

ISARC Board Meeting on September 5, 2020

The September 5, 2020 ISARC Board meeting was held at the Peru Rescue Station. The meeting was called to order at 0900 by Chairman Ed Kemper. Members present at the meeting were Chair Ed Kemper, Vice Chair Jason Buckley, Treasurer Carol Lussky, Secretary Tom Foust, Board Members Kim Gotte and Richard Bickel. Absent was Board Member Greg Nimmo. Also present were guests Dawn Watson and Anthony Sondegroth from LaSalle County GSAR and Tammy Bennett from Douglas County.

The Minutes of the August 1, 2020 board meeting had been sent to the Board members. There were some corrections to be made. These were pointed out to be corrected. A motion made by Carol Lussky to accept the minutes with corrections. Kim Gotte seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Carol Lussky. She reported that she had talked with Busey Bank. With their direction, this account will be closed out by the end of this month. Carol Lussky also reported that she had talked with Chase Bank about double signers on checks. It was fine with them and they were willing to sell us new checks but we can continue to use our checks. Kruger and Associates (the accountants) sent us a bill for \$262.50 for their services. Jason Buckley moved that we pay this bill. Kim Gotte seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Attorney General's office sent us our Charitable Trust number so we appear to be in good standing with them. We received a check from Amazon Smiles for \$14.53. This program works and as more people sign up, the organization could earn a little money. Carol Lussky reported that as of this date, we have 53 paid teams, with several more teams to be added shortly. Jason Buckley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Richard Bickel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board had discussed fingerprinting for teams for the Memorandum of Agreement. Dawn Watson had checked on an option that Illinois Valley Community College uses for the School. A team could enter into a contract with a company named Accurate Biometrics. They can do the fingerprints and the background checks for \$37.00 each. This is an option for teams if they wish to have this done at a possible cheaper cost.

Ed Kemper reported on a Covid19 update. He stated that he has seen pictures on social media of team members not wearing their masks or practicing social distancing. Ed Kemper stressed that this is important and that we need to follow the guidelines. It is also important that the instructors also follow the guidelines and help keep their classes safe. Kim Gotte said that she would make it part of the update for the instructors.

The Board then discussed the Fulton County search. We discussed the various pros and cons of the operations but the bottom line was that it was a successful search with the victim being found.

Ed Kemper then discussed the job description sheets for board members. This would give candidates for the board positions to understand what the job entails. The changes that had been made to the job description sheets were discussed and they were approved by the board members.

The Board discussed voting for new members as this year things are a little strained. Electronic voting was discussed and believed to be relatively inexpensive. Quotes will be obtained by the next board meeting so see what the cost is. As for the annual meeting, Kim Gotte volunteered to write up instructions for the Zoom annual meeting.

There was a Board discussion about waivers for other ISARC activities beside the GSAR class. This will include searches and other trainings.

There was a brief discussion by the Board over the numbering system for documents. This way the Board can keep track of documents and any changes or revisions. The Secretary will have to keep a key of these for proper maintenance of these documents.

Ed Kemper brought up a need for a Thank You letter for donations that the organization might receive. Tom Foust will have a copy of a letter for the Board approval at the next board meeting.

The 2021 Conference was talked about and if there was going to be a conference. The Board chose October 1-3, 2021 at Little Galilee Christian Camp. The Board also discussed the missing man tracking class. The Board chose April 9-11, 2021 with an alternative date of April 16-18, 2021. And Little Galilee Christian Camp depending on availability. The dates for both the conference and the man tracking are tentative but at this time, the Board plans to move forward with these programs.

Kim Gotte reported for the Curriculum Committee. She reported that the several Zoom classes that she has held are went well.

Ed Kemper reported on the Mutual Aid Committee. He said that the Memorandums of Agreement, the Resource Guide and team renewals will be sent out in December, 2020.

Kim Gotte reported for the Outreach Committee. She reported that Buffalo Grove CERT and several other agencies were working on becoming members.

At this point the Board members worked on the punch list of tasks that need to be completed.

The next board meeting will on October 3, 2020 at 0900 at the Peru Rescue Station.

With all topics on the agenda completed, there was a motion by Richard Bickel to adjourn the meeting. Jason Buckley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1250.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Foust

Secretary