

Sallal Member Advisory Committee

11/09/2021

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Zoom

Meeting called by: Shawn McKone **Type of meeting:** Advisory Committee
Facilitator: N/A **Note taker:** Rich Formisano
Timekeeper: N/A
Attendees: MAC Members: Stephen Kangas and Elmer Sams, Kristina Parker (Sallal Director of F&A), Shawn McKone (Board President), Rich Formisano (Board Member), John Prange (Guest)
Please read:
Please bring: Your ideas

Minutes

Agenda item: Risk and resilience assessment: Budget input & next steps **Presenter:** Shawn

Discussion: MAC input for 2022 Budget (e.g. emergency response equipment). Stephen recommended for the ERP to include low cost handheld VHF radios for staff and other key personnel as an effective tertiary means of emergency communications. The concept is that in an extreme emergency (e.g. earthquake, perfect storm, other) there is a high probability that normal communications will be disrupted.

Conclusions: Stephen will provide Shawn, Kristina and Rich recommendations for a few make & models of VHF handheld radios and their cost. The Board & staff can then decide on the number & cost of radios needed and add to the 2022 budget. While not discussed at the meeting, once the radios are procured staff should conduct comms connectivity tests at various Sallal locations. Results may lead to further changes needed to improve comms, such as an antenna at the new office and key locations (Wells, reservoirs, booster stations, etc)

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Make, Model & cost for VHF handheld radios	Stephen	NLT 11/30/2021

Agenda item: MAC assist with review of draft changes to Sallal's Rules & Regulations **Presenter:** Shawn

Discussion: Discuss any recommendations from Elmer and Stephen on draft changes to Sallal's Rules & Regulations

Conclusions: Stephen had questions on intent/background on a few of the proposed changes. Shawn and Rich provided answers. Stephen was good with the changes.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A		TBD

Agenda item: Roundtable (15 min total = 5 min per MAC Member) **Presenter:** MAC Members

Opportunity for members to address items of interest for the good of the order. Members may make statements or offer observations about the character or work of Sallal without having any particular item of business before the meeting.

Discussion:

Stephen: For the ERP Sallal should consider a backup to the internet. There is a free global email network called WinLink that provides worldwide email using radio pathways where/when the internet is not present. Unfortunately, the WA Dept of Natural Resources is moving towards trying to increase commercial communication leases and rental agreements to generate revenue while changing policy to eliminate Non-Profit organizations such as the Amateur Radio Safety Foundation, Inc. that provide Winlink to use DNR land and facilities free of charge. According to Stephen, several Cities

and organizations have started a letter writing campaign to DNR and legislators to continue the policy of allowing Amateur Radio Operating non-profits to continue using state lands and DNR comms facilities at no cost.

Elmer: Needs to take a leave of absence for 6+ months.

John Prange: Is a Sallal member that is interested in joining the MAC. He attended tonight's meeting as a guest. John has experience assisting his former water and adjacent utilities merge into one water utility.

Conclusions: Stephen will provide Shawn, Kristina and Rich a copy of a letter that can be sent to various state & county officials to require DNR to continue allowing Amateur Radio non-profits to use DNR land and facilities at no cost. The Board can then consider if such a letter should be sent by Sallal to state & county officials.

Propose the Board allow Elmer remain a non-participating MAC member during his leave of absence.

Rich and John Prange will meet next week to discuss John's interests and next steps in becoming a MAC member

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Example Letter to State & County Officials for free access to DNR for Amateur Radio non-profits	Stephen	NLT 11/16/2021
✓ Arrange Face to Face meeting (John & Rich)	Rich	NLT 11/12/2021

Other Information

Guests: TBD

Resources: N/A

Special notes:

- Next meeting Tuesday Dec 14th, 7:00 – 8:00pm