

KISAR March 15, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:05 PM at Bayside Fire Hall

Minutes prepared by: Tschersich

Directors present: Tschersich, Szabo, Dorner, Edlund

February general membership meeting minutes were read and approved.

New members: None

Nick said Paul Anderson could visit Kodiak for a KISAR training in either May or October of this year. Paul was the superintendent of Denali National Park and has extensive SAR management experience from his time with the Park Service and also in Arizona. He has authored a number of books on SAR techniques and management. He has taught courses to KISAR in the past that were well received. He suggested two possible topics for the class; search management like IRIC (initial response incident command) or search tactics including clue detection, tracking, etc. There appeared to be general consensus among KISAR members in attendance that a search tactics training in May would be preferable.

Nick said he had received an email from a representative at the National Weather Service offering to meet with KISAR to discuss possibly providing KISAR with specific weather information for our deployments. They suggested a March 27 date, but many of our board members are expected to be out of town. Nick will try to contact them about setting up a different date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Following the meeting Philip presented a talk on resources for planning backcountry travel across the island or throughout the archipelago for SAR missions or personal travel. The focus was on satellite mapping resources for route planning, recent high-resolution satellite imagery for snowpack or vegetation evaluation, land ownership and access maps, shorezone and coastal imagery for paddle sports, weather forecasting services, and understanding tides and currents in the archipelago.