

KISAR August 20, 2020 General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:00 PM at Bayside Fire Hall

Minutes prepared by Tschersich

Directors present: Wielebski, Szabo, Tschersich, Cullum, Gibbs, Boyle

General Meeting minutes from July read and approved.

Guests/New Members: Colin Woodside and Colin Campbell introduced themselves and joined KISAR.

Treasurer's report: Nick talked about the roster and there was discussion about what level of current member participation with KISAR should warrant retention on the roster. ASARA will have its next meeting in September. Nick re-applied for KISAR non-profit status with the IRS. Nick forwarded the request for information from a law office in Seattle regarding the Dutch Harbor recovery mission from May 9, 2019 to Trooper Lt. Fussey. Philip gave background on the Dutch mission and the request by the law office.

Gibbs gave an update on KISAR getting insurance through an organization that also provides supplemental insurance to Bayside Fire volunteers. Paul VanDyke spoke about KISAR members receiving coverage through the Kodiak Island Borough's policy for employees. There was a general sense that KISAR would be open to supplemental coverage from KIB or Bayside Fire-associated entities if the opportunity arose, but would mainly be covered by AST and would constrain KISAR operations to incidents with Trooper case numbers.

Steve gave a short update on the Tugidak incident grieving mother's request for volunteers to search for the remains of her son. Family members of missing persons are still encumbered by the legal obligations of the lost individual and presumption of death certificates are difficult to obtain. With the elapsed time and remote location of the accident it seemed unlikely that a coordinated effort would be generated.

Philip read through the SAR incident report for the Kashevaroff ATV accident. Trooper Boyle gave insights from AST's perspective, and other members weighed in on what worked and what needed improvement. It was agreed that KISAR radios should have marine VHF channel 23a as the working frequency for helicopter operations. Safe travel in bear country was discussed. Cullum sought input on when to deploy and when to wait for additional KISAR members during mustering. Gathering members is good practice but should not be done at the expense of rendering timely assistance to the SAR subject and would be handled on a case-by-case basis. It was generally agreed that the Kashevaroff case went well. Sikes brought up the NASAR app for guiding call-out procedures, but it was recently taken off the iOS app store.

Philip uploaded the Kodiak road system trail catalog that the KIB GIS department put together to kisar.org. Philip ran through the self-paced technical rope rigging practical where members could check out a rack and ropes. Combined with the rigging manual

Philip created for KISAR members can practice setting up anchors, creating a 2-tensioned rope rescue raise and lower system, etc. at home at their own pace. Due to COVID concerns there would be a check-out protocol to allow 72 hours between member use for fomite decontamination.

Steve discussed his and Philip's trip to the KISAR hut to clean up wood construction debris which had blown from the hut site down into a ravine. He offered other hut maintenance duties that could be performed by members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. No training followed the meeting.