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MASAR Secretary's Notes

To begin with, the annual MASAR symposium went very well as I'm sure most of you have heard. Overall, the weekend went very smoothly as well as the well attended MASAR elections for the organization directors. Your new officers for the 1993/1994 term are: John McDonough, President, Al Martin, Vice-President, David Martin, Education Director, ~~Stephen~~^{Swit} Cady, Treasurer, and Peter Kliem, Secretary. (For those who do not know ~~Stephen~~^{Swit}, he belongs to York County Wilderness SAR.) Congratulations all!!!

Not much was discussed at the annual meeting, however, John McDonough stressed that MASAR is YOUR ORGANIZATION. What do you want MASAR to address and accomplish in the next two years? LET US KNOW!!!

The next regularly monthly meeting was held on October 3rd and the Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Headquarters in Bangor. Yes, we are now rotating the meetings between Bangor, Sidney, and Gray. The meeting started at 1600 with Al Martin chairing the meeting in John McDonough's absence.

The first topic of discussion was the OD and pager system. The MASAR voice mailbox used to give search updates is 207-823-6303. This mailbox should be put into service very shortly. As far as pagers go, the communications committee are reevaluating the pager system and system costs. The committee is asking a number of companies to submit new bids in the form of potential OD pager service contracts. At 1640 we had a 1st/2nd motion and unanimous vote for the communications committee to go ahead.

Next item of agenda was the Secretary's minutes (review) of what occurred at the annual meeting. Such information is listed above. Please address any questions on the annual meeting to the secretary.

At 1645, the Symposium finance report as given. Figures to date show that we were \$1200 - \$300 (stolen VCR) = \$900 over costs to run the symposium. After some debate, a 1st/2nd motion and yea vote was made to pay 1/2 of the proceeds to MDI SAR to start paying back the \$1000 "loan" we have to pay for last year's symposium deficit. We need to get ideas for the next symposium such as ideas on fund-raising (a raffle or auction?) as well as what we need to do to protect ourselves next year in terms of a possible floater policy against theft. A unanimous decision was also made to have a letter of commendation drafted and sent to Paul (the MDI school custodian) for his excellent work. PLEASE SEND ALL SYMPOSIUM COMMENTS TO THE SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE!!!

Next quick topic of discussion was about MASAR and NASAR. FUNSAR courses and instructors. According to the directory, John McDonough is the only certified NASAR FUNSAR instructor. Also, what are we going to call Maine's version of FUNSAR?

At 1715, we had a very quick note from the standard's committee to develop and oversee the SAR-Dogs Committee.

For NEW BUSINESS, we talked more about the next (1993) annual symposium. We agree that the symposium should be in the Portland area. There are questions of cost increases and what is reasonable. Teams interested in hosting this event need to make and submit proposals A.S.A.P. We also need to discuss if the symposium (classroom format) is now yearly. Should courses be longer and more technical? Dirigo proposed in the discussion that they would like to host a weekend training exercise in Baxter in late fall or early (May) spring. With interest in the symposium for fall, Dirigo will look at spring for an all hands on Baxter event. More news to follow...

York County Wilderness SAR is investigating the possibility of hosting a Managing the Search Function (MSF) course. People interested in such a course should contact Tony Dewsnap via Search Dogs NorthEast. Also to note, York County and Search Dogs NorthEast have a dog training center being put together. If all goes well, it might be ready for the next symposium. Good going Perry!

On October 23/24/25 there will be a three day course on mantracking held by NorthEast Trackers Association at the Holyoke Range in Massachusetts. Course will cost \$50, \$70 and \$75 for 1, 2, and 3 days respectively. This includes course costs, workbooks, and breakfast and lunches. Please get your applications in.

All submissions for the newsletter has to be in by 11 Oct 1992. The next meeting will be on 01 November in Sidney at 1300 hours and will include:

- symposium proposals and dates
- pager system proposals update
- MASAR letterhead and patch logos
- ???

Those who attended the 03 October 1992 meeting were: Debbie Palmer - ME Dept. IF&W, Randy Armour - Lincoln CEP, Al Martin - Dirigo, ~~Steve~~ Erb - SDNE, Sarah Robinson - MESARD, Tony Dewsnap - SDNE, Steve Hudson - MDI SAR, Lt. John Struk - Maine State Prison, and Lt. Peter Kliem - CAP.

Meeting concluded at 1810. See you next month!

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Kliem, Secretary.