

NC K9 E.R.T.
MONTHLY TEAM MEETING
MINUTES
February 9, 2019

Chief Mac Morgan, and members Benjamin Wardrip, James King, Alisa King, Gary Woolman, Jim Wolf, Cherie Hatley, Craig Schmidt, Adrienne Kerchner and Rodney Dancy were in attendance have signed in to verify their presence. In addition, members Elaine Jenkins, Christian McGee, Teresa Cummings, Marie Dotson, Melisa Semenov, and Susan Kennan joined via teleconference. Mr. Craig Schmit was also in attendance as a visitor having interest in joining the team.

Chief Morgan called the meeting to order at 09:00, Saturday, February 9th, 2019.

Chief Morgan read the Treasurer's report, listing \$10,250.00 of income and \$1,881.00 in expenses last month. Ending the month with approximately \$8,000.00 in Cash. The NC Veterinary Grant accounted for \$5,000.00 of the team's income; approximately \$2,500.00 from private contributions and \$2,650.00 in HRD Seminar registrations.

The Secretary's report is available online at our website in the member's only area under the "documents" tab and lists the Minutes from our last team meeting.

Old Business:

Rodney Dancy and Chief Morgan are currently working on ID cards. It is taking some time to consolidate each member's qualifications to be listed on the cards.

All members are requested to obtain donated items for the HRD seminar for door prizes, silent and live auctions. Members are encouraged to get a minimum of five donations to open the auction to the public. Several committees are needed to handle different aspects of the seminar preparations and management. The Chief requested team members contact him with areas they wished to assist.

Chief Morgan asked that when soliciting donations for the team that any any letters or handouts be reviewed by the board prior to disbursement to donors. This will ensure that all tax requirements are met and minimize fees imposed on certain donation solicitations.

January 2019, the team had two search calls for the R/C sonar boat. These calls centered around the state trooper shooting in Wilson County. The searches were an attempt to find the weapon used. Chief Morgan, Gordon Deno, and Rodney Dancy were deployed with the R/C sonar boat and the Wilson County 4 wheeler.

Uniform colors have been finalized and will consist of a heather navy blue t-shirt (s/s \$5, l/s \$8), polo shirt (\$16), and black cargo/utility pants. T-shirts are available with the team name on the front and a choice of "K9 Unit", "Sonar Unit", or "NCK9ERT" on the back. Polo's will only have the team logo on the front. (Further information can be found in uniform standards).

Chief Morgan called for any comments or questions. There being none, the meeting continued to new business.

New Business:

Training has been increased. Andy Hanellin of K9s by Andy has offered to help with training once a month at his place located in Mooresville. His focus is on good foundational skills. His experience is deeply rooted in detection and protection work. Chief Morgan asked that all members communicate all feedback.

Chief Morgan is available for training at his house. Please communicate for his availability. His focus will be on obedience, disciplines, rewards, etc.

Trailers and boats need to be cleaned and organized to get ready for the seminar. Please communicate your availability with the Chief, so that he can schedule tasks appropriately.

The HRD Seminar is full. Currently the boat operators will be Jim Wolf, Cherie Hatley, and Jimmy King. There may be an additional boat that will be operated by Chief Morgan or Gordon Deno. PFD's are not required for K9's, it will be the participant's choice. All folks on the boats will wear a PFD while on the boats. There will be PFD's available.

The Board is soliciting input on a design for the HRD shirts. This is an area where Miss Anne will be missed greatly, as she was very instrumental in developing team/seminar designs. The Board is looking for a design that incorporates both land and water operations with color suggestions for the shirts.

Chief Morgan was approached by a team member about the "adopt a highway" program. This program would require a 2 mile stretch of roadside to be cleaned 4 times a year. NC DOT will provide all safety equipment, training, and waste bags. There will be a sign posted at each end of the two mile stretch with the Team's name as adopter. Chief Morgan asked for other suggestions to include on the sign limited to two lines of text with 19 characters (counting spaces) on each line. To further promote our team, the team vehicle will be available with emergency lights for safety. While there are several possible locations, one favorable location is Turnipseed Road in Knightdale/Wendell. Adrienne Kerchner suggested that clean ups be scheduled during fair weather months to encourage participation. While participation will be voluntary, Cherie Hatley suggested that it be mandatory so that each member participates at least 2 of the 4 collection dates. Chief Morgan may schedule clean up days on training days to motivate participation and strengthen search skills.

Chief Morgan reminded that the Cue conference will be March 21st through 24th. Rooms are \$350.00 and include all materials, accommodations, meal tickets, and training for all days. Each room is allotted 4 people, but space may be available for an additional person in the room. The additional person must pay the same rate as those not staying at the hotel (\$50) in order to cover their materials, meal tickets, and training for the 3 days. Chief Morgan encouraged everyone to attend, at least once, to experience the moving stories presented by the speakers. These speakers include professionals in the study of missing persons, search and rescue professionals, law enforcement, and families of the lost and/or still

missing. There is also a candle light vigil that presents pictures and information on the missing and a recognition presentation. Alisa and Jimmy King stated that they have a room to share with another couple or person. Adrienne Kerchner offered to do the same.

Chief Morgan asked for help organizing the seminar, including obtaining sponsors, items for goodie bags, door prizes and auction items, new maps and booklets. He also advised that he will be looking into a professional auctioneer to keep the bids moving and possibly have the event catered so that team members can be fully engaged during the dinner/auction. This will also depend on the possibility of return from auction sales. Chief Morgan requested that various items of several different values be obtained for the auction as funds raised are necessary to support the team's livelihood.

Alisa suggested a photographer for still photos of the handlers and K9's as another option for fundraising. Chief Morgan responded this is a good option for a separate fundraising event and could be discussed for a later time.

Jim Wolf asked if there would be more training sessions available in the impromptu and relaxed atmosphere and Chief Morgan replied there would be. Chief Morgan emphasized that training will be our priority this year and others will be assisting with training. He mentioned that he will not be available the weekend of February 21st through 26th. He also advised he was offered a job to return to law enforcement but declined citing it would take too much time from the team.

Chief Morgan asked again for questions and comments, hearing none he requested a motion to adjourn. Jim Wolf offered the motion, Adrienne Kerchner seconded, and all hands were raised in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.