

KISAR December 4, 2019 BoD Minutes

Call to order at 6:00 PM at Bayside Fire Hall

Minutes prepared by Philip T

Directors present: Steve, Sharon, Ryan, John, Philip, Ian, Nick

Nick talked about Ravn and KPD advertising in the 2020 calendar. Other advertisers, present or potential future, were discussed. Some discussion followed about which board members would contact which advertisers.

The December avalanche class was discussed. The high school vice principal expressed interest in still holding a class but the logistics needed to be worked out. There had been some staff turnover at the high school and KISAR would need to reestablish contacts before proceeding. Delaying the class until spring was proposed with March identified as a possibly more advantageous month, shortly before the school district's spring break.

John mentioned that ASARA had a beacon park that KISAR could borrow and make the foundation of an avalanche beacon workshop.

The lack of Southern Regional EMS Council grants was discussed. Only one of KISAR's 3 identified priorities will be funded for 2020. The spring WFA refresher with Deb A and the purchase of new equipment was not funded. Lydia was identified as a possible substitute instructor for first aid.

Ryan went over the agenda for the Saturday December 7 technical rope rescue training.

The call-out sequence for the lost hiker at White Sands from November 16 was discussed. It was ambiguous which agency initiated the official activation of KISAR which could have led to lack of insurance coverage for KISAR volunteers. KISAR used to receive worker's comp coverage through Bayside Fire and so would be covered if responding to a Bayside request. It was decided to try to establish a meeting with the public safety principles from the incident in order to determine what the activation protocols are, and in what circumstances KISAR should proceed with caution.

Nick followed up on his email about whether any KISAR board members wanted to take over the duties of participating quarterly as the Southwest Alaska representative in statewide conference calls with ASARA. No volunteers were identified so Nick will continue in that capacity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.