

KISAR August 31, 2021 BoD Minutes

Call to order at 7:00 PM via Jitsi virtual meeting

Minutes prepared by Philip T

Directors present: Wielebski, Szabo, Tschersich, Dorner, Boyle, Cottrell

July minutes read and approved.

Steve read the names of those KISAR members and members of the public who have committed to participating in the WFA class on Sept 25-26.

Nick has had preliminary discussions with Larry LeDoux, the superintendent of schools, about an avy course at the high school. With mitigation measures the lecture and training could go forward. The increase in backcountry users on Pyramid due to Covid was discussed. The consensus of the board was to go ahead with planning on an October or December avy training using an outside instructor.

Shanna at KANA will provide Nick with a new Southern Regional EMS Council grant application.

Paul Anderson will not be visiting Alaska in the near future but Mark Miraglia of the AK Mountain Rescue Group has developed a distance learning curriculum for IRIC training and can provide it to KISAR for free. Nick will look into scheduling the training for January or February.

Nick approached the board about investing part of KISAR's savings with the Alaska Community Foundation to obtain a higher interest rate. The benefits that ACF offers to nonprofits that invest using their services vs the management fees were discussed and the consensus of the board was to pursue the matter and Nick will investigate how much money we could dedicate to this move.

Nick is still working on the IRS 501 (c)(3) status.

Nick will double check with Rebecca Nelson, the acting fire chief, about the availability of Bayside Fire Hall for the September WFA training.

Steve reported that Eric Linscheid and Mike Litzow joined KISAR.

Philip reported that he had visited the KISAR hut and that the building was clean, secure, and no obvious maintenance issues presented themselves.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.