

Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference
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ASRC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2017
Teleconference

Documented Board Representatives	Group	BOD Reps Present
Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group 1. Keith Conover, Chair 2. Don Scelza	AMRG	2
Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group 1. Gregg Stronko 2.	BRMRG	1
Michael Hansen,		1
Maryland Search and Rescue 1. Dan Brizuela, Vice Chair 2. Kyle Rhoderick	MSAR	3
Mountaineer Area Rescue Group 1. Ken Chiacchia 2. Carl Wertz	MARG	1
Northwest Pennsylvania K-9 Search and Rescue 1. LuAnn Gatti 2. Kathy Yocum-Lamb, Secretary	NWPAK9SAR	2
Search and Rescue Ohio 1. Brian Maier	SAR-Ohio	1
Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group 1. 2.	SMRG	0

I. Call to Order

The Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting of the ASRC was called to order by Keith Conover, Chairman, at 1310 on Sunday, February 4, 2017. The meeting was conducted via teleconference.

II. Participant Role Call

Keith Conover opened the meeting with Participant review and confirmation that a quorum was also established. (6 ASRC Groups were represented, as documented in the chart above.)

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from January 2017 BOD meeting were not sent out. Minute review and approval will occur at the next scheduled meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. ASRC Research Coordinator Nomination: Keith Conover & Mike Hansen

Heather Lum from NWPAK9SAR has expressed interest in fulfilling the position of Research Coordinator for the ASRC. Motion was made and seconded nominating Heather as Coordinator, motion carries. Discussion regarding position: This individual is to complete research in identified areas of SAR. One specific area is sweep width during searches. The intention is to then publicize results. This is to promote research within SAR teams and enlist those interested to assist. This individual will have their finger on the pulse of needs, locate help in meeting those needs, writing of grants (which Heather has done within her group and work) moving the direction of the ASRC forward within the realm of research. Vote was taken, all in favor, unanimously passed. Heather Lum will be Research Coordinator.

B. Review and finalize pending disciplinary complaints:

It was determined at the Winter Retreat BOD meeting that Andrew Hower would reach out to the parties involved, gather information from both and provide a report and recommendations to the board by February 1st and formal report would be presented to this board at this meeting today. Andrew has not been reached by Keith since the retreat and he is not present on this call.

This discussion will be in separately filed minutes which will be attached.

C. Discuss number of ASRC-credentialed members required for groups:

Need to work on this before a vote occurs. Discussion of FTM, CQ and what is achievable for team members. Want to allow teams to have members who are active participants without making the ability to become certified so difficult the never move from one level to the next. More information necessary to make completely informed decision and vote to occur. This is tabled until our next board meeting.

D. Discuss ASRC Fellowship – Don Scelza

This allows those who have made a commitment to the ASRC to continue to be involved and provide support. These folks have been a valuable asset, devoted their time and efforts to improving the SAR community. This fellowship will help recognize and allow continued support of these individuals. A motion was made to approve the ASRC Fellowship and was seconded. Vote taken, all voted in favor, no opposed, no abstains and was passed unanimously.

We were instructed to bring lists of proposed Fellows (current and past members) to next board meeting and a vote will be taken on acceptance into the ASRC Fellowship. Jim Jackson's name was presented as an individual to consider. Again vote to be taken at the next board meeting.

It was recommended Steve Weiss be a non-voting member of the board (Chair of the Credentialing Board). Comments and questions of why do we need to have chairs as members of the board voting or non? It was felt the cohesiveness of the Liaison with the board is essential for success of the credentialing committee. He would be included on emails, discussion related and this would assist in keeping his relationship formal.

Questions related to how many positions do we do this with as this could cause the board to become a large an entity in itself losing site of the board's ability to conduct business successfully.

Finally after much debate the thought is: each decision regarding the individual move to be a non-voting member of the board would be an individual vote. It is a rescindable decision; they can be voted on as well as voted off.

No final decision made on Steve Weiss non-voting membership on the board. This will table until the next meeting.

E. Decide on host & schedule for the next AGM

Informal discussion occurred. Presently no groups are able to commit. Potential brought up to August/September 2017. Possible locations in Virginia (Blackburn Trail Center) discussed. Tabled for present and will be discussed at later date. All teams are asked to look at their schedules and possibility of hosting.

V. Next BOD Meeting

- A. The date for the next BOD meeting will be Saturday May 6. (discussed Saturday vs. Sunday and there was a consensus that Saturday was best).
- B. Dan Brizuela (MSAR) will be checking to see if a MSAR member has a

connection to Frostburg State University just west of Cumberland, MD.
If there is he/she may be able to secure a free room there for the next BOD meeting.

- C. A nearby alternative that was discussed is a large restaurant that has a Banquet room. The Hen House Restaurant, henhouserestaurant.com Dan will check this out as well inquiring if we can reserve a room for our meeting.

IV. Good of the Order

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1419