

WESAR MINUTES

January 19, 2019 – Mission # 19-T-1185

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

Those present are listed below:

Roger Ramsdell	Thurston County	tcwesar@comcaast.com
John Bussey	Thurston County	
Clint Cole	Thurston County	clint.cole@tcwesar.com
Angie Yeager	Mason County	angie@mcsar.org
Bob Boyd	King County	robert.boyd@comcast.net
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Brooks Hanford	Kitsap County	hbhanford@gmail.com
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Kate Cummings	Kitsap County	kate.cummings87@gmail.com
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Karl Melseth	Kitsap County	Melseth67@gmail.com
Craig Southard	Kitsap County	csouthard125@gmail.com

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

TREASURERS REPORT: An abbreviated Treasurers Report was presented by Clint Cole in the absence of Lethaniel Ray. All balances listed below are current as of 01 January 2019

- Checking Account: \$14,263.87
- CD6454: \$2,861.12
- CD1504: \$472.25
- CD6462: \$8562.71

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT: Clint Cole presented the following information:

- A total of 71 orders have been received in 2018.
- Approximately 250 Red Books have been sold.
- Credit card transactions are available as an option when purchasing WESAR store items
- Clint Cole brought one of each item in the WESAR store to this meeting for review by attendees.

*If any Unit has questions, concerns or requests of the Quartermaster to contact him at **Clint.Cole@TCWESAR.com**.*

RECERTIFICATION:

- Commitments have been received from Kitsap County and Mason County for support of the Pierce County recertification currently scheduled for 09 and 10 March.
- The Mason County/Pierce County combined recertification will now be split due to the number of trainees attending.
- The Mason County recertification is scheduled for 27 and 28 March.
- The Thurston County recertification dates are still to be determined.

MANUAL: Roger has no new updates to date.

TRAINING:

- Discussion was held regarding use of the NASAR Handbook
 - Angie interprets this handbook as better suited for larger groups and may not be scalable for the smaller size of Mason County
 - Brooks recommends republishing and utilizing the old ESAR Manual. He states that information adopted into the NASAR Handbook has not been adopted into the field. Brooks recommends utilizing Bill Gilespe for information regarding WESAR Standards.
 - Karl expressed concerns with tactics such as track traps and string lines which aren't normally utilized in the field at this time. Also there are only three search types included in the NASAR Handbook which may be a detriment to communications and team assigning.
 - Kitsap County is willing to assist WESAR with creating a separate course to be used in lieu of the NASAR Handbook.
 - King County provided no recommendation.
 - Pierce County not present for discussion.
 - A motion was made by Clint Cole and seconded by Angie to table the meeting until the next WESAR meeting. Motion approved by all members present.

UNIT REPORTS:

- **KING:**
 - Since the last WESAR meeting responded to 16 missions. 8 rescues, 5 searches, 2 urban searches, and 1 recovery.
 - Approximately 100 trainees to date with approximately 150 trainees on the waiting list for next year.
 - Training for upkeep of certifications is 06 and 07 April.
 - Investigating a new drone program.
 - T-Mobile is installing a new tower in the middle fork of Snoqualmie.
 - Currently hold 384 active members.
 - 107 missions completed for 2018.
- **KITSAP:**
 - 2 searches completed year to date, both in Clallam County.
 - 15 trainees to date.
 - The new command post is complete and has been put into service.
 - Approximately 29 searches completed in 2018, most located outside of Kitsap County.
 - Tornado response in Port Orchard, December 2018. Cleared approximately 500 residences for damage and injured persons.
- **MASON:**
 - 5 missions completed this quarter. 3 missing persons, 1 evidence search, and 1 recovery.
 - Training in December was interrupted by a Grays Harbor search. January classroom sessions have been completed.
 - Upcoming field training includes 02-03 February and 1-3 March.
 - 2018/2019 Academy Certification forecast includes 2 to 3 Team Members, 3 Team Leaders, 1 Division Supervisor, and 1 Operations Leader.
 - Participated in the Shelton Christmas Parade.
 - Plan to participate in the 09 February Polar Plunge for EMS at Alderbrook.
 - Policy review for novice searchers attending out of county missions.
 - 2 members confirmed to support the Pierce County recertification.
 - Mason County recertification scheduled for 27 and 28 April at the Tahuya ORV Park.
- **PIERCE:**
 - No report received as Pierce County was not present at this meeting.
- **THURSTON:**
 - 2 searches completed last quarter. 1 missing person in Mason County and 1 evidence search in Grays Harbor.
 - Upcoming field training in February and March.
 - Thurston County has not rejoined the Boy Scouts for training this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Roger will be retiring from WESAR as of May 2019. Pierce county not present for election. Angie motioned to table elections for Chairperson until the March meeting. Motion approved by all members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kittitas County has expressed interest in starting up a WESAR unit.
 - Forrest Beard joined the meeting in person.
 - Kittitas County is attempting to take on WESAR training and have policies and procedures complete this year.
 - Clint Cole offered documentation from the WESAR store.
 - Kittitas is investigating how to shift to WESAR while maintaining its current identity.
 - Looking for a sponsor for Kittitas County. King County will take back for discussion.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Bob Boyd discussed SAR navigational needs due to issues seen in King County. Specifically issues with app based GPS programs. Items discussed were scribblers' errors, datum shifts, satellite clock, multipathing, dilution of precision, jamming and spoofing, and GPS apps.
- The dates for the 2019-2020 WESAR are as follows:
- 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 1208 hours.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2019 (at the Tacoma Police Department Meeting Room starting at 1000 hours)