

VASARCO Quarterly Meeting Minutes - July 29, 2006

10501 Trade Court, Midlothian, VA

Called to order 1048 by Vice President Jan Olson
Rick Christ appointed Acting Secretary for the meeting

Minutes distributed, amended: SARTI, TOVSAR, TROT-SAR reports submitted, minutes accepted as amended. Discussion: include group reports with minutes? Concern about copy costs and efforts.

Introductions & Group Reports

- Mark Eggeman introduced Bill Madison, new SAR Program Assistant.
- Black Diamond: working on Wilderness Rescue standards, SIM 8/12 Tazewell County
- B&G: new cadaver team certified
- CSAR: Training 8/19-8/20
- PSAR: submitting application for membership in VASARCO and MOU-Sponsored by TSAR. Motion to consider application, seconded, approved
- MA/D submitted their report and invited anyone interested in dog cadaver training to contact MA/D about the monthly "cadaver challenge" the first Sunday of every month. MA/D also volunteered to do SARDOM's field evaluation for recommendation of their MOU.
- Treasurer's Report submitted by Pete Suitt: Balance \$1715.95

VP: Articles of Incorporation have been submitted and approved.

Committee Reports

- Admin: Kevin Brewer – researching VASARCO policy documents; Colby Dillard removed from Committee, Pete Suitt offered.
- Air Scent: no progress; add Kathleen Conner
- Disaster: meeting in August
- K9 Land Cadaver: remove Sara Platts, working on questions for state test, working jointly with A/S team on questions
- K9 T&T: Barb Shortt added to committee; Pete Suitt added to committee
- K9 Water: reviewing draft standards; will update members of committee
- Conference: Dave Carter presented Wendy's report; Feb 23-25, 2007
- Debrief: no report
- Dispatch/Comm: no report
- FTL and FTM committees: awaiting posting of standards on the web for review, Kevin Brewer added to FTM committee
- FTS standards: reformatting for submission next meeting
- IC: no report
- IS: Sandy McInturff, Steve Weiss added to committee; final revisions, expect to submit in October
- Legislative/Budget: Mark Eggeman reported: HB1348 tabled; VASARCO needs to bring Sheriff's Assoc. and Fire Programs together to work out details. Those in attendance gave commitment to support the committee's efforts. Barb Shortt added to committee.
- MOU: drop Jane Adair, Blair Miller, Suzen Collins, Bill Morgan; Eval on TROT-SAR 7/22, recommended for MOU with VDEM; moved and seconded; approved unanimously. Secretary ordered to submit letter to VDEM; SARDOM – paperwork is approved, need field evaluation by another K9 team. Orion: paperwork pending; PSAR: paperwork submitted. Moved, 2nd to grant TROT-SAR full organizational membership in VASARCO. Approved unanimously.
- SARSAFE: no report; dropped Meg Birney from committee

Old Business

- Dues due, \$10 annual
- Communications standards not posted yet due to site problems, committee memberships being updated (see above)
- HB 1348: see legislative committee
- Using new forms to manage the application process

- Website: progress on fixing site; VDEM site will post documents in the meantime; Roy Hutchinson offered some web space if we need it.
- Conference: motion to approve committee recommendation and to give committee approval to modify terms as needed; approved with one abstention
- FTM/FTL standards: Lee Younger moved that the final copy of FTM and FTL standards, as approved, be transmitted to VDEM with a recommendation for approval. 2nd by Dave Carter. VP requested Sharon Keith and/or Bob Wingfield to submit same. Approved.

New Business

VDEM Report

- Budget: prelim. approval of VDEM SAR budget for FY '07
- Training: FTS 10/13-15 and 11/17-19 location TBD; FTM Halifax 10/20-22 and 11/3-5; VSP 11/1-3 and 11/8-10 @ Ft. Pickett, tactical field force, 220 officers; 1/5-7 and 1/19-21: FTM Henry County; 1/15-19 MLSO State Parks @ Twin Lakes State Park; 1/26-28 and 2/23-25: GSAR; 3/23-25 and 4/13-15 FTL Halifax;
- State Fair: contact Mark for 9/27-10/8 if you want SAR teams to come or submit literature, PPS, video, stuff for display
- Discussed pending national SAR typing and credentialing;
- Planning reciprocity agreements with states within FEMA region III
- All MOU's are up for renewal in 2007, state attorney general is reviewing model MOU, hopes to present in October
- Announced new dispatching procedures for search missions, starting 1 Sept.: SMS messages, eg: from: WCPSX, re: VA-XXX-06, msg: UMRS location (eg LUK223D) /subject /resources requested; respond with ETA of resources
- VASARCO Group reporting forms will soon be available to complete online at VDEM site
Secretary requested to compose paragraph about VASARCO for link at Roy's site.
Bob Wingfield (CSAR) submitted proposed Equine SAR standards; Leah Coffman (CSAR) appointed chair, committee includes Bob Wingfield, Tomí Finkle and Michelle McGuinnes of TROT-SAR. Motion made to begin the vetting process for the new Equine standards, 2nd, approved.
Bob Wingfield read letter from Richard Cox and submitted this to the Secretary.

Next Meeting

Trade Court, 1030 Hours 28 October

Meeting adjourned at 1455 hours.