

Minutes 8-23-2005

Mounted Patrol

Meeting was called to order @7:00pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Members excused were Jeff, Carrie, Jason, Ken, and Vivian. Members absent were Maryanne, Randy, Toni, and Paul.

TREAS: Savings \$.68 = \$800.73. \$155.00 check was sent to OSAR for their help at Ritchie Bros. in June. Checking = \$3816.51. Total = \$4617.24. Bill for \$15.00 to Pam for tie slide repair; bill for \$6.49 to Carolyn for yellow ribbon for Lakefair; bill for \$39.49 to Ken for jailhouse for Lakefair. Moved and seconded to pay these bills—carried.

MP: Thanks to those who rode at the Thurston County Fair. We had 13 members of 19 participate. There has been no vandalism since we have been riding. **WELL DONE EVERYONE!** The next Ritchie Bros. auction will be Sept 22-23, 2005. We will need to be at the dairy Wed Sept 21 from 8 am-5pm, and in the parking lots and at the dairy on Sept 22 and 23 from 6am-10am parking and 6am-5pm at the dairy. Please sign up on the roster or phone Pam. Pam has some maps of CWT and will try to get more of the entire trail. Don't forget to turn in time sheets!

SAR: Certification will be valid until December. Joyce has the list if you don't know when your classes expire. There is a mini-sar scheduled for Oct15-16, 2005 at Tumwater High School beginning at 8am both days. Check the list and let Joyce know if you need a HELIO class. Testing for certification will be required beginning in September either this year or next. Possible mock search Sept. 17th or 24th. State SAR conference next year is May 18-20, 2006. Joyce was asked if we would go out of county. After a discussion, it was decided by a show of hands to go within an hour to an hour and a half radius.

PARADE: Rainier parade this weekend—no one available. Upcoming parades Sept 10, 2005 Patriot day parade in Yelm (honors firefighters, law enforcement, SAR volunteers, and first responders, etc.) Let Joyce know if you can ride. Santa parade in Olympia Nov. 27, 2005.

OLD BUSINESS: The 30-hour requirement was discussed. The 30 hours includes all activities participated in by the Mounted Patrol. (CWT, Special Olympics ride, Ritchie Bros. Fair, etc.) It was moved, seconded and carried to include this in our brochures. Standard operating procedures were discussed and it was moved and seconded that the officers write them up and bring them back for the membership to vote on. Motion carried.

GUEST: Tyler Ray, Homeland security for CERT training, spoke on the 20 hours required for the classes. Works best if at least 2 ½ hours scheduled. We are looking at Monday nights beginning in late Oct possibly and a Saturday or two. Tyler will bring a schedule to the next meeting or e-mail it to Joyce or Chris.

CHRIS: **TIME SHEETS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.** They are the only proof that you worked and are eligible for coverage.

Be thinking about the president position. Barry is not doing it again next year. Chris will be looking for a committed volunteer that participates in events and attends meetings. If you are interested, send a letter to Chris.

The WEB site is not dead. Jeff is now working on it for us and for the SAR council.

Chris asks that we withdraw the motion to purchase additional radios from the county. By 2008 the county will be switching to narrow band and our radios will not be compatible with the Sheriff's office. We will need to purchase new ones. There are a few good radios that are reasonably priced. (Approx. \$300-\$500 dollars per radio for 20-25 people).

Do we want to purchase a digital camera and laminator for the unit? We could do our own DEM cards. Perhaps someone would donate the use of a camera and we could buy a laminator. It was moved and seconded to authorize purchase of a laminator and a ream of photo paper not to exceed \$50.00. Motion carried. Barry will call and ask Jeff if he will take the pictures.

Chris has a new copy of the roster and it will be included in the minutes.

Barry presented the group with a certificate of recognition for helping at Lakefair.

Treats by Robert next meeting.

Patty Mathews, Secretary