

ISARC Emergency Board Meeting on March 16, 2020

An ISARC Emergency Board meeting was held via conference call on March 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Kemper at 1210. Members present on the call were Chair Ed Kemper, Treasurer Carol Lussky, Secretary Tom Foust and Board member Kim Gotte. Absent were Vice Chair Jason Buckley, Board members Greg Nimmo and Richard Bickel. Bryan Collett, Mantracking Event Facilitator was also on the call.

The discussion of the meeting was the status of the upcoming Mantracking course to be held April 3-5, 2020. Due to the current state of the COVID-19 virus there was a need to discuss postponing or cancelling the course.

Kim Gotte sent to the Board the listing of the monies that were already spent and upcoming monies to be spent, along with the event budget. Flights for both instructors were paid for and a deposit for the camp. Kim Gotte had reached out to the airlines and found that they would either refund or give credit for the flights, if done prior to 48 hours prior to the flight.

There was discussion of initial contact with Fernando Moreira and his availability. He had available April 10-12 but was unavailable until after June otherwise. The camp would be in full swing of summer camps at that time. The next date that Fernando had available was the weekend of August 14. The camp also was available at that time. The discussion was whether the weather would be too warm at that time.

It was decided that the event would be postponed. The registered participants would be emailed to let them know that we would be postponing the event with a date to-be-determined. The email will include instructions for cancellation if they did not want to wait or needed their fees returned.

Bryan Collett was to contact Fernando Moreira and the camp to come up with an acceptable group of dates that might be possible for the reschedule. Kim Gotte was to contact the airlines and see what their current policy would be for both postponing and cancelling. Tom Foust was to continue to pursue the event insurance and get all the proper documentation in order.

Another Emergency Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020 at 1200 via conference call. At that time we will decide what final action we will take. This will give us enough time to deal with the airlines on the purchased tickets.

On the note of other ISARC trainings, it was discussed whether other trainings were being held. It was announced that the Kane County Ground Search and Rescue Operations course was cancelled due to the virus. The Will County Ground Search and Rescue Operations course was held.

Carol Lussky moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tom Foust seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1225.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gotte
Board Member