

CUSTER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 9, 2013

Board Members Present: Ray Varney, Jane Trude, Don Schafer, Deb Mitchell,
John Leavitt, Jerry Tracewell

Members Present: Cindy Howard, Christie Feldman

Absent: Mick Backsen, Gary Stamm

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Ray Varney.

Treasurer's Report:

We received 4 checks for the Stice mission. The 2014 budget was discussed. The balance in the checkbook is approximately \$77,000.

Deb made a motion to approve the Budget with the following changes: DOLA end of year budget reduced to \$2,500; add \$1,000 for building improvement; building maintenance increased to \$500; and \$5,000 net for an ATV. Seconded by John and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Cindy talked about the cost of purchasing a container and the price for delivery. Low end of the budget would probably be \$6,000. There was discussion as to what we would be putting in the container. Don will research containers – cost, size, opening at both ends, etc. – and will report his findings at the January meeting. There will have to be some dirt work involved to level ground. There was further discussion regarding the purchase of a container. We will not need a container if we sell the UTV and buy another ATV. It was decided not to purchase a container.

New ATV/UTV discussion – Don reported that the UTV (when it has the tracs on) does not have enough power and is not adequate for the conditions we have for some winter missions. This was especially noted on the last mission for the stranded vehicle that had slid off the road on Little Bad Hill. UTV is worth approximately \$13,000. Stanwood West would want a 10%

commission for selling it. The Sheriff's office and the Wetmore FD both have a UTV that we can borrow. Or buy another ATV with tracs and keep the UTV. Budget \$5,000 for the difference in selling the UTV and buying an ATV. Sell the UTV and buy another ATV. Jerry made a motion to budget \$5,000 and put the UTV up for sale and buy another ATV. Seconded by Deb, unanimously approved.

Christie Feldman – Would like to do something in the SAR building to help with the acoustics, such as a dropped ceiling, etc. She has \$1,000 to contribute to the cost, but the money must be spent by the end of the year. John will research what can be done and the cost of same.

The MOU was briefly discussed and tabled for the January meeting.

Wilderness First Aid – We have 12 people signed up. SAR members must sign up by December 20. Other spots available will be filled by other agencies.

New ID Cards – Christie is not available to do new cards until February, 2014. We should get ID badges back from resigning members. Members may be getting new callout numbers.

Debbie Rabinowitz – We will get a \$50 gift certificate for Debbie. Deb will get the gift certificate.

Policies and Procedures Update – John will work on a draft to have ready by the end of December.

Tires – We have 3 bids on the tires. The Zieglers bid \$200 for all five 16" tires. The remaining 2 tires will be given to Western Tire.

New Business

Day of week for future Board meetings – To be determined after the election.

Stephanie Posadas – She is pregnant and does not want to go out on missions. Deb will contact her to continue in SAR and help in the office and as needed elsewhere.

Thank you letters – Jerry will print thank you letters and Cindy will sign. Cindy will write a letter to the editor.

Bud Bennett and John Peleaux returned their keys to the office.

Marc Anderson and Adam Belmonte were interviewed as prospective members. Both were approved by the Board and John will take their applications to the Sheriff's office for approval.

Round Table

Deb suggested sending a thank you card to Lynn Prebble for her years of service with CCSAR. She also suggested reviewing probationary members to determine if any can be voted on to be full members, therefore, vote on them at the January meeting.

Cindy would like to get an update on participation in ICS and NIMS classes. Office people can help total mission hours. Complete a DOLA report for each mission, even if the report will not be submitted to DOLA.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Trude, Secretary, BOD