

## February 18, 2026 KISAR General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:07 PM at Bayside Fire Hall

Minutes prepared by: Tschersich

Directors present: Tschersich, Boyle, Wielebski

New members:

Kristiene Gong- came to Kodiak in July, partner is in CG, is training a possible K9 pup. Came from San Diego and worked with K9s there.

January minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer report: Nick absent

Deb Ajango of Safety Ed will do a full WFA certification on March 21-22. Approximately 6 members in attendance expressed interest in the course with another 6 responding previously or via email.

Steve talked about the online SAR Tech 3 certification course and materials.

Steve and Zack talked briefly about the Level 1 refresher course in Kodiak offered to the USCG.

Steve mentioned that he will be off island for the next month. KISAR may postpone the March meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday so Steve can participate.

Philip, Steve, Shea, and Josh discussed the the February 10-12 interagency SAREX training involving multiple USCG Air Stations and a Royal Canadian Air Force SAR team and aircraft. Radio communication and the use of coordinate systems was discussed. Josh talked about the Trooper training with the Canadians and USCG.

Steve said Blaine Smith can come to Kodiak to teach a course in April.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Following the meeting, Steve and Shea gave a training on common rescue knots.