



Pennsylvania

## State Animal Response Team

*Providing Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Animal Emergencies*

**Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team (PASART)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday July 18, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Joel Hersh, Chair  
Introductions of all members were made. Joining the Board are new members as follows: Katie Semuta of PVMA and Karel Minor of Federated Humane Societies of PA.

Members Present: Joel Hersh, Jeff Thomas Katie Semuta, Karel Minor, Lenny Southam, Doug Dinwoodie and Brad Tobin for Nan Hanshaw, (by conference line). Also present was Sarah Speed, Acting Executive Director.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Joel Hersh, who explained the need for the three PASART Bank Accounts and their balances.

Sarah Speed and Joel Hersh provided an update on state funding through the comprehensive farm legislation that was signed into law as Act 35 of 2019 by Governor Wolf at the end of June. Sarah also provided an update on current grants and the draft budget for the current year. Information was also provided to the Board on the contract/purchase order with PEMA

Sarah Speed provided an update on equipment requests by Perry and Cambria CART. Also, comments provided that we will need to begin to replace trailers that no longer can be repaired. Many are over 10 years old and have taken a beating as we have no indoor storage available for the county teams.

Sarah provided the Board with the Executive Director's Report which included the following topics shown below:

- Rebranding effort and launch of new website
- Training course update – scheduling regional trainings
- Support for CART coordinators

The Fundraising Initiative Report was provided by Sarah Speed and Ed Kraus, PASART Development Director.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was requested by the Chair. Karel Minor made the motion and it was seconded by Katie Semuta. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

Minutes approved by electronic vote on August 7, 2019