

## Minutes

### SAR Consultative Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2005 - 10.30 am

#### MoT Boardroom

**Attendees:** Chris Raley (RCCNZ), Phil Pollerri, Kevin Rangi (Coastguard Federation), Laurie Gallagher (LandSAR), John Cooper (AIA), Brian Purdue (AREC), David Waters (Ambulance NZ), John Funnell John Cooper (AIA), Ian Nicholson (Mountain Safety Council), Jon Graham (SAR Sec), Lyn Turner, Roger Brown (MOT)

**Apologies:** Geoff Logan (Police), Dan Bogie (DOC),

#### **Introduction and welcome:**

Jon welcomed all the members to the meeting and introduced the new-comers to the rest of the group

#### **Minutes from Last Meeting**

Jon began with an apology for not having distributed the previous minutes prior to today's session.

Members took time to read through the minutes to reacquaint themselves with the December 1 2004 meeting

#### **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising as those raised would be dealt with during the course of the current meeting

#### **1. Distress Beacons Campaign – Update**

Jon brought the meeting up to date with the current situation including:

- Funding received from recent budget through Vote Transport \$888,000 excl gst over 4 year period
- Tender proposal has been developed to get process underway and has been placed on GETS with a close off date for expressions of interest of 10 June. More detail about exactly what will be required will be provided to tenderers. Beacon Task Force and SAR Council will select preferred tenderer with the campaign to begin by October 2005
- Campaign will be run on a three pronged approach – Notification to all 121 owners of the changes taking place in 2009 internationally which will mean that satellite reception of 121s ceases. Advising owners of possible alternatives in terms of service, not products and then broaden campaign to a wider general audience

Subsequent to this there were some concerns raised and Chris Raley responded as a member of the Beacon Taskforce, saying that they covered a wide range of issues in their meetings including the issues of concern raised at this meeting. He suggested making the next paper available to the Consultative Committee - which was accepted.

## 2. Class 2 and Class 3 Review

Jon began by giving a brief background to the setting up of the review. This included reference to a particular incident ( Iron Maiden) which is receiving media coverage currently due to the MSA inquiry release.

Jon advised that the Review Team produced a report as a summary of agreed recommendations and drafts were circulated. It was presented to the SAR Council on 15 April for consideration and agreement.

It was initially agreed by the participating representatives on the review group that the report presented to the SAR Council on 15 April contained agreed recommendations. These would be circulated amongst SAR Council members for their information.

However Police submitted that the 15 April paper still required agreement and sign off from each organisation's executive and this would be dependant on discussions on the paper planned for the next SAR Council meeting on 16 June 2005.

Jon then threw open the floor for discussion on how the committee felt about the current situation with a view to taking a response back to the next SAR Council meeting.

There was much discussion, which included getting an understanding of what is currently happening with regards to the handing over of inshore SAR and Aviation SAR co-ordination role to the MSA via RCCNZ.

There was a very clear acceptance that things had moved forward but that the system was still not operating adequately and all the work done to date now needed action instead of more talk.

Chris Raley also spoke to the group about a model put together by the MSA to present to the SAR Council on 16 June regarding the migration of Command and control role to RCCNZ. Points of note included:

- A robust alert system regardless of which medium the alert comes through
- A dedicated 24/7 organisation needed for the co-ordination role and all that entails
- A direct line of command between co-ordination and front line resources

A recommendation to take to the SAR Council meeting was finally agreed to. It was:

***The Consultative Committee are distressed that the paper has languished for so long and strongly advise the SAR Council to adopt the recommendations in the original Class 2 & 3 paper presented to the SAR Council on 15 April 2005 which was circulated to Council members for their information and agreement.***

**NOTE:** Police abstained from supporting this recommendation

### 3. ODESC Strategic Funding Proposal

Jon brought the Consultative Committee up to date on the current situation with this paper. He advised that it is basically on hold due to the introduction of a Police submission which suggested that more work needed doing and that the paper formed a good starting block for further work. As a result the SAR Council appeared to want to give this some more thought so the paper is on hold subject to development of terms of reference for further work along that outlined in the Police submission to the 16 March 2005 Council meeting.

The Police submission had been circulated to Consultative Committee members prior to the meeting, and the floor was then opened up for general discussion concerning the situation. As a result, the following recommendation was made and accepted:

***The Consultative Committee are extremely concerned that the “Strategic Funding Proposal Paper” presented to the SAR Council on 16 March 2005 for consideration as a draft ODESC paper, was not carried forward to the ODESC forum. The Consultative Committee requests that a meeting be convened between the SAR Council and the Consultative Committee, at the earliest possible time, probably at the same time that the Council meets on 16 June. The purpose of the meeting would be for an open exchange of views so that the Committee members could better understand why the draft paper was not carried forward and the Council members could better understand the time, work and resources already committed to the paper from within the SAR sector.***

It was agreed that Jon would draft a paper setting out the concerns expressed by the Consultative Committee to produce to the SAR Council meeting on 16 June. The draft paper would be circulated to committee members for comment and agreement prior to delivery to the Council.

### 4. Future

Jon informed the committee that his tenure in the position of SAR Secretariat Manager comes to a close tomorrow. He advised that he is continuing on a week by week basis after that, but is in fact awaiting news regarding another position he has applied for.

### 5. General Business

- There was a suggestion made that the Council is asked that the future Consultative Committee have a chairperson who is not the Secretariat Manager, given the awkward position that Jon has had to endure. It was also suggested that having a committee member attend Council meetings to report on behalf of the committee would be advantageous.
- A vote of thanks to Jon for all his hard work was expressed and endorsed by the Committee

The meeting closed at 12.30pm