conference. Private donations have taken care of \$3,600 debt. Group dues are currently due. See sheet for groups that have not paid.

#### Committee Reports

- IS – finished standards and needs letter from Bob along with copy of IS standards to present to VDEM for approval.
- FTS – addendum to standards for VDEM wording. Completed vetting process and approved. Ready to be sent to VDEM along with letter from Bob for approval.
- Equine standards – approved but trouble posting on website. They have been forwarded to VDEM for approval but need letter from Bob.
- Cadaver – cadaver committee will meet to review current standard.
- First Responder – have been posted on website and are ready to be voted on. Only one comment, which was addressed. Motion made to accept standards as is. Dave Carter made motion to accept standards. Seconded and approved with two abstaining. Motion passed. Will be sent to DEM with letter from Bob for approval.
- Trailing – finished trailing standards and they are ready to be posted to website for comments.
- Water – no report
- Communications – no report

- Request to form new committee for Wilderness Rescue Technician. Committee members Brian Saunders, Dave Carter, Michael Maggard, Kevin Brewer and Bill Keith.

#### New Business

- Request to form new committee for full scale exercises to bring all groups together for mock searches. Rick Crist – committee chair, Dawn Smith, Roy Wheeler, Dave Carter and Bob Wingfield.
- Roy Hutchinson offered to co-chair committee with Wendy for next SAR conference. Looking at April 25th at Holiday Lakes in Appomattox for next SAR conference.
- Dave Carter and VSRDA will be hosting VDEM MLSO course Sept 14,15,16 at Prince William Park. Info will be posted on VDEM website.
- Bob Winfield from CSAR was concerned about a search in Halifax and CSAR was not called out. Mark E. will check into the dispatch problem.
- Communications committee meeting has been set for August 11th.
- Searches – Louisa search – Sharon Jones concerned about communication difficulties at the search when the little boy was found. Base did not know what Status 1 meant. Need to make sure that person running comms knows SAR codes.

#### No Old Business

Meeting adjourned at 1250.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim B. Bidwell