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MASAR Secretary's Notes

The November meeting of MASAR was held at the Sidney IF&W Headquarters. The meeting officially opened at 1608. John McDonough chaired the meeting. First item of business was the symposium committee's report regarding finances. We are currently at a positive \$900. Symposium t-shirts are still available and we are under \$100 to go to break even. See Sarah Robinson if you want some. They make a great Christmas gift!

Al Martin gave the communications committee report at 1612. Of prime concern is the ongoing pager issue. Steve Hudson commented that we should let the same people who worked on the original plan to continue. John commented that Summit Communications have one representative, so should we. We should also let the Summit Representative deal with the problems. Steve also suggested that we should ask for proposals from other companies such as Page New England. More information will be available.

At 1620, John announced that the Standards Committee will meet on November 22 at the Sidney Headquarters. The committee will discuss standards for dog handlers and different standards from other teams will be available for reference.

The Secretary's Minutes were read at 1625. Minutes were 1st and 2nded and unanimously approved.

Stuart Cady gave the Treasurer's report and gave a complete financial history for MASAR. A motion at 1640 was made to formally permit the Treasurer to handle all financial details including changing banks and supervising the "NightSun" light fund. The stolen VCR issue was resolved (we paid for it). A motion at 1645 was made to accept the Treasurer's report, and it was unanimous.

Next topic of business was training. No further developments have been made about Baxter Park for the spring. Al and Dave are the contact people for this. Next item is the 1993 symposium. Suggestions are for the Portland area with York County Wilderness Rescue Team and Wilderness Rescue Team (Waterville) as possible co-hosts. The point was made that the symposium should be annual with other supplemental training from time to time (such as Baxter). Other suggestions for field training include Moosehorn in Calais. At 1700 a formal motion was made to accept YCWRT and WRT as co-hosters. As usual, unanimous.

The MASAR Logo. Sarah Robinson from MESARD checked into the logo and the answer is yes. We do own the logo. The suggestion is to consider using a full size version with a 1/4 tome as a background. Great idea! How about some samples?

At 1715, John McDonough asked if there was anything else. Toni Dewsnap made the announcement that York County is looking into hosting a Managing the Search Function (MSF) course sometime in Jan/Feb/Mar. Suggestions are for Dave Martin to teach it. Best month appears to be in February.

As a final topic, Wdn. Lt. Carter Smith reported on last Friday's meeting on agencies that supply air sar resources. Carter commented that this meeting looks like an annual event to keep everyone updated.

NOTE CHANGE: Major Tinkham is now in charge of the 112th and add the Booth Bay group to the Coast Guard listing.

Air Sar communication guidelines:

Air to ground becomes far too crowded. Problems calling the 112th in terms of who is authorized and when can they be called. Suggestion: let's go with the warden's OD. If that fails, use the MASAR OD. (At this point there is a lot of jumping around on topics.) Don't forget to use signal 1000. Air-to-air is 122.925, Air-to-ground is 122.9 and 123.1.

Don Littlefield commented that he spoke to Lt. Cole of the Portland PD. During the Casco Bay Plane Crash, there were no SOP's in place. We need to deal with this issue.

Quick comment at 1800 was about search in Wells. The Sheriff's Dept. called York County for a search for two missing kids on bikes. Perry made the find.

Quick reminder that the ending MASAR OD should page the new OD as a test sequence. That was people won't forget.

At 1815, what is our FUNSAR Instructor status in Maine?

There are 3. John is about to have his expire.

Next Postcard Agenda:

- Dave on Funsar status
- Nail down 1992 Symposium Proposal
- Committee reports
- Mock up of MASAR logo samples

1820 is the end...

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LAST NOTE: If you are on a search, please tell the OD of your status!!!

THE NEXT MEETING will be at 1pm at the Gray Headquarters. It is on Route 26 about 3 miles north of Gray.

Attendance: John McDonough, Stuart Cady, Carter Smith, Don Littlefield, Peter Kliem, Julie Erb, Toni Dewsnap, Randy Armour, Al Martin, and Steve Hudson.

AS ALWAYS,
Peter Kliem, Secretary.