

KISAR November 10, 2022 BoD Minutes

Call to order at 8:05 PM via Jitsi virtual meeting

Minutes prepared by Philip T

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

Steve said Deb won't be coming to Kodiak for the WFA refresher class. She may have more time in the future after she retires from APU. He also said the fire chief, Lee Finlayson, offered to teach KISAR a patient packaging class.

Moving the meeting schedule back to Thursday was discussed. The move to Wednesday was instituted because local government needed the meeting space during the pandemic. Philip and Nick expressed interest in keeping the Wednesday meeting timeframe as Philip needs to file workers compensation paperwork with DPS for Saturday KISAR trainings by Thursday, and Nick is involved in the local governmental meetings.

Steve asked about Blaine Smith or Anitra Winkler from the Alaska Avalanche School giving an Avy talk. Nick said we have an extra \$1.5k due to Deb's WFA refresher class being cancelled that could be put towards that use. Philip pointed out that KISAR has been developing in-house avalanche safety instruction curricula to be less reliant on professional instruction for classes not resulting in a formal certificate (like Avy Level 1). Alternately, Blaine could focus his instruction on mountain rope work or other topics where there is less KISAR-based expertise.

Steve asked Nathan about base access for classes like with the Alaska Avalanche School. Nathan discussed doing a joint training with helicopters, possibly at Spruce Cape. He would bring it up with the new Operations Officer, Ryan Hawn (sp?), as a December training.

Josh relayed that the legislature grant funding for local SAR chapters would not be restricted to activities associated with ASARA's "SAR Academy" standards, as these are still being developed.

Nathan offered a brief description of 2 recent SAR cases the USCG responded to. An injured goat hunter in Ugak Bay and a plane crash in Cordova.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.