

ISARC Board Meeting on January 4, 2020

The January 4, 2020 ISARC Board meeting was held at the Peru Rescue Station. The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Kemper at 1000. Members present at the meeting were Chair Ed Kemper, Vice Chair Jason Buckley, Treasurer Carol Lussky, Secretary Tom Foust and Board member Kim Gotte. Absent were Board members Greg Nimmo and Richard Bickel. Also present was a guest, Mike Burns, Outreach Committee Chair.

The Minutes of the December 2019 board meeting had been previously sent to the Board members via email. Kim Gotte moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jason Buckley seconded. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Carol Lussky. She reported that she had been busy getting out the member invoices. She did not prepare a monthly Treasurer's report. Jason Buckley moved to approve what the Treasurer presented. Kim Gotte seconded. The motion carried. In addition to the Treasurer's report was information that Ed Kemper and Jason Buckley needed to go to Chase Bank and sign cards to have additional officers on the account. Jason Buckley asked Carol Lussky to check with our tax people to make sure we were still within our time of extension for tax filing. Carol Lussky said that she would follow up with this. At this time there was no further information about our 501c3. We were told no news is good news.

Ed Kemper brought up having dedicated emails for the Board instead of sending from Board members' agency or personal email accounts. The option of having those emails will be investigated and reported back at the next Board meeting. Ed Kemper wanted to make sure the Board calendar was up to date with trainings and meetings. Kim Gotte said that she had taken care of it.

Conference Committee Conference Chair Tom Foust stated that he is getting his committee together. Tom Foust said that he has talked with committee members about a theme for the convention and that he would have more to report at the next Board meeting. Jason Buckley moved that we send the deposit payment in the amount of \$400 to Little Galilee Christian Camp. Kim Gotte seconded. The motion carried. The Conference Committee was also informed that New Lenox is interested in teaching a breakout session for this conference. This will be followed up on. Ed Kemper also requested that an agenda for the order of business for the annual meeting be made prior to the conference. He said that he would also like the voting delegates at the conference have their ID's marked so we know who the voting delegates are.

Ed Kemper brought up next the web site. He is going to set up an appointment with Joan Brehm. There are some items that need to be changed and added. It was reported that at a previous Board meeting that Greg Nimmo was interested in also being an administrator for the website.

The two changes to the by-laws suggested at the conference were brought up. The first involved term limits for the Board members and officer positions. The second one involved the number of voting delegates needed to make a quorum. These would require changes to the By-laws. The Board decided that since the By-laws are tied up with the 501c3, any changes to the By-laws would be tabled until the 501c3 has been completed.

Curriculum Committee Chair Kim Gotte brought up the plan for having an update class for the GSAR instructors. This would not be a full class but just an update so the newest information gets taught. Ed

Kemper stated that training is an issue. He said that we do not have enough instructors to service the member agencies. Ed Kemper would like a meeting with instructors to discuss training ideas, problems and to get their commitment to teach. He said that the Board needs their feedback. After much discussion it was a more pressing issue to hold a Train-the-Trainer. That date was set for February 29, 2020 and to be held at Peru Rescue Station- It was discussed to try to keep this weekend every year for a potential GSAR Train-The-Trainer, if enough interest was presented. The Board did talk about reimbursement for the instructors. This might make a difference in their commitment to keep teaching. This will be one topic for the instructor's meeting.

Mutual Aid Committee Chair Ed Kemper had nothing to report. Kim Gotte said that she had been keeping track of the responses coming back from the MOA survey. She had said that she is also starting a spread sheet to track the results. Secretary Tom Foust will be keeping the hard copies on file.

Outreach Committee Chair Mike Burns had been asked to talk about our merchandise. He brought in the samples of the merchandise to see what we were getting. The Board wanted to see the quality of the merchandise being offered. There had been discussion about the price of items and that it was a little expensive. The Board agreed to keep the pricing to just a little over cost. This would be tried for a year to see how it works.

The Board then discussed the Social Media Policy. The Board will go over the proposed policy at the next Board meeting. It should also be handed out on a call out to remind the member agencies what our policy is.

Ed Kemper brought up the punch list. We looked over items we needed to complete and it was updated.

The Board then went over the Strategic Plan. The Board members are to go over it so it can be completed at the next Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be on February 1, 2020 at the Peru Rescue Station at 0900.

With the topics on the agenda completed, there was a motion by Jason Buckley to adjourn. Kim Gotte seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1410

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Foust
Secretary