

WESAR MINUTES

March 23, 2019 – Mission # 19-T-XXXX

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Roger Ramsdell at 1005 hours.

Those present are listed below:

Roger Ramsdell	Thurston County	tcwesar@comcaast.com
Caleb Matheny	Mason County	caleb@mathenys.org
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Kate Cummings	Kitsap County	kate.cummings87@gmail.com
Karl Melseth	Kitsap County	melseth67@gmail.com
Craig Southard	Kitsap County	csouthard125@gmail.com
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Grant Smith	Pierce County	sarsmith3@comcast.net
Adelle Smith	Pierce County	
Sally Moore	Pierce County	mooresar@juno.com
Forrest Beard	Kittitas County	1forrestbeard@gmail.com

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Report presented by Lethaniel Ray. All balances listed below are current as of 23 March 2019

- Checking Account: \$10,263.66
- CD6454: \$2,869.25
- CD1504: \$472.54
- CD6462: \$8578.73

QUARTERMASERS REPORT: Roger Ramsdell presented the following information for Clint Cole:

- Pierce County has ordered 10 compasses.
- Received a small order from Thurston County
- Request was made to order more than a one year supply of compasses. A recommendation was made and agreed upon to order a one year supply of compasses.

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

RECERTIFICATION:

- Pierce County received a score of 3.44 and recertification period of 3 years. Highlights included an above average performance during First Aid activities. Some small issues were noted with search types (2 and 3), specifically the inconsistency of percentage of items found between teams. Overall it was a very successful recertification
 - Karl Melseth discussion: We are finding that team leaders are having trouble executing critical spacing in an efficient manner. If critical spacing is used training will need to be improved for critical spacing. Recommendation was made to identify what problem we are trying to solve by using critical spacing.
- Thurston County/Mason County combined recertification:
 - Pierce County and Kitsap County personnel have volunteered to support. King County is attempting to identify personnel that can support.
 - Awaiting verification of the location for the recertification.
 - Karl will send details for search type setup to Mason County and Thurston County. One county will run the stations and one county will run the mock search since it is a joint recertification.

MANUAL:

- No updates available at this time.
- Roger Ramsdell is prepared to pass on all materials related to and associated with the Training Manual.

TRAINING:

- Roger Ramsdell recommended that annual joint training be established with all WESAR counties.
 - Kitsap County suggested using their new training area or Green Mountain. Kitsap County recommended to table the issue to investigate and will notify all board members prior to the next meeting.

UNIT REPORTS:

- **KING:**
 - Bob Boyd has resigned from WESAR.
 - Training courses are complete for the year with 88 graduates. Graduation will be April 14th.
 - Missions since last meeting include 4 rescues and 6 searches, 2 urban and 3 evidence.
- **KITSAP:**
 - 10 trainees certified and will graduate in April. Started with close to 20 trainees this year.
 - Supported approximately 5 searches this year (Jan)
 - Kitsap is utilizing Salesforce as a management tool for the group which will enable the consolidation of all administrative documentation currently in use. Kitsap County will update other WESAR counties as the program matures.
 - Elections for board members will occur at the next monthly meeting.
 - Kitsap County has implemented a 20% minimum rule for searches. All personnel will be required to attend 20% of searches throughout the period of a year to remain on the active callout list.
 - Summer training season starts in May with classroom training followed by a week long summer academy in July.
- **MASON:**
 - Training remains as scheduled.
 - Started with approximately 12 trainees. One perspective trainee graduating.
 - Anticipating one fully fielded team for the upcoming recertification.
- **PIERCE:**
 - 4 missions supported since January.
 - The training season is complete. 56 trainees with 27 graduating. Graduation will be March 31.
 - Elections were held. All past officers remain.
 - Anticipate trail running support at Crystal Mountain.
 - Plan to support Junior Daffodil in April.
- **THURSTON:**
 - 2 searches supported including 1 turnaround in Mason County and one other mission (grid searching a large area with varying terrain).
 - Completed 2 classroom navigation sessions and field training.
 - 30 trainees to date, 5 may not graduate.
 - Elections to occur in April. Roger will be resigning as President.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Search Management manual:
 - Karl Melseth recommends getting copies (8 manuals) of the Canadian (ERI) edition for everyone to look at.
 - Recommendation was made by Karl Melseth to have WESAR write its own curriculum.
 - Roger Ramsdell also likes the Canadian version due to included forms and standardized processes. Roger Ramsdell will ask Clint Cole to look into ordering those books.
- Kittitas County will be partnering with Kitsap for training towards WESAR membership.
- Elections were held for open Board Member positions:
 - Kate Cummings nominated Karl Melseth
 - Karl Melseth nominated Cheryl Drevecky
 - Cheryl Drevecky nominated Kate Cummings
 - Roger Ramsdell motioned to approve all nominations since there were 3 empty Board Member positions. Grant Smith seconded. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Karl Melseth would like WESAR to consider having all county training coordinators participate in recertifications. This will assist new training coordinators with identifying what the WESAR training standard is as well as assist with recertification staffing. This will also help with standardizing WESAR. Recommendation was made by Adelle Smith to move recertifications to a time when the training coordinators are less busy like April to May. Karl will send out a summary of this recommendation to all units.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- The dates for the 2019-2020 WESAR are as follows:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1230 hours.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2019 (at the Tacoma Police Department Meeting Room starting at 1000 hours)

- WESAR Board met at 1240 to discuss the following:
 - Elections of Chairman: Adelle Smith nominated Karl Melseth. Brooks Hanford seconded. All approved.
 - Election of Vice Chairman: Karl Melseth nominated Kate Cummings. Craig Southard seconded. All approved.