

Maine Association For Search and Rescue
Monthly Meeting Minutes
5 May 1996

Meeting is called to order by John McDonough at 1625 hours. As Keith Heavrin is unable to attend, Steve Hudson will fill in as acting secretary.

Present

John McDonough - Wilderness Rescue Team	Pat Dorian - Maine Warden Service
David Martin - Dirigo SAR	Randy Armour - Lincoln CEP
Deb Palman - Maine Warden Service/MESARD	Paul Magoon - MESARD
Steve Hudson - MDISAR	

Secretary's Report

The minutes from last meeting are read. Two corrections are made:

In the section on dates for the Statewide Exercises, add "Pat Dorian assured us that exercises would be on the second weekend of May and the third weekend of September in perpetuity."

In Committee Reports, the correct name of the Bangor Equestrian Team is Pine Tree Equestrian Search and Rescue.

With these changes, the meeting minutes were accepted as read by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the treasurer's report are passed out to the members present. MASAR has a total of \$1,201.85 in the Nite-Sun Maintenance Account. There is \$7,335.55 in the checking account, \$6,845.00 of which MASAR is holding for the Warden Service for the purchase of their new Command Post. This leaves MASAR with a total of \$490.55 of its own funds in the checking account.

Rick Farris was not present, so we could not discuss the pager charge questions he had raised at the last meeting. The breakdown of deposits and payments is still not split out clearly in the report, so John will talk to Peggy to see if there is a way it can be corrected without re-entering the entire account history.

It was noted that YCERRT has paid dues, which as an agency member they are not required to do. John will ask Peggy to remind them that their current membership status is at the agency level. She will determine if they want to change their status or if this money was sent as a donation.

Following this discussion, the treasurer's Report was accepted as read by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Standards Committee

Steve reported on the latest meeting of this committee. There are still two sections to be written for the BASAR curriculum. It has been difficult to get the membership together recently due to continuous schedule conflicts, so progress on the curriculum has been

slower than anticipated. Regarding old business on standards, a letter has been sent to Sue Webb of Search Dogs Northeast requesting that she set a date for testing of her dog for grandfathering under the Search Dog Standard before 30 June 1996. After this date, any dog team requesting certification will have to meet the requirements of the full standard.

ASTM

Steve reports nothing further from the ASTM F-32 Committee on Search and Rescue since the last meeting. He will not be able to attend the May meeting, but will report on progress there once he receives the meeting minutes.

ID Card Committee

No report from this committee, as Keith Heavrin was not present.

Training Exercise Committee

Deb Palman and Pat Dorian report on the preparations for the statewide training exercise planned for 11-12 May in Greenville. A mock search to train the new overhead team will take place on Saturday, followed by a critique, supper, and a demonstration of the Army National Guard's helicopter-mounted thermal imaging system. Sunday there will be courses offered for those who do not go on to Cooper Brook. The courses will include man-tracking, basic map and compass training, and the use of GPS in search and rescue.

Old Business

Those present were asked if they had received the MASAR newsletter. Most had, so apparently it did get out as planned. Thanks to Pete Laveway and Phil DuPerry of Wilderness for putting this together.

New Business

Dave Martin reports that Dirigo has had climbing and medical equipment worth approximately \$6,000 stolen from their trailer between 22-29 April. If anyone hears of equipment of this type available cheap, he would appreciate it if they would let him know. This equipment was marked DIRIGO SAR; hardware was marked with paint and software was marked with felt tip pen.

Dirigo SAR has wool blankets and throw bags with 45 feet of rope for sale. Contact Dave or Al Martin.

The Warden Service committee working on the state SAR plan is meeting on 9 May with MEMA concerning implementing ICS for operations. An air SAR plan is also in the works. Since a law has been passed by the legislature making aircraft crashes in the State of Maine the responsibility of the State Police, the Warden Service has been working with them and the Civil Air Patrol to develop plans for the Warden Service Overhead Team to use to manage the ground search and rescue aspects of these operations.

Pine Tree Equestrian Search and Rescue (PTESAR) would like to train with another SAR unit to introduce their horses to large groups of people. Any unit interested should get in touch with Galen Folsom at home at 989-7282 or at work at 947-1181.

John McDonough notes that Waldo Search and Rescue is working on organizing the Statewide Exercise for 21-22 September.

The next MASAR monthly meeting will be held at Warden Service headquarters in Gray, Me. at 1600 hours on 2 June.

Agenda for June Meeting

1. Announcements
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Correspondence
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Set Next Meeting's Agenda

Meeting is adjourned at 1750 hours