

KISAR May 15, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:08 PM at Bayside Fire Hall

Minutes prepared by: Tschersich

Directors present: Tschersich, Wielebski

February general membership meeting minutes were read and approved.

New members: Nicolette Salewski introduced herself. She had participated in the SAR Academy training, but this was her first membership meeting. She is interested in public service and the outdoor and has been in Kodiak for a while as her husband was finishing his time in the CG. Shanna and Jason McGrath introduced themselves. Shanna is a physician's assistant with the CG. Jason is a retired CG rescue swimmer. Both have extensive Kodiak and general Alaskan backcountry experience.

No Treasurer's report

Philip talked about the recent SAR Academy course and passed along the instructor's, Mark and Brent, feedback. They were impressed with KISAR and spoke highly of the level of skill and engagement by the participants.

Steve spoke about a possible training in October with Paul Anderson that was discussed at the recent BoD meeting. He could do an abbreviated search management class or cover specific topics like tracking. He mentioned that the *ad hoc* training committee's recommendation of an ice safety/rescue training had been tabled for the next Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA) funding cycle and we will pursue a joint training with Bayside and Fire Chief Ellis for the fall. Deb Ajango can come to Kodiak for a wilderness first aid (WFA) custom refresher class in late November.

Philip briefly discussed the proposed *ex officio* position for a representative from the Air Station on the KISAR BoD.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Following the meeting Philip gave a presentation on dual capability two tensioned rope systems and then did a hands-on demonstration of the concepts in preparation for the following Saturday's field exercise.