

Meeting was called to order at 7:10. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasure report: interest in savings \$0.50 total in savings - \$790.73

Check for \$150.00 to Tack Room Too for 30 saddle pads. Check for \$268.00 to Color Graphics for 99 patches embroidered. Check for \$90.00 to Loretta Watkins for sewing patches on saddle pads. We still do not have the money from Richey Bro. Balance in checking \$1978.64. **Total account balance \$2769.37.**

SAR: Two new units have applied to the council: Bloodhound Search Dogs, and Incident Command Team. Joyce received a note from Karen Lininger thanking us for participating in the SAR fair at South Sound Center. Patty and Pam were chosen volunteers of the year by our unit. The council is selling their 20-foot trailer. There were about 59 people that attended the Mini-SAR conference. The council has joined the SARVAC (Search and Rescue Volunteer Advisory Council) and Joyce will be helping to write the new state standards for training. Horse certification in on May 1, 2004 at 10:00. If you get there early, you can practice. There will be some bloodhounds there to take around the horses. Don't forget the Council picnic on August 21, 2004 at OSAR.

MOUNTED PATROL: Pam turned in a copy of everyone that helped at Richey Bro. in March. She passed around pictures of people that helped at the Mall. Be sure to fill out your time sheets. There will be a group ride on May 7, 2004. Meet at Sam's at 6:30. Jeep Patrol will be at our May meeting with Karen Daniels to go over the Sheriff's ride. We will need people to mark trails and ride Friday at the party.

OLD BUSINESS: Sharon and Vivian will help OSAR in training with the dog patrol. Toni will get a hold of the guy in charge of Swede Days of an application. We would like to have at least 5 riders. It will be on June 19, 2004. If you were going to be riding in Lake Fair, Joyce would like you to be in Swede Days. Thurston County Fair is August 4-8, 2004. We will be doing the parking lot patrol again on Thursday – Sunday from around 2pm until about midnight.

NEW BUSINESS: All of the by-law corrections were approved as written. Copies of the new document will be at the next meeting for anyone that wants one. Sharon is the new "Equipment Officer" and will keep track of the entire inventory belonging to the group. Chris will keep the coats from the Sheriff's Office, the patches, and the radios. Sharon will get everything else. Old equipment sheets were passed out for updating bring them back to the next meeting. Debbie and Toni will help Joyce with qualification. Jason's arena will be ready soon for us to use. Carrie and Sandy will work on Parades. It is with regret that we received a letter from Jaimie Wilder asking to be dropped. It was moved, 2nd, and carried that the unit purchase magnetic signs for the vehicles. We will get 20 pairs, around \$400.00 total.

CHRIS: Thanks to Randy for making our banner. He donated it to us. We had lots of comments at the SAR fair on it. Chris passed out some emergency worker cards for signatures. If yours is expired, it will still be accepted as he has both written and verbal permission to use the old ones until Thurston Co. EMD gets the new ones to him. Chris has sent in a request to the State Patrol for some of their old radios. Paul put Chris on to them. Chris hopes to get enough that every person will have a radio and not just one per family. Each person would then be responsible for theirs. Regarding Thurston Co. Fair, Chris would like us there on Thursday, August 5 from 2pm – 11pm; August 6,7 from

2pm – 12pm; and August 8 from 2pm – 8pm. There needs to be at least 2 riders per shift. Joyce was our spokesperson for TCTV at the Mall. She will be on TV and Chris will tape it for those of us that don't get cable (and everybody else). It was recommended that we get certification card made that say those in SAR are certified. The emergence worker cards do not state that a person is certified. Randy will make some up for us to see. The horses will needs cards also. Everything will have to conform to SARVAC standards. Vaccines for SAR horses will have to be current at all times per state guidelines. Some discussion on having all horses current. We will discuss it further in June. Chris will bring a copy of the SARVAC standards to the next meeting. Chris has filled out the application for Lake Fair, as it requires an insurance policy from the Sheriff's Office.

Sandy to bring goodies next meeting.

Patty Mathews, Sect.