

Federation Meeting: September 16, 2006

Present	Not Present
Amigo Search and Rescue Dogs	Boonville SAR
Cayuga County Highland Search and Rescue Team	Central Adirondack SAR
Lewis County SAR	North Country SAR
Livingston County Search Coordination	Northeast Mobile SAR
Lower Adirondack SAR	Pathfinder K-9 SAR
Massasauga SAR	Ramapo Rescue Dog Association
New Jersey Initial Response Team	Single trackers SAR
New Jersey SAR	Team 5-1
New York SAR	Waterford Emergency Team
Oswego County SAR	
SAR of Northern Adirondacks	
Western NY Search Dogs	
Wilderness Search Team	

Meeting called to order 6:15 PM

Motion made to dispense with reading of previous meeting's minutes. Motion passed

Treasurers Report:

Current Check Book Balance: \$15,063.80

Current Petty Cash: \$51.88

Total Savings: \$3000

Total Cash and Savings: \$18,151.71

Officers report:

Communications: No Report

Logistics: Turn in Team Equipment Report Survey's even if there is nothing to report.

Vice-Chair: No Report

Chair:

The acting director of DEC Rangers stepped down. DEC is currently searching for a replacement. An in-term director has been appointed during search.

Rangers are now on equal basis as law enforcement due to legislation change. Their role on searches may change. Rangers can now manage their own time so they have more flexibility for scheduling events. That will help with both classes and searches because they no longer have to try and get approval. Rangers will also be able to do collective bargaining.

There are two potential new K-9 evaluators. They first need to be approved by the K-9 Committee.

The K9 disaster class is still on schedule. It will be held at the Sennett Fire Station 1. CCHSAR is attempting to keep costs down by getting donations to help off set some of the expenses.

Insurance is coming due soon. There is a listing available of what vehicles and trailers need coverage. If there are any changes let Roger know. The company will have a quote back to us in October since the policy expires in November.

Old Business

NASAR: The next step to proceeding with the NASAR training program is to solicit instructors. An email will go out shortly to find instructors for Fundamentals of SAR and Managing the Lost Person Incident. Persons desiring to become NASAR instructors need 2 letters of recommendation and have to have previously been a recognized instructor. They will also need to provide a resume to help provide proof of competency.

There was some discussion about whether it would be good to continue to pursue NASAR training given some past issues with NASAR mismanagement of funds. The majority didn't feel it was a concern since NASAR is now under new management.

Other class topics were discussed. One other possible topic suggested was water rescue.

The training program was discussed. The plan is still to involve DEC with this process to help enhance current training. The goal is to have a blending of DEC training designed specifically for the search and rescue community. The Basic class is designed for Fire Fighters and not really search personal. Basic fits a program that DEC needs for fire fighters so the class won't be modified.

Legislative: Nothing new until October or November. A strategy for getting the bills out of committee is still being worked on.

At previous meeting Roger was authorized to expend up to \$250 to get appreciation plaques. When pricing was obtained it was found that in order to get better prices at least 25 have to be ordered. In order to 25 an additional \$100 was needed. Motion passed and Roger was asked to continue with pursuing the plaques.

Training:

K-9 Disaster First Responder Training Oct 27-29

Joel Hardin tracking class Oct 22-24, Class has been moved to 4h center in Ambroy. There are currently 26 people signed up.

MLSO has about 15 people signed up including 3 state police personal. Deadline is next week to order books so sign up ASAP if interested.

Basic DEC class is being taught in Parish Thursday, October 12 from 7-10 and Saturday October 14 from 8-1. Anyone is welcome to attend. However, anyone planning to attend needs to pre-register. Details are available on the web calendar.

New Business:

New Jersey Initial Response Teams probationary year was up in August. Motion made and was accepted to accept them as full members.

Invitations were sent out to all the teams for Oswego's anniversary dinner on October 7. If anyone didn't get an invitation see Sue. Dinner costs \$20 a person.

NASAR SAR Tech III testing can be available in the afternoon before the party on Oct 7. If anyone is interested let Fred or George know.

NY Guard unit out of Utica is interested in putting together a SAR team and becoming members of federation. The unit would not be eligible to become a full voting member of the Federation since the Federation would not have the authority to activate them. They would have to be activated by DEC or whoever called the Federation in. It was thought perhaps they could become an associate member so they can better stay in touch and get more training. There was discussion on performance of NY Guard members at Indian Lake search and that they did a good job and were prepared. There were some questions on whose search management they would be under during a search, what their response area would be and reasons for wanting to join the Federation. Motion made to have representative from unit come to next meeting to answer questions.

Began thinking about if your team is interested in hosting the next fall or spring COMFED. April and May will come quickly.

Email: It is difficult to send an item to all the teams and know that you have everyone. It was suggested a listserv be set up. Listservs are set up and waiting for the addresses. Within the next week or two the addresses will get added and we can start using them.

Encourage new people to come to conferences and meetings. We also need to get more younger people involved.

Special thanks to Dave Perkins and Pete Roberts for coming in from England to teach the Initial Response –Search Management Class.