



Meeting Minutes Nevada Search and Rescue Board

Attendance	DATE	Wednesday, February 14, 2024	
	TIME	2:00 p.m.	
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference: 1-669-219-2599 Meeting ID# 686 738 8625	
	RECORDER	Sherrean Whipple	
Appointed Voting Member Attendance			
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Joshua Fisher - Chair	X	Carol Lynn	X
Eric Antle	X	Matthew Marlow	ABS
Dan Coverley	X	Patty Polish	X
Kevin Haywood	X	1 st Lt. Alex Pinto	X
Doug Fisher	X	Billy Samuels	X
Legal/Administrative Support Attendance			
Representative		Entity	Present
Rodney Wright		SAR Coordinator–Nevada Division of Emergency Management	X
Samantha Ladich		Senior DAG – Nevada Office of the Attorney General	X
Sherrean Whipple		Admin – Nevada Division of Emergency Management	X

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Joshua Fisher, Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Sherrean Whipple. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Chair Joshua Fisher opened the first period of public comment for discussion. There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Joshua Fisher called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the April 4, 2023 SAR Board meeting. Billy Samuels, Clark County Fire Department, made the first motion to approve the minutes. Carol Lynn, Civil Air Patrol, seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Board Member

Chair Joshua Fisher announced the newest member of the SAR Board, Mr. Kevin Heywood. State EMS office has been appointed to the SAR Board. Kevin has been with the State EMS office for 3 years.

5. Board Member Leaving

Chair Joshua Fisher announced the 1st Lt. Alex Pinto is leaving as a SAR Board member, as he is being reassigned to the Civil Support Team. Chair Fisher thanked Alex for his service to the SAR Board. 1st Lt. Pinto announced that Sgt. First Class Kessler will be replacing 1st Lt. Pinto for the future.

6. Basic Inland Search Courses

Mr. Wright discussed the upcoming Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The Basic Inland Search Course is a 3-day course that will be held at the Great Basin College in Elko, NV. Sgt Doug Fisher will host the course April 9 – 11, 2024. A registration for in-person link was attached to a flyer with the meeting agenda. There is also a virtual attendance option for the didactic portion of the course to receive the information from the course.

Another training opportunity for the Las Vegas area called the “2024 William Syrotuck Symposium on Advanced Search Theory” being held at 340 Villa Monterey Dr, Las Vegas, NV on April 15, 2024 at the Red Rock Search and Rescue Building. See the flyer attached with the agenda for registration.

7. Swiftwater Resources in Nevada

Mr. Wright discussed with the SAR Board the results of a survey of available swift water resources in Nevada. The list is compiled of SAR and Fire/EMS resources available in their respective areas. It also lists the training level their team members are currently at. Mr. Wright will be also reaching out to the SAR units in Nevada to update what capabilities have been either gained or lost with their teams to update a list that is very old.

Mr. Samuels asked what the goals of the lists are, and to simplify it to typing and capabilities, not necessarily into how many people and number of equipment are on hand. Mr. Wright agreed and will work with the group on what the lists are looking at. Mr. Antle asked about adding a section to the list asking if the capability is available to be used outside of their home area. Mr. Wright agreed with that request and will look at incorporating it into future inquiries.

8. Discussion for the next SAR Board Meeting

Mr. Wright talked about getting a set schedule for the SAR Board meetings for the future. February and September are dates being proposed to book, to reduce the amount of time needed to find board availability and make sure we still meet NRS requirements. Mr. Samules suggested making it a set series as on the second Wednesday of every 6 months to block it out for the Board.

9. Public Comment

Chair Joshua Fisher opened discussion on the second period of public comment. Mr. Wright opened the public comment period thanking Chair Joshua Fisher and Co-Chair Patty Polish for serving the past 3 years. Mr. Wright announced there will be elections being held at the next meeting.

Chair Fisher, hearing no further comments, closed the public comment agenda item.

10. Adjournment

Chair Joshua Fisher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Billy Samuels, Clark County Fire Department, made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Lynn, Civil Air Patrol, made the second motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned.

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