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MASAR Secretary's Notes

This month's meeting was held in Bangor at the IF&W Headquarters.

At 1620, the Secretary's notes were read and accepted.

AMHI SEARCH CRITIQUE

William Ricker clarified communications problems for that area and made a suggestion on resources to assist in a search. Carter stated that there were problems with who was in charge. Initially, the regional warden decided that AMHI was in control and that "Is this a valid search that IF&W takes care of?" Note that there have been 3 searches in Carratunk already.

Carter criticized that AMHI is "kicking" people out of the door and the warden service is continuously called to find them. There is to be a meeting between AMHI and IF&W to solve this responsibility problem.

Michelle from MESARD thought all went well. Carter also stated that there were significant communications problems in the transition between Lt. Ritchie to Sgt. Dorian on Tuesday night.

Randy commented that Sgt. Dorian wanted a 27 man line search to cover the thick area Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday, the line searching went to 8 man teams. Dave was at search. Rick Farris also participated. On Thursday, the ground teams were better utilized.

One conclusion from the search critique is that the dog teams were correctly used. The ground teams, however, were misused and led to frustration among the ground team members.

A motion was made and accepted to defer any more comments until the meeting at Sydney. A last note on radio communications was made in Carratunk.

BRUNSWICK N.A.S. HELO

The aircrews at Brunswick are asking for more Air Missions. They need more air time to remain current in air search.

1710 Treasurer's report was made by Peter Kliem in Stuart's absence. All OK.

1715 Symposium report. We're a little behind with the brochures but it looks good. Vendors do not have the funding to come this year. Vendors decide by the end of September where they are going to be for the following year.

1725 Peter quickly explained what the SAR TECH program is about. SAR TECH is a certification in FUNSAR skills. It is a one day test including a written and a six station practical exam. The practical includes navigation, tracking, area and route search, litter carry, ropes, and a pack check. Cost of the certification is \$30 plus instructor fees. More information is available from Peter.

1735 ID Cards - motion accepted to defer until August.

NEW BUSINESS

Standards - quick comments were made that:

- 1) They were overdone
- 2) Written to see that member needs to qualify for all listed

1800 Meeting adjourned.

Attendance: Carter Smith, Michelle Fleury, Randy Armour,
Peter Kliem, William Ricker, Buz Caverly (Baxter).

The next meeting will be at the IF&W Headquarters in Sydney at 1600 hours on August 1. Until then...

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kliem, Secretary.