

MEMBERS PRESENT

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CALL TO ORDER: 1006

MINUTES: (March 28, 2017) Motion and seconded to approve minutes. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance		\$25,370.18
Savings		
CD.....6454	\$2,845.08	
CD.....1504	470.58	
CD.....6462	8,517.84	
Total Savings	\$11,833.50	
Checking		
Beginning Balance		\$13,553.49
Debit 3/27/17	-18.80	USPS
Debit 3/28/17	-9.60	UPS
Deposit 4/10/17	486.45	
Debit 4/11/17	-13.60	USPS
Debit 4/18/17	-12.10	UPS
Deposit 4/20/17	500.00	
Deposit 4/27/17	875.70	
Debit 5/2/17	-6.65	USPS
Deposit 5/5/17	59.25	
Check 2140	-472.50	Acme United Corp.
Deposit 7/24/17	5,980.00	King County
Check 2083	-6,475.57	Compasses
Ending Checking	\$14,446.07	
Ending Balance		\$26,279.57

Motion to approve Treasurer's report was seconded and all approved.

QUARTERMASTER: New "Rite in the Rain" type notebooks (300 in store) were purchased for units to try out. These do everything the "Rite in the Rain" books do but are less expensive. Each unit at the meeting received a book. Plenty of compasses are available.

RECERTIFICATION: King County received a three-year recertification. Biggest problem was search types. Recert team asked about search types and searchers didn't seem to be able to explain the difference between

search types. Teams were able to perform different types okay. Spacing was a problem. Some communication issues with Field staff and Base but was worked out the second day.

TRAINING MANUAL: The cost of 500 new manuals (with no changes) will be \$4,110.00. Much discussion about POD/Critical Separation/Purposeful Wandering, etc. Why are changes being considered? King County has purposed some changes to equipment list/navigation to include an altimeter. Some changes to navigation to include use of altimeter. Do we want to add an alternative to triangulation to manual? The alternative might look something like: Plot a back bearing on your map from known point, intersect bearing with elevation on altimeter and check surrounding area. A motion was made to have 500 manuals printed. The motion was seconded and all approved. King County would like to have a revised electronic copy by September 9th or 10th.

UNIT REPORTS:

King: Unit has responded to 86 missions (YTD). A lot of ankle injuries lately. Mt. Si rescue involved 193 searchers from six other counties. Have held two orientations so far.

Kitsap: Unit has responded to 19 missions (YTD). A couple of interesting missions: On reservation – tried to handle situation on their own for a week. Looking for a woman who was fleeing from Law Enforcement. After approximately a week the FBI was involved. A call was made to ESAR. SAR located a shirt, socks, pants and then her body (approximately 600 feet from the road); and a 71 year old female who was scattering her husband's ashes on Hurricane Ridge had to be rescued. She was approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from her car and had dropped 300 feet in elevation. Mostly Kitsap ESAR and some park rangers. Five searchers went down to rescue. Called a helicopter to evacuate because of steep terrain. Approximately 150 feet hoist into the helicopter. Certified 35 trainees at the beginning of the year. Received a grant from PSE Foundation for PR. Fourteen recruits so far but the fair is next week and some new trainees are usually recruited from this event. Held a second first aid class and Basic Search Skills course during Summer Camp.

Mason: There has been 8 missions since the last meeting (3 missing persons, 2 evidence searches, 2 recoveries, and one K-9 search. Three new recruits graduated from the ESAR Academy in April. Roger and Barb Ramsdell conducted an Operations training in June. K9 training is still ongoing. Participated in 3 public events. Two members were part of the Recert team for King County in March. Nine members attended the SAR Conference in May. Bylaws enacted in June and 1st board of directors elected in July. A meet and greet interview has been added to application process. A family appreciated BBQ was held in August.

Pierce: A lot of searches for dementia subjects lately. Responded to 23 searches since last meeting (1 evidence, 1 recovery, 1 rescue). Twelve out of county missions. Helped in Clallam County. Looking for a young man who they thought fell into the river. Search managers wanted to use ESAR searchers for assignments they weren't trained for. Will hold orientation in September. Will be holding a Wilderness First Aid class in September.

Thurston: Responded to 5 searches since last meeting (1 evidence). Three members attended the SAR Conference in May. Participated in 4 public events for recruiting. Orientation will be held September 18th.

OLD BUSINESS: Do we still want to do something for WESAR's 50th anniversary in 2019?

NEW BUSINESS: Thurston SAR will be hosting an Advance SAR Management class in early 2018.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Bob Boyd shared his thoughts on GPS abuse in SAR.

NEXT MEETING – October 28, 2017 at Tacoma Police Headquarters (3701 South Pine St.)

Meeting Dates for 2018

January 20, 2018 (Tacoma Police Headquarters)

March 17, 2018