

KISAR April 21, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

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

Minutes prepared by Tschersich.

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

Meeting minutes from March read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Szabo contacted Alaska's Federal congressional delegation for assistance with getting KISAR's employer identification number reinstated by the IRS to proceed with the 501(c)(3) application. KISAR's employer identification number (EIN) has been re-connected to our organization. The application fee from last year will be refunded and we will resubmit the non-profit status application.

Szabo suggested taking part of the corpus of KISAR's savings and investing in certificates of deposit to earn higher interest rates. The investments could be of varying lengths to allow access to funds at intervals if needed.

Shanna Rockenbach at KANA may be able to offer KISAR members a self-paced, self-taught 1st Aid course where the participant would then test out at the end including a skills test in person. Deb Ajango is available for medical training again in the fall. The dates Sept 25-26 were suggested. KISAR still has a flight voucher with Alaska Airlines for her travel.

Boyle reported the ASARA meeting was cut short and would reconvene on April 22.

Tschersich discussed his spring and summer field work schedule and would pass the secretary binder and electronic files needed to apply for worker's comp insurance through AST to Gibbs.

Cottrel rescheduled the helo ops training to May 1, 0800 at the USCG Hangar 3. Helo orientation would be followed by hoist training on the tarmac.

Frank Dorner offered a May 21 Stop The Bleed class following the general KISAR meeting.

Chris Bruno will be in Kodiak in June and KISAR could work to coordinate a training with him.

The Southern Regional EMS Council grant money still needs to be spent. Kurt at Aksala Electronics will reprogram the KISAR radios according to the newly established frequency list and some of the grant money will be used to purchase new radio batteries from Aksala.

Purchasing a remote, cell-based weather station was discussed.

KISAR will work to produce a video PSA for local hikers focused on recommended day-hiking gear for backcountry preparedness.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM. Following the meeting Trooper Boyle gave a presentation on best practices when a search results in finding a deceased subject.