

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE (MASAR)
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2005
DISTRICT WARDENS HEADQUARTERS
SIDNEY, MAINE

Called to Order: Pres., Jennifer Fisk, 13:18 hours.

Secretary's Report: Secretary absent - none given.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$2934.11.

Committees:

By Laws Committee: Dave Martin will wait until after the canoe races and in May will have another meeting. He will have a rough draft to present at the MASAR meeting in June.

Standards Committee: Steve Hudson informed us that several standards have been revised and will be sent out for comment. A grandfather clause has been added to the Mounted Team Standard. The Ground Searcher Standards have editorial changes and the Dog Team Standards have been reorganized and revised. Unit Certification Standards have proposed revisions requiring unit recertification every five (5) years. Steve will email information regarding the proposed revisions - he welcomes comments via email or regular mail (no telephone comments please).

Educational Committee: Brad Rounds was absent (teaching BASAR course at Unity College).

Old Business:

Spring Training: April 30, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., to be held at Penobscot County Conservation Association, Brewer, ME. Mike Sawyer said that most details are worked out. **Tentative Schedule:**

9:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration / Welcome.
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Maine Warden Service search and rescue review for 2004.
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Baxter Park: SAR review and issues.
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Acadia National Park: review and issues.
11:15 am - 11:45 am	Review of standards and insurance with questions / answers.
11:45 am - 12:15 pm	Update on new Warden Service GPS units (Garmin 76 C's).
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch at Penobscot Conservation Association provided by MWS (meat platters and salads with light desert).
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Session A - mock search with new GPS; Session B - low angle rescue demonstration on the river bank (by MDI); Meeting of MASAR OD's and team directors (during Session A).
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Session A - (repeat); Session B - (repeat).
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Wrap up / adjourn.

Penobscot County Conservation Association is located on North Main Street (Rte. 9), approx. 1 mile north of the State Street bridge connecting Bangor and Brewer. Entrance is on the left across from Baptist Church. Watch for sign by the entrance road.

MEMA will be present to process photo ID's for **CERTIFIED** searchers.

Old Business Cont.:

State of Maine SAR Qualification Form: Mike Sawyer handed out said form (please see attached) to be filled out by certified searchers for I.D. cards. This information needs to be on file for insurance purposes. This information (work info.; address; social security number; etc.), will not be listed on your I.D. card.

Search Update: Pat Dorian had no significant searches to report but did apprise us that there were some lost / missing snowmobilers and snowmobile accidents. He also updated us on some current flooding issues in Maine.

Budget (State): Mike Sawyer reported that the budget was balanced. He doesn't know if there are dedicated monies for search and rescue or just money from the general fund.

Fall MASAR Symposium: Mike Sawyer announced for Brad Rounds that the symposium will be held on Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and possibly on Oct. 2 and may also be held jointly with some NH groups. It will be presented by Tri-Town SAR in West Paris and the Maine Conservation School. Discussion on whether there should be a BASAR track offered ... It is hoped that when the BASAR Module is complete, the BASAR Course can be held in-house so that we won't have to offer the BASAR Course at the MASAR Symposiums.

Baxter State Park News: Chris Drew let us know that things are going well at Baxter because it's quiet - the snow won't let anyone in! Their new reservation system is working well and he let us know that facilities (cabins) are available in the Trout Brook area for SAR assistance volunteers.

SAR teams are needed for coverage after Memorial Day with June through September being the busiest time.

New Business:

MASAR LIST: Susanne Kynast will send an email inviting SAR members to sign up for the MASAR List (email).

Canoe Race HELP!: Dave Martin needs help with two canoe races: April 9th (Hampden) and April 16th (Bangor). Susanne Kynast needs help for a race on April 24th (half way between Bangor and Machias). For more information, please contact Dave Martin at: dsmartin@adelphia.net and Susanne Kynast at susanne@maineline.net

Susanne Kynast also updated MASAR on an urban search that DEEMI is conducting for a missing man out of the Bangor area (Dwayne Murphy). A flyer and information was handed out to look at.

Date of Next Meeting: June 5, 2005, 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 15:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie R. Jones, Secretary - Pro Tem.

Those in attendance: Jennifer Fisk (MESARD); Steve Hudson (MDISAR); Julie Jones (MESARD); Mike Sawyer (IF&W); Patrick Dorian (MWS); Daniel Menard (MWS); Chris Drew (BSP); Michele Fleury (MESARD); Dave Martin (DIRIGO); Lisa Michaud (NS-SAR); Randy Michaud (NS-SAR); Susanne Kynast (Sunrise); Paul Smith (Lincoln SAR).

