

May 20, 2026 KISAR General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:08 pm

Minutes prepared by: Tschersich

Directors present: Wielebski, Tschersich, Boyle, Szabo

April meeting minutes were read and approved.

Josh gave an Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA) update. KISAR's request for funding of a Kodiak Survival School (KSS) class in the fall was approved. Philip talked about the past KSS training KISAR members had participated in.

Nick brought up the KISAR satellite phone and asked if made sense to continue to pay for the service. The general sense of the discussion was that with so many other reliable means of communication available, continuing with the \$500/yr sat phone contract was not necessary.

Steve said Deb can come down to Kodiak for a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) class in May 2027. Steve handed out WFA certification cards from the recent class.

Steve gave an update on information he learned at the SAR Symposium in Anchorage.

- Manch Garhart, ASARA armorer, could come down to Kodiak to lead a technical rope rescue training.
- Joe Stock delivered a risk management talk.
- Steve spoke with Erin Boklage of ASARA and Anchorage-area K9 units about setting up a remote training on SARTopo. This could be beneficial for KISAR to pursue before bringing the SARTopo trainer up from Washington state.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm. Following the meeting Myra gave a presentation on the K9 SAR dog training she and Delilah had been pursuing. Chris Glade asked if members would like to receive CPR and First Aid training to help him get teaching hours in.