

April 25, 2015

ISARC Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting for the ISARC Board of directors was held April 25, 2015 in Peoria. It was called to order at 10:07 am with Kim Gotte, Val Sye-Haritos, Mark Molleck, Annette Hannig, Allen Matza, Doug Orr board members, and Bryan Collett member in attendance.

The board acted on a request/letter sent by Chris Hinchcliffe regarding his lead instructor status being reinstated now that he has completed the requirements the board set for him. Motion to reinstate Chris Hinchcliffe as a lead instructor was made by Mark Molleck with a second by Val Sye-Haritos, motion carried.

We now have several of the new instructors that took the GSAR Train the Trainer class that have completed their requirement of being monitored teaching a class. Those to be approved as new instructors for GSAR are Jim Hanley, Scott Garrett, Ally Burns, Mike Burns, John Rawson, and Matt Krause. A motion to approve the new GSAR instructors was made by Annette Hannig with a second by Allen Matza, motion carried. Kim Gotte will send new instructor certificates to them. The board also approved Kim Gotte as a new lead SARM instructor as she has completed her requirements, motion to approve made by Annette Hannig and a second by Doug Orr, motion carried.

A motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made by Mark Molleck and a second by Doug Orr, motion carried.

The Treasurers report was given by Val Sye-Haritos with our balance in the checking account of \$15,353.23 and a balance in the PayPal account of \$416.90. We now have 54 paid members. A motion was made by Mark Molleck to approve the treasurers report and a second by Allen Matza, motion carried.

The board would like an updated merchandise report but Curt Hannig was not in attendance. He will get this to the board.

There was some discussion on the challenge coins that we have in our merchandise. It was decided after much discussion and a motion was made by Mark Molleck to remove the restriction on the purchase of challenge coins as before where you could only purchase if you had attended and passed the SARM class to be available for purchase by any ISARC member. The second to the motion was made by Doug Orr, motion carried.

There was some discussion on the merchandise brochure being on the ISARC website. It was decided that we would put it on the website so as to be more available to our members. A motion to do this was made by Val Sye-Haritos and a second by Doug Orr with the stipulation that you have to be a member to purchase any items, motion carried.

On the merchandise it was also discussed that if there was a way to have some of the merchandise to be made available to the northern agencies to see that we might sell more merchandise. After much discussion on the issue it was decided to send just a “sample” of each item to Val Sye-Haritos so they have to at least be able to see before they purchase. A sample of a t-shirt, hoodie, hat, challenge coin, and a few water bottles will be mailed to Val Sye-Haritos.

Kim Gotte had an update on the volunteer rescue program. After much talking with the vendor after what they had previously told us that those agencies that joined before a certain deadline would not be charged they have now changed their mind and they will be charging \$24.95 a month per team that is using the program. With that fee being added and knowing that many agencies can not afford that fee she has been looking into other options for ISARC and its members. There is a group out of New Hampshire that has a program and it does cost but it is \$495 a year with the capability for that one fee or main user to have many users under that one fee. They are to call her back in a few days with more details. It was discussed that what will happen to our information that Kim Gotte has already uploaded into the Volunteer Rescue program and she said that it is retrievable at any time. A motion was made by Mark Molleck to sever ties with Volunteer Rescue as soon as possible before they start charging us; a second was made by Val Sye-Haritos motion carried.

Val Sye-Haritos was contacted by Kevin Lyne from MABAS that he would like to come to a meeting to give us some information regarding IL Urban Search & Rescue team. He is their new Urban SAR branch chief and wants to get with us to see what they can offer us resource wise and what we can offer them as well. Val Sye-Haritos will contact him to see if he would like to come to our next meeting.

Conference Committee report: There has been a vendor form set up to send to those potential vendors. Allen Matza chairman left his information at home but said that some vendors have been confirmed and he is still working on more. There was also discussion again on options for breakout sessions with ham in a day being one as well as we need to have K-9 sessions this year.

Mutual Aid: Kim Gotte will be sending Doug Orr the updated information for those on the committee before so that he can contact those people to see if they would still like to continue and then he can get individuals committed to his committee. It was also discussed that we need to make sure that each agency has an updated mutual aid agreement with ISARC showing where they will and will not travel to for mutual aid.

Training and Validations: some discussion as made on the suspension of the validations of teams. After much discussion a motion was made by Mark Molleck to do away with team validations a second was made by Allen Matza, motion carried. At this point we decided as a board that there is no real reason to have validated teams as we all train the same way and we would call upon any team at any time for help not just calling for validated teams. After this motion and change the committee will now be just called the Training committee.

Outreach committee: after discussion by the board it was decided that the brochure needs to be updated to reflect new updated information. Val Sye-Haritos and Kim Gotte will work on this together.

501c3 status: Kim Gotte has been doing more research with her contacts and they said the first and foremost thing that we need to put in place is an accounting program. Several options for programs were discussed and a motion was made Annette Hannig to purchase an easy to use reliable program with the purchase price not to exceed \$200. A second was made by Doug Orr, motion carried. Val Sye-Haritos will look into programs and get the one best suited for us. This will get us one step closer to qualify for our 501c3 status.

Kim Gotte talked to the board about adding a second line for information so as not to tie up our hotline number with all the telemarket calls or just people calling for information. This will not tie the line up for real emergencies. A motion was made by Val Sye-Haritos for Kim Gotte to set up a second line however it needs to be done with a second by Mark Molleck, motion carried.

The BNav curriculum was presented to the board by Kim Gotte and Bryan Collett. The entire presentation was shown to the board. Motion to approve the new BNav curriculum was made by Allen Matza with a second by Mark Molleck, motion carried.

With no more business to be discussed by the board the meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.