

Minutes of the April 23, 2016 ISARC Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Gotte at 10:35 am. In attendance were Board Members Kim Gotte, Vicki Maish, Mark Molleck, and Ralph Kuchenbrod—requirements for meeting quorum were met.

Absent: John Lund, Allan Matza, Doug Orr

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 20, 2016 board meeting were approved as posted on the ISARC website.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Doug Orr was absent and no treasurer's report was presented.

Discussions

- Board Member Mark Molleck asked how someone became a SARIO presenter. Chair Gotte explained that a person must co-teach SARIO with a SARIO instructor and signed off to present SARIO on their own. A SARIO instructor must be a SARM instructor to sign off a SARIO presenter because of the search management components of SARIO.
- Board Member Vicki Maish reported she represented ISARC at the Weather Seminar in Peoria on March 5th. She reported she sold about \$200 worth of ISARC merchandise. Vicki thanked Mark Molleck for sitting in for her a few times during the day.
- It was reported that Vice-Chair Allen Matza represented ISARC at the Winnebago Emergency Planning Conference by manning a table on April 12th.
- Chair Gotte reported she has been in contact with MABAS about possibly participating in a full-scale exercise in June 2016. Chair Gotte said she will be talking with Kevin Lyne, Operations Branch Chief of Illinois Task Force One on Monday April 25, 2016. Apparently the National Guard and MABAS are interested in land navigation—they are good with street maps but not so much with SAR-related grid maps.
- Chair Gotte expressed interest in doing more with ILEAS explaining she feels it is important to let them know about ISARC's capabilities. Gotte reported the ILEAS conference is slated for June.
- Chair Gotte also reported ISARC should try to get into the upcoming sheriff's conference. Gotte also mentioned trying to expand ISARC membership into the western part of the state (e.g., Jo Davies and Carroll counties).
- Considerable discussion was held concerning former ISARC member Anthony Marzano and his ground search operations curriculum. Mark Molleck asked if anyone knew what Mr. Marzano's motives were. He stated it was unclear if Marzano is trying usurp ISARC and start his own organization or if just has his own ideas about SAR techniques and is offering agencies alternate means to train their members in ground search techniques. Chair Gotte confirmed ISARC is currently using Mr. Marzano's Search and Rescue Management (SARM) 7.0 curriculum. Secretary Kuchenbrod reported he attended Mr. Marzano's GSOC train-the-trainer session on April 9, 2016 and offered that it does not appear that Mr. Marzano is interested in starting a competing organization. Mr. Marzano does feel that ISARC's GSAR training has some gaps and created GSOC

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to address those perceived gaps. Mr. Marzano also feels GSOC compliments the new SARM syllabus.

Mark Molleck asked for specifics in regards to the differences between GSAR and GSOC and Kuchenbrod mentioned GSOC does not use AMDR for team spacing. This prompted Mr. Molleck to mention that many agencies are not using the latest version of AMDR (i.e., spacing is left up to each individual team member not the team leader) and are staying with the method taught prior to the latest revision. Kuchenbrod concurred with Molleck and mentioned Champaign County is not in favor of the new method. Kuchenbrod also mentioned that GSOC is based on the techniques outlined in ASTM standards. Chair Gotte stated she felt that GSAR met most of the standards outlined in the ASTM documents. She said she would post copies of the relevant ASTM standards in Dropbox in order for interested board members to review them and draw their own conclusions. No action was suggested or taken in regards to Mr. Marzano and his GSOC program.

- Mr. Molleck mentioned he received a telephone call from a citizen who was interested in taking an upcoming GSAR class in order to join a local SAR team. Discussion followed and it was reiterated that only those persons affiliated with a qualifying agency (e.g., fire, police, or sheriff's departments, EMA, etc.) can take GSAR classes. Chair Gotte reported that the lead instructors are aware of the affiliation requirement.
- Discussion was held concerning the upcoming ISARC conference. Vicki Maish moved to charge conference vendors \$100 which would include meals for two people. Mark Molleck seconded, motion passed. Chair Gotte said she would give Mr. Molleck a prospectus for the conference. Molleck reported the Little Galilee camp is quite nice. ISARC will be using the activity center, the dining hall, and three cabins. Chair Gotte reported we will be using the same insurance company as last year. She also reported membership on the conference committee is increasing but reminded those present that a board member is needed to oversee the conference committee. Chair Gotte said she has a lot of resources that will help the committee (e.g., checklists). She reminded everyone how much work it is to lead the conference, they must have meetings and weekly telephone calls.
- Chair Gotte reported the next newsletter is not done but very close. She thought she would be able to send it to board members as early as the evening of April 24, 2016.

New Business

- It was reported that the board does not know which member agencies have renewed for 2016. Apparently there has been confusion with the change in the mailing address of the treasurer. Apparently there are agencies that have paid but not had the check clear the back and some agencies have not received dues notices. Chair Gotte said she would call Treasurer Orr for clarification.
- Instructors Scott Garrett and Jim Hanley were recommended by Bryan Collett to be appointed Lead GSAR Instructors. Mark Molleck moved and Vicki Maish seconded, motion passed.
- Chair Gotte reported she had received a request for a GSAR class, maybe in July, from Wabash County. Also, Jo Davies may want a GSAR class in the fall.
- Chair Gotte reported that the curriculum for the Land Navigation class has been edited to reflect changes recommended by those reviewing it during the beta-presentation. Mr. Molleck thought

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the training was excellent and Chair Gotte reported all of the evaluations were good. Mr. Molleck moved that the land navigation class be approved, Kuchenbrod seconded, motion passed. Certificates will now be sent to the participants.

- Discussion was held as to whether or not ISARC should charge non-member agencies for training or require they join ISARC. No action was recommended or taken.
- Mark Molleck moved and Vicki Maish seconded that meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted 23APR2016 _____

Ralph Kuchenbrod, ISARC Secretary