

# WESAR MINUTES

October 27, 2018 – Mission # 18-T-071D

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Roger Ramsdell at 1010 hours.

Those present are listed below:

Sally Moore	Pierce County	moosar@juno.com
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Roger Ramsdell	Thurston County	tcwesar@comcast.net
Scott Yeager	Mason County	scott@mcsar.org
Angie Yeager	Mason County	angie@mcsar.org

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** (See Scanned Report on Last Page) Lethaniel presented the Treasurers report., explaining there were expenses listed for unknown items but felt this was just part of the adjustment period between him and our new Quartermaster Clint, feeling with a little more time they would be working smoothly together. The treasurers report was approved as presented.

**QUARTERMASTERS REPORT:** Clint was not present as he was assisting with Thurston county training this weekend, Roger presented his written report.

- Clint has been looking into items for the WESAR Store and gathering samples for trial usage.
  - New items available include:
    - Expansion of Write in Rain items to include reams of copy paper, 4"x 6" top spiral notebooks, binders, binder copy paper and binder journal paper.
    - Some red WESAR pack covers in 45 and 80 liter sizes.
    - Leather Pad-folios with WESAR logo embossed.
    - Westcott GR-2 grid roamers.
    - Adventure Medical Kits available by order in case quantities (4 units per case) at 30% below on-line price on both Adventure Medical Kits and Amazon web site prices.
- Since last meeting has had 22 separate orders for compasses, WESAR 1.5 manuals, Red book manuals, rulers, protractors, grid roamers, Write in Rain notebooks, badge holders, head lamps and patches, totaling nearly \$6000 in sales.
- Has received replacement compasses for the faulty ones returned from King Co.  
*If any Unit has questions, concerns or requests of the Quartermaster to contact him at [Clint.Cole@TCWESAR.com](mailto:Clint.Cole@TCWESAR.com).*

## RECERTIFICATION:

- Pierce County will have their re-cert on 9-10 March 2019.
- Thurston and Mason Counties will have a joint re-cert on 27-28 April 2019.
- Karl Melseith would appreciate additional re-cert staff for these two re-certifications from any who are interested in helping.
- POD/Critical spacing testing will be put on at all upcoming re-certifications for the next several years. The recertification team will be setting up the controlled exercise to be done on the Sundays of the re-cert with all parameters recorded. The test area will consist of a 400'x600' area, seeded with marked paper cups (the same clues will be used on all of the exercises). The goal is to get teams to achieve 50% POD in order to achieve degree of error. The teams are to use their normal gridding for search types. All variables, grid types, terrain, etc. will be noted by the Re-cert team and compiled. This exercise will take the place of grid type testing on the re-cert. It is essential that each unit being recertified have their people at the recertification ALL days of the weekend

**MANUAL:** Roger has no new updates to date.

## ANNUAL TRAINING:

- SAR Management course: In Clint's Quartermaster report he stated "A new statewide approach to OL training is being discussed with each Unit's training director or OL trainers. Discussing bringing in ERI to teach a 'Train the Trainer' course for the ERI/NASAR Managing the Lost Person Incident curriculum. with at least 2 people from each county (in order) to build a team of instructors to teach the course to our members once a year or as needed. I (Clint) am expecting a set of instructor and student materials for each county very soon. These materials will be sent to the training director/OL Trainer for each county."
  - Roger believed Stouffel would allow us to self teach the course with the trainees only required to buy the materials.
  - Considerable discussion ensued with regard to this training. The hefty manual was circulated in the room for all to peruse. Many were of the opinion that ERI/NASAR are not really cognizant of all the search types carried out by WESAR Units, we do not search just for lost persons. WESAR was grand fathered in by SARVAC and our training was acknowledged as consistent or exceeding SARVAC standards. WESAR wishes to maintain this status and get back to being thought of as the leader in SAR techniques and management (be the source). A lengthy discussion ensued regarding variables to achieve this.
- Another discussion ensued with regard to the ICS system, testing and standardization.
- Chris Long of State DEM is supposedly sending out an update of Unit resources and capabilities to the SAR coordinators or DEM Offices to facilitate use of resources available to them.

