

SAR Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 4, 2014

Attendance: Nathan Wegner, Andy Mentele, Keith Luke, Harvey Doerr, Doug Schley, Joy Schley, and Bill Schiefen.

Members Absent: Mike Baker, Nathan Sparks, Jason Nedved, Josh Peterson, Tanna Clark, Bob Sebert, Scott Houwman, Blake Waddell, Justin Ebert, Travis Hohn, and James Dietz.

Members Excused Absent: Jeff Bathke, Noah Hughes, and Bill Sebert.

Guests: Steve Nordwall (State Radio)

Motion by Andy Mentele to call the May S.A.R. meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Review of April 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Finding no corrections or additions, Motion by Keith Luke, second by Doug Schley to approve the April Minutes.

New Business:

- Radios: Steve Nordwall gave a detailed explanation of the digital radios and the different frequencies. Currently, the radio frequencies are confusing, out of sync with the Fire and Police Department, and need to be reprogrammed. Andy Mentele mentioned that some radios are distributed out and would need to be collected before sending radios with Steve. Nathan Wegner informed the group that the reprogramming would be free of charge and Steve will provide a spreadsheet of the new frequencies that will be placed in all S.A.R. vehicles. Andy Mentele raised concern of being without radios for an extended period of time and the possibility of severe storms. Steve said that the reprogramming only takes a few days to complete. Motion by Doug Schley, second by Andy Mentele to approve the digital radio frequency reprogramming by Steve Nordwall. All present members voted Aye.
- Andy Mentele and Mike Baker taught a Boy Scout class on April 26, 2014 at MTI.
- Andy Mentele presented a new Project LifeSaver device that is an update to the old machine. It was mentioned that the City is hoping to get another for the PD. S.A.R. will be holding another live search, using Project LifeSaver, within the next few months.
- Nathan Wegner informed the group of a new smoke detector project that aims at educating people about fire safety with an overall goal of decreasing house fires in the Mitchell area. The project is a partnership between the City of Mitchell, the County, and Red Cross. The County is looking for nine S.A.R. members who would be available to go door to door for one Saturday, September 27, to educate and install smoke detectors. The issue will be brought up again at both the June and July meetings with a goal of collecting names at the July meeting.

Old Business:

- Boat: There is still a need for S.A.R. members to present/discuss with the Lyons Club in regards to receiving funds for a new boat. The Club would like a date set within the next couple weeks. Bill Schiefen said he would be willing to go and it was mentioned that Mike Baker might be interested.
- Boat Trailer: Discussion covered whether or not to keep the existing trailer for the new boat or leave it with the old boat. It was also mentioned for hauling the new boat that

using the back of the pick-up truck is an option, as well as using the top of the S.A.R. equipment trailer. Nathan Wegner informed the group about the possibility of Ethan or Mt. Vernon receiving the old boat and they would most likely want the trailer to pull the boat. The group decided they would favor sending the trailer with the old boat because of the price it would take to modify it to work with the new boat. Motion by Keith Luke, second by Joy Schley to keep both boat and trailer together. All present members voted Aye.

- Miscellaneous boat talk about size of new boat, type of motor, response and set-up time...etc.
- Andy Mentele mentioned that Mike Baker is still seeking help from available S.A.R. members for the May 10th Poker Run.

Motion by Joy Schley, second by Keith Luke to adjourn meeting at 8:24pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2014



Nathan Wegner
5/5/2014