

Moultrie County Dive Team Minutes

Moultrie County Dive Team

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Members Present: Kristi Hart, Tyler Graven, Larry Edwards, Gary Carroll, Kenny Graven, Mike Jennings

Members Absent: None

Members of the Public Present: Amanda Farley, Joash Tiarks-Divemaster

Moultrie County Dive Team Board Meeting
4:02 P.M., July 19, 2023, at Sullivan Fire House

Meeting opened at 4:00pm with roll call by Tyler Graven. A quorum was present.

There was no correspondence or Old Business discussed at this meeting.

- A. Motion to approve claims. Joash will need to be reimbursed for the order from American Diving as the team does not currently have a credit card. Larry Edwards motioned to accept the claims and authorize the reimbursement for Joash for purchase of the supplies ordered. Kenny Graven seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Discussion on recent developments with SC Dive Team and what it means to/for Moultrie County. General discussion was had about the situation in Shelby County and the question raised if anyone had spoken to any board members or any (former) members of the Dive Team. Other than a brief communication with Joash, no one had spoken to them. Scenarios were discussed and the decision was made to continue to go out as paged for lifesaving/emergency calls, but non-lifesaving calls should be referred to SC Fire or Police Dept. Joash said that is what he and his team had decided as well. It was agreed that the Dive Team Board will meet again in August to discuss if there had not been any resolution in Shelby County.
- C. Update on AARPA expenditures. Joash questioned when the AARPA money had to be spent by. Kristi agreed to talk to the treasurer to confirm and get back to him. Nothing has been purchased with AARPA money yet.
- D. Discussion/Action on recent purchases and upcoming purchases. Joash showed specs for a 2022 Zodiac Cadet Aluminum Rib inflatable boat. The current Zodiac is unusable and needs to be replaced. He also mentioned regulators will need to be replaced. In addition, there is a new diver that will need outfitted as soon as she finishes her training. Larry Edwards motioned to approve the purchases mentioned. Kristi Hart seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Discussion/Action about issues with obtaining a fuel card for the dive team. Attempts at obtaining a BP card failed. Other options mentioned were a Casey's fleet MasterCard and to just have a credit card in the dive team's name from the local bank with credit backed by the county. Kristi will get with the treasurer's office as they are the one's to assist with that and report back. The problem in the last calls was that the current card that the team has for

fuel was declined and the sheriff's office was kind enough to cover the cost. Motion to approve the reimbursement of the Sheriff's Office for fuel (\$101.37 – gas, \$82.01 for diesel fuel) was made by Larry Edwards and seconded by Tyler Graven. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion on the recent dive calls. General Discussion was had. Joash explained that one was for Shelby County and fortunately the person was aided by the Sheriff's office before they arrived, so it turned out well. The second call was a Moultrie County call and that was unfounded so no injuries or loss of life. In the discussion, it was again brought up that we are happy to assist in the short term until SC resolves its issues, but other options will have to be considered if it is a permanent situation. All in attendance agreed.
- G. Discussion/Action on replacing Larry Edwards with his upcoming retirement in September 2023. Chris Wright will be taking over as Chief upon Larry's retirement. Motion for Chris Wright to take Larry Edwards spot on the dive board effective upon Larry's retirement made by Gary Carroll and seconded by Kenny Graven. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comments were called, and Amanda Farley asked whose insurance covered MoCo Dive Team if they were assisting SC. It was clarified that Moultrie County covered them. Joash informed the board that the new diver was going to be taking her training in the upcoming months. That is when the classes are scheduled. She has been going out with the team and learning the shore responder duties until she can get the classes started and is doing well.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kristi Hart and seconded by Larry Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm

Motions for County Board Meeting on August 10, 2023

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