

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Board of Directors Meeting

Teleconference at 1900 on 30 November 2009

Meeting opened at approximately 1920. The following Board of Directors members attendees were on the conference call: Bob Bohlmann, Chair Nancy Weeks, Jennifer Fisk, Randy Michaud, Paul Magoon, and Steve Hudson. Dave Martin also took part in the call.

Bob asked if there was any disagreement with scheduling the meeting of the first weekend in the month. Steve pointed out that the date had been set for a few weeks now and it would be difficult to make a change this late in the game. Randy explained that North Star had made plans based on the draft minutes from the September meeting, assuming that date was correct. As a result, none of North Star's members would be able to attend, but he accepted that. No other reasons were proposed for changing the meeting date so it was left as 6 December 2009 at 1:00 PM.

Bob asked the secretary to be sure she had all the records needed to determine who could vote at the meeting. He also mentioned that a new list of unit members had been circulated recently. Steve pointed out that it had been sent in response to a question from Jim Bridge and was no different from the last version sent in September.

Bob asked how the members of the BoD wanted to deal with the apparent conflicts within the by-laws in regard to voting on by-law changes. Following a lengthy discussion the members of the Board agreed that Article XII, as allowed in Article V, Section D, took precedence and therefore defined the membership attendance requirements for voting purposes.

Bob pointed out that the large number of by-laws changes proposed by the by-laws committee could delay the meeting. Dave stated that he would limit discussion to the specific changes he had requested at the September meeting if it appeared that revision of the by-laws was taking too much time from the Annual Meeting and elections.

Bob recommended, and Board members agreed, that since nominations are allowed from the floor absentee ballots would not be accepted at the December meeting. Nancy is to send out a notice to all members informing of this.

Prepared by Steve Hudson
30 November 2009