

STATE WESAR MEETING: Mission # 18-T-071A

January 20, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karl Melseth	Kitsap County	Melseth67@yahoo.com
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Jennifer Burnam	Mason County	
Grant Smith	Pierce County	sarsmith3@comcast.net
Jerry George	King County	
Scott Yeager	Mason County	

CALL TO ORDER: 1005

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes was seconded and approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance (10/28/17)		\$28,048.79
Savings		
CD.....6454	\$2,849.26	
CD.....1504	471.07	
CD.....6462	<u>8,530.35</u>	
Total Savings	\$11,850.68	
Checking		
Beginning Balance	\$16,204.96	
Deposit 11/13	\$20.75	
Check 2146	-647.40	Storage for 2018
Debit 12/20/17	-29.55	USPS
Deposit 12/27	2,029.55	Spokane SAR
Check 2144	-4,110.00	
Debit 1/4/18	-12.15	USPS
Deposit 1/17/18	<u>\$1,098.15</u>	
Ending Checking	\$14,554.31	
Ending Balance (1/20/18)		\$26,404.99

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

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Five hundred (500) updated manuals are ready to be purchased (\$14.00 paper copies and \$5.00 electronic copies). Smitty will need to purchase approximately 200 compasses. Spokane County Council has ordered 70 compasses. There are approximately 26 compasses left in inventory.

RECERTIFICATION: Kitsap County Recert mission (March 3-4, 2018). Dan Tyrell from Pierce County will be the lead. Kitsap has approximately 25 trainees.

TRAINING MANUAL: See Quartermaster report.

UNIT REPORTS:

King: Since October 28, 2017 King County had 22 missions. King County ESAR responded to 14 of these missions (6 rescue, 3 searches, 1 evidence, and 4 urban). Training: 99 passed Navigation course, and 44 passed Navigation Evaluation course. Currently have 306 active members.

Kitsap: In 2017 there were 30 missions in multiple counties. The unit spent 3,500 hours on missions and 9,712 hours on training. The total savings to the public was \$413,449.27. Currently they have 72 adults and 21 youth members who are active. The unit is implementing a \$25.00 annual fee to help keep the food program running. The unit has a handful of First Aid/CPR instructors to teach classes. They are willing to teach the public or other WESAR units. They will be offering a Search Management class February 17-19, 2018. There is no cost but participants must supply their own Search is an Emergency book. Training will be held at Dept. of Emergency Management in Bremerton. Karl Melseth is now the Chairman of Kitsap County ESAR.

Mason: Total missions this quarter: four (missing persons). Unit has 9 recruits working toward initial certification, 3 team leader trainees, and four field leader trainees with additional cross training for operation support roles. Two of the new recruits are working toward joining the K-9 team. Mason County SAR is now under the direct supervision of Mason County Sheriff's Office with Cpl. Tim Ripp as president and Scott Yeager as vice president.

Pierce: Pierce ESAR responded to 23 out of 56 calls in 2017. The unit has 38 new trainees (mostly adults) with 141 active members (all adults).

Thurston: There has been one turnaround mission since the last meeting. Currently there are seven new trainees. All basic classes have been completed (including basic navigation). Final navigation course will be held February 24-25, 2018. Thurston Search and Rescue is holding an Advanced Search Management course February 16-18 at the Thurston County Emergency Coordination Center. The instructors are from ERI. There are still openings (there is a cost for this course). Several TCWESAR members will be attending.

OLD BUSINESS: Meeting dates for 2018. January 20, March 17, August 18, and October 27. Meeting dates for 2019 (January 19, and March 23).

NEW BUSINESS: There has been an interest in setting up a Critical Separation Testing experiment. This will most likely take two days. Units that want to participate should have some availability dates for the next meeting in March. Summer time would probably be best (perhaps July).

Question was asked: Do we want to reprint the 1/3 sheet handout? A vote was taken and all agreed to reprint. Mason County has a new phone number. Any changes should be given to Barb Ramsdell.

Bob Boyd would like to make a change on the Recertification Evaluation. For "Differences in Type 2 and 3 searches: use the data in Section III – Set Spacing in Chapter C; paragraph 11 of the WESAR Basic Training Manual (version 1.5).

Karl Melseth has agreed to create a private facebook page for State WESAR so other units can share information or ask questions. Send him a friend request if you would like to join this page.

Smitty is concerned about the new 078 sign in sheet. There is no space for travel to and from missions if you never arrive at base because you were turned around. Some units use a different sign in sheet.

MEETING ADJOURNED -- 1255

NEXT MEETING – March 17, 2018 (Peace Lutheran Church, 2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma).

Meeting Dates

August 18, 2018

October 27, 2018

January 19, 2019

March 23, 2019