

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE (MASAR)
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2006
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
BANGOR, MAINE

Called to Order: Sec./Treas., Julie Jones, 1:08 p.m.

Recent Searches: Sgt. Dorian briefly discussed some recent searches (while waiting for the president and vice president to arrive). Lost 2-year-old in Warren, child found by a neighbor but would have been found by searchers who were approaching that area. A man missing in Augusta on Sat., found Tues. afternoon about ½ mile from his vehicle / approx. 400 yards from the road. In Bath, a missing 78 year-old person with Alzheimer's, found about 40 yards from the their home in the back seat of a vehicle. A woman missing in Phillip's who was found before Warden Service arrived on scene. A 10 and 11 year-old girl went missing down east. Last seen by their mother in the morning. Mother goes to bed and wakes up between 5-6 p.m., and doesn't find her children when she awakes. Several miles away girls are found with a tote bag. Girls said that their mom had kicked them out in the morning but the mother doesn't remember any of this - this case has been referred to Health and Human Services. Warden Adam said that there was also a search in Dixmont for a 6-8 year-old which lasted for about 30 minutes. Child was found on Route 9.

Secretary's Report: MASAR May 7, 2006 Meeting Minutes were presented. *Bob Bohlmann - motion to accept as written. Unanimous vote to accept.*

Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$2488.03. *Steve Hudson - motion to accept as written. Unanimous vote to accept.*

Committees:

By Laws Committee: No report.

Standards Committee: No report.

Education Committee: No report. Jen asked if there was an interest in having a fall exercise. Some people raised their hands in approval. Susanne said that DEEMI would volunteer to have a fall exercise and include certifying people in helicopter and fixed wing safety. York County would be willing to host the spring exercise.

Old Business: **ID card photos** - no update at this time.

Discussion of Spring Exercise - unable to discuss as Randy is not present.

Election of BOD Members - Table to next meeting. Steve will send out another email to teams requesting nominations.

MASAR Meeting Date Schedule Changes - Propose that MASAR meetings be held in March (first Sunday of the month) at the Maine Warden Service Headquarters in Sidney, Maine; June (first Sunday of the month) at the Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Department in Bangor, Maine; September (second Sunday of the month) at the Maine Warden Service Headquarters in Sidney, Maine; and December (first Sunday of the month) at the Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Department in Bangor, Maine. *Bob Bohlmann - motion to accept changes and written. Unanimous vote to accept.*

Appointment for Education, Resources, and Standards - delay on discussing this until Randy is present.

Other Business: Waldo County says that their team has not been called out for searches and neither has Mid Maine Equestrian. Brief discussion on a few problems that happened within the Duty Officer callout system. Problems have and will be addressed again in a special meeting - Bob will lead the meeting for the Duty Officers on Sept. 10th at noon.

New Business: **Memorandum of Understanding with Agencies** - MASAR would like to get something in writing for dispatching MASAR units. Bob Bohlmann will ask Caroline McAboy (who is a lawyer) about this.

Dispatch List - Active vs. Support Units - There has been confusion on which units to contact when there is a callout. A Duty Officer must ask the person who is requesting teams for a callout if they only want certified teams and if not, specifically which other non-certified resources they want. There are currently 12 units with certified members and 6 units without. The resource lists can be divided into those teams that have MASAR-certified searchers, dog teams, and/or horse teams, and those that do not. This should make it easier to help the Duty Officer do the dispatching. *Steve Hudson - motion to accept to use the "certified" list and "non certified" list for callouts. All but 2 in favor to accept - motion accepted.*

Unit Contact and Email Recipients - Julie will work with Scott Higgins on the Unit Contact Lists, etc.

Date / Location of Next Meeting: September 10, 2006, 1:00 p.m., Sidney, Maine (12 noon meeting for Duty Officers).

Meeting Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie R. Jones