

Minutes

SAR Consultative Committee Meeting

Ministry of Transport

Wednesday 19 May 2004 – 10am

Attendees: Chris Raley (MOT), Kevin Rangi (Coastguards Federation), Laurie Gallagher (Land SAR), Geoff Logan (Police), Mike Cuddihy (DOC), John Cooper (AIA), Rodger Pringle (Defence), Brian Purdie (AREC), Jon Graham (SAR Sec), Helen Robertson (MOT)

Agenda Item 1: Introduction/Apologies

Jon Graham (Secretariat) welcomed the members of the Consultative Committee. The Committee acknowledged the sudden death of Ray Parker and the valuable contribution he made to Search and Rescue over the years.

Apologies from Cath Taylor (CAA) and Glen-Marie Burns (MOT).

Agenda Item 2: RCCNZ Progress

Chris Raley (MSA) gave a presentation on the Rescue Co-ordination Centre of New Zealand. The Centre is planning 'go live' exercises from 28 June to 2 July and plans to be fully operational by 5 July 2004.

John Cooper (AIA) emphasised the importance of maintaining the well established and often informal networks that exist throughout the SAR community.

Agenda Item 3: SAR Strategic Plan

Jon Graham (Secretariat) gave a presentation on the strategic planning process currently being undertaken by the Secretariat. A draft strategic plan outlining the vision, mission, values and high level strategic goals have been produced.

The Committee acknowledged the importance of DOC input into the document and it was suggested that the Ambulance and Fire Services should be consulted.

The Committee discussed problems of accountability given there are four responsible SAR Ministers and funding from different Votes. It was suggested that accountability mechanisms need to be clearly articulated in the Strategic Plan. John Cooper (AIA) recommended that the Secretariat start working with the Treasury vote analyst to streamline SAR funding, which will help to establish a clear line of accountability.

Mike Cuddihy (DOC) suggested the document would benefit from an operational structure being included.

Action:

John Graham (Secretariat) asked for feedback on the draft Strategic Plan from each organisation by the end of May 2004. In particular, comments on the work programme (section 13) were asked for. The SAR Council will sign off the Strategic Plan on 9 June 2004.

Agenda Item 4: General business

There was no general business discussed.

The meeting closed at 12 midday.