

Pennsylvania Water Rescue Instructor's Association

Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 24, 2011
H.R. Stackhouse Training Center

Roll call of Officers:

Chairperson – Present
Vice Chairperson - Present
Treasurer - Present
Secretary - Absent
Board of Directors:
 Scott Davis - Absent
 Scott Grahn - Present
 Steve Ketterer - Absent
 John Lehr - Absent
 Ken McCann - Absent
 Marvin Reist - Absent
 Joe Shambo – Present

(Note: total of 20 members in attendance)

Opening Comments by the Chairman

- Presentation of Pat Shine's memorial plaque. Group very pleased with the plaques. One plaque was placed on the wall at Stackhouse. The second plaque will be delivered to Pat's station by Brad Tracey

Secretary Report

- Motion made by Ralph Swartz to accept the meeting minutes from last meeting. Motion was seconded by Daryl Tripp.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	\$2725.54
Savings Account	\$3087.96
Pat Shine Memorial Donations	<u>\$1350.00</u>
Total	\$7163.50

- Motion made to pay for plaques out of the Pat Shine Memorial Donations by Mike Kurtz. Motion was second by Ralph Swartz.
- Balance of Pat's donations to be deposited into savings account.
- Motion made by Jay Young to donate \$300 to the PFBC to help defray the cost of the "Heroes of Water Rescue" plaque being placed at the PFBC Headquarters. Motion seconded by Mike Shumaker.
- Motion made to accept treasurer's report made by Daryl Tripp and second by Ralph Swartz.

Committee Reports

- VRSR Team Typing Program – Scott spoke briefly about the status of the program. Joel Koricich went into detail as to the importance of the program and what his team needed to do in order to get typed. Chris Calhoun suggested

putting a Q&A section on the website to help teams with questions about the program.

- Surface Water Tech ProBoard Certification – Scott spoke briefly about the success of the pilot program and the next scheduled test date is in Chester PA in October. ITs will be offered the certification in November. The PWRIA will look to host a ProBroad test date in 2012.
- Website/Facebook – pawaterrescue.com has undergone a face lift. Our goal is to make the website a center for information. Receive many great suggestions in regards to website enhancements. There are also two Facebook groups set up. Facebook groups are to be used as discussions blogs only and no attacking. Negative comments will be removed immediately.
- PFBC Report – Ryan gave a report distributing three handouts: 1) Amendment to Section 97.1; 2) Boating Fatality & Accident Statistic Summary; and 3) Recap of 2011 PA Boating Fatalities to Date. He revealed the “Hero of Water Rescue” award being sponsored by the PFBC. He mentioned that he is in talks with the PA Fire Academy about FEMA/PEMA funded training. And Ryan comment on the ALSR course is being rewritten by Chris Calhoun.

Old Business

- 501 C3 Status – Brad is continuing to peruse.
- PWRIA benefits – Stressed the importance of keeping up your membership. Mustang is offering a discount to PWRIA members. Currently working on discounts with other manufactures.
- Ketterer & Martin award committee – Mike Kurtz motioned to create a new award honoring Chris Calhoun. The Chris Calhoun award will be given to a person who excels in education. Motion seconded by Len Basara. Details of the award to be voted upon by the awards committee.

New Business

- PWRIA Web Store & Merchandise – Retail items have been turned over to Len Basara. He plans on evaluating merchandise prices. Len also stressed the importance of keeping up your membership in order to receive discounts. His plans are to put merchandise on the website.
- Promotion of the Association – Looking for ideas.
- Swift Water Challenge – To be discussed in the near future.
- ProBoard Prep Class - ITs will discuss a prep class.
- Local flooding & team deployment – Chris talked about noted improvements in team preparation for deployments. May post on website.

Other Business

- Good of the association – Jay Young spoke about his experiences with instructors that are not teaching the program to PFBC standards. Ryan stated that students need to file a written complaint address to him in order for the situation to be evaluated.
- New equipment from Marsar – Brad introduced a new piece of equipment from Marsars. They are looking for feedback.
- Next meeting is a PFBC HQ on March 17, 2012