

Board Meeting Minutes 9/4/2014

Trainings: Thursday training: purcell and rope work. No Saturday training this month since no one is around or has the time. Saturday 27 get stuff ready for choo choo swap meet.

Subaru gear and Choo choo swap meet: sell all the gear in the subaru and other stuff in the hut. Should we solicit donations? Will we have enough stuff left after we offer gear up to the team? Or do we sell at the gear exchange? Choo choo is good PR for the team.

New hats and shirts and bought for the team.
We're also getting bumper stickers we can sell.

Paul has an idea: what if we had a paid SAR position--the lackey who does all the random work--takes care of vehicles and the hut and gear, etc. We would need to present to the supervisors before the budget is approved next month. Would it create an unfair hierarchy where one person gets paid to do the same work everyone else volunteers to do? Could we petition for someone within the sheriff's department to fulfill this position? What if we changed the system so our current deputy coordinator had fewer duties to fulfill so they had a little more time for SAR? Would it change our non-profit status? Our relationship with the county and sheriff's department? Could this help us improve our rapport with the SO? We won't do it this month for sure, but perhaps we can do some research and feel this issue out and see if it's something we want to pursue.

How do we improve our rapport and communication with the sheriff's department. We have been denied a meeting with the Sheriff about our medical-legal issues and it's something we really need to follow through on. We want to protect Nate, but we also need to deal with this now. Perhaps we can send a letter to Lutz and show the letter to Nate before we send it.

We need to fill David's board position for the remaining three months of the year. Nominees: Elsbeth, Ariana, Matt, Max. There is some question as to whether the secretary is allowed to fill a vacant position on the board--although it appears to be allowed. We will ask the nominated individuals if they would be available and interested before deciding.

Medical legal issues--this is a continuing issue and we have talked to a lot of other counties and teams and we would have to have the Sheriffs become a medical provider or get a medical examiner who would be the provider and sign off on us. There must be a lot of documents and relating to this, but we need the sheriff's office to find these and give them to us. Bottomline: we should hide our gamow bag. It's not going to look so hot if someone dies in our bag.

