

## KISAR February 21, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:04 PM at Bayside Fire Hall

Minutes prepared by: Tschersich

Directors present: Tschersich, Szabo, Boyle, Wielebski, Dorner, Ferris

January general membership meeting minutes were read and approved.

New members: Caitlyn Gever and Catherine Cantu introduced themselves. They are both MH-60 pilots from the USCG Air Station.

Treasurer's report: Nick said KISAR has a checking account at First National Ban and a savings account at CU1. At First National, KISAR has approximately \$4,044 in checking, and at CU1, KISAR has approximately \$150 in savings and \$20,340 in certificates of deposit (CDs) earning about 4%.

Josh reported that about 20 people had responded to his email query about interest in the SAR Academy class in April. The course would run 3.5 days from the morning of Friday April 19 until around noon on Monday April 22. The instructors will be 2 adults and a Brittney Spaniel. KISAR will need to provide transportation, room & board for the duration of the training for the visiting instructors and dog.

Nick talked about adding an ex-officio member to KISAR. Changes to the bylaws would require an affirmative vote by 2/3 of the active members and a majority of the board. The board present asked Nick to research what language would have to be adopted to accomplish adding the ex-officio position.

Steve said there were spots left for the Alaska Avalanche School Avy Level 1 course in Kodiak March 15-17. Philip reminded those present that the new members' benefits policy the BoD had created could be used to help offset the tuition fee for the Avy class.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Following the meeting Philip gave a presentation outlining the main features of the Gaia GPS app and gave a brief overview of performing a critical separation line-abreast area sweep search in preparation for the Termination Point outdoor training scheduled for the following Saturday.