## UNIT REPORTS:

- **KING:** Had 33 missions since last report in August. They have 190 trainees (140 plus 50 more attending their Course 3 today).
- **KITSAP:** Have 23 trainees and have had 24 searches year to date. Are in the process of converting their food trailer to a command post which will minimize the maintenance and liability of their present old Command van. Have a new training area located between Lake Flora and 302. It's approximately 25 square miles in area and they are in the process of surveying & mapping it now.
- **MASON:** Had 3 searches this quarter, have 15 new trainees, 4 for TL training and 2 for FL training. Have added new training for their county; canine flanker and train the trainer for teaching.
- **PIERCE:** Since the last meeting in August, have had 17 mission requests. Responded to 12 of them. Have approximately 60-70 trainees with the first classroom training on 3-4 November. In field training begins January 2019.
- **THURSTON:** Have had 4 missions since last report. Have 33 trainees and first training is 27-28 October. They have instituted a task book which has to be completed prior to trainee advancement. Are in the process of transitioning from a motor home command post to a trailer.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- The position of WESAR Secretary is open and needs to be replaced. The Secretary's duties were explained. Craig Southard from Kitsap Co. volunteered for the position and was unanimously elected. He will begin as Secretary at the January 2019 meeting.
- Roger explained WESAR election procedures. Roger will be retiring from WESAR as of May 2019; therefore, 1, possibly 2 Board positions will be open for election at the January 2019 meeting. A poll was taken to see who might be interested in which Board positions.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Discussion was had regarding multiple counties participating in a search and the coordination and use of resources entailed.
- Mason County reported on a search which reverted from a normal search/recovery to a homicide. They were required, under the direction of the Sheriff and Medical Examiner, to bag the body, exposing the team members to possible toxic/infectious pathogens. Their question was what was the procedure for medical coverage of the team members if became necessary. Extensive discussion and suggestions were made. The outcome was that each WESAR Unit needs to have/set up a meeting with their DEM, Sheriff/Police Department, (possibly) Public Health Department and State DEM (sooner rather than later) to finalize a policy (in writing and signed) that outlines what a county volunteer employee who in the course of their work needed medical attention and/or treatment and how it was paid for.
- Scott Yeager from Mason County stated that since WESAR and its Units had 501(C)(3) status that all communication was public domain and that all communication should be carried out in a public forum that was accessible to the public (web site). He suggested using the WESAR web site and using the Groupme Application. Sally will get in touch with the WESAR web master and have him contact Scott to coordinate this get it available on the web site.
- Kittitas and Clallam Counties have expressed interest in starting up a WESAR unit. Since the inquiry from Kittitas Co is from a former Kitsap County member, Karl Melseth volunteered to contact Smitty to see how to go about helping these counties with information on forming a unit.

- The dates for the 2019-2020 WESAR meetings were set. They are:

- Meeting Schedule For 2019:  
 19 January 2019  
 23 March 2019  
 17 August 2019  
 26 October 2019
- For 2020:  
 25 January 2020  
 21 March 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours

Next Meeting: January 19, 2019 (at the Tacoma Police Department Meeting Room starting at 1000 hours)

**WESAR TREASURER'S REPORT WITH CHASE BANK**

10/27/2018

**Beginning Balance (8-18-18) \$20,373.56**

**Savings**

CD.....6454	\$2,857.57
CD.....1504	\$472.05
CD.....6462	<u>\$8,555.25</u>
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$11,884.87</b>

**Checking**

Beginning Balance	\$8,499.05	
Deposit – 8/20/2018	\$84.00	
Debit – 8/22/2018	-\$46.81	Costco
Debit – 8/24/2018	-\$12.24	Fed Ex
Debit – 8/24/2018	-\$12.35	Fed Ex
Debit – 8/30/2018	-\$12.31	Fed Ex
Debit – 8/30/2018	-\$8.70	Fed Ex
Debit – 8/31/2018	-\$63.31	Walmart
Credit – 9/7/2018	\$75.05	Paypal
Deposit – 9/10/2018	\$197.35	
Check – 2304	-\$25.47	
Check – 2302	-\$5.83	
Check – 2303	-\$2.66	
Check – 2305	-\$7.95	
Credit – 9/14/2018	\$9.18	Paypal
Debit – 9/17/2018	-\$116.52	Tags Awards
Debit – 9/19/2018	-\$157.82	Costco
Debit – 9/20/2018	-\$15.55	Amazon
Deposit – 9/28/2018	\$50.00	
Check – 2306	-\$39.50	
Deposit – 10/10/2018	\$8,227.73	
Debit – 10/11/2018	-\$864.00	ACME
Debit – 10/11/2018	-\$38.70	Amazon
Check – 2307	-\$25.00	
Credit – 10/12/2018	\$30.00	Paypal
Debit – 10/12/2018	-\$890.10	JL Darling
Debit – 10/15/2018	-\$631.17	Geiger
Debit – 10/15/2018	-\$686.26	Geiger
Debit – 10/15/2018	-\$141.56	Costco
Check – 2308	-\$14.08	
Debit – 10/16/2018	-\$22.30	United Postal Express
Credit – 10/17/2018	\$61.67	Paypal
Deposit – 10/18/2018	\$38.75	
Check – 2309	<u>-\$45.00</u>	
Ending Checking	\$13,387.59	
<b>Ending Balance (10-27-18)</b>		<b>\$25,272.46</b>