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MASAR Secretary's Notes

The November 7th meeting was held in Bangor at the IF&W Headquarters. There was an incredible turnout due to the final discussion of the Maine SAR Canine Standards recommendation.

Secretary's Minutes

The meeting opened at 1300 hours with the reading on the September 25th Secretary's Minutes. The Minutes were 1st and 2nded with no discussion and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

At 1315, Stuart gave the Treasurer's report and the Symposium Financial Report. Peter needs to give Stuart the final breakdown of expenses. John added that on 17 NOV 93, the State of Maine Safari Club International is to present to MASAR the remaining balance needed to purchase the Night Sun (Helicopter Spot-light). This is wonderful news.

A motion was made to move to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion to accept the report was 1st and 2nded with no discussion. Report was unanimously accepted.

Katahdin Rescue Critique

Bob Howes from Baxter State Park recapped the events of the incident. This was a high angle rescue situation. Bob added that the National Guard will have infrared capability available in the near future. Bob explained the incident and then read the document sent in by Major Tinkham from the National Guard. After reading the 2nd report, Paul Labbe from Wilderness Rescue Team gave a quick recap on the actual rescue. Essentially, the individual fell off the knife edge and landed on very small ledge 150 feet down (vertically). Individual was alive but could not go up (or down). Paul and assistant rappelled down and had to endure a TOUGH vertical rescue. Paul stated that he used 1050 feet of rope to get to the bottom. WOW! The only way down was in the chute between the two plateaus that had running (ice) water. Rescue was successful!!!

Al Martin from Dirigo also supported the rescue and felt that in High Angle Rescue, it is vital to get a medically trained person up to the victim ASAP. Al also stated that we need more training together on rescue evacuation.

End of discussion...

1993 Symposium Review

Approximately 50 attended the symposium held at the end of September. A low turnout compared to past attendance. Critique by Peter: 1) The symposium was understaffed at the registration table causing delays. 2) Registration for specific classes is really needed only for critical classes (water rescue) or for popular classes based on previous years. 3) We experienced instructor problems with a number of no-shows, control of the length of classes, and on-time starts. 4) Once the initial start-up was complete, everything ran fairly smoothly. 5) ADD an extra 30 minutes for registration to the schedule. 6) Finances - all checks and bills should go through a separate MASAR account. This would make it easier and not so confusing. 7) Start planning much, much sooner. Too many delays last year.

The Bottom Line: We broke even, even with low attendance.

John O'Day commented that MASAR should consider 2 or 3 track seminar format. IE: Medical, Ground, High-Angle.

This past July in New Brunswick, there was a SAR gathering where the scenarios were used as the classes. The gathering was set up as a family setting so many could get involved.

One problem with these symposiums is that the classes are tough on younger people. Al Martin suggested the possibility of a teenage conference in the fall. This would be hands-on, with outdoor camping, and team oriented in order to mix people together. More discussion...

The 1993 MASAR Symposium will be audited at the next meeting.

Symposium 1994

Carter agreed that we need to change the format to include more outdoor activities. Paul Labbe presented the bid for Wilderness Rescue Team. The conference will be held in the southern Maine area. The conference will be a high quality, big operation geared to have a big pull. Proposal was well put together.

Julie Erb motioned to accept proposal. Motion was 1st and 2nded. Vote: Almost unanimous with 1 abstaining. A motion was made to rescind the date of the next symposium and to make this date fluid to help in scheduling a location. Motion was accepted and unanimous.

Committee Reports (1515 hours)

Communications: Al - Nothing new.

ID Cards: Don - Last changes given. Go with it.

Database: Stuart - Need to work more on.

Standards: John - Handed over meeting to Steve Hudson...

Canine Standards

Steve led the line-by-line reading of the proposed standards. Line-by-line changes were voted on by hand vote. All changes were unanimously accepted with the following exception:

Section VI.F.2.e (addition) regarding field evaluators deviating from the standard. Vote: Jennifer Applegate opposed the motion.

At 1740, John had a written vote to accept the complete canine standards recommendation. Written vote was unanimous.

Changes to MASAR Directory:

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NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 4th, 1993 AT SIDNEY IF&W HQ
TIME: 1300 hours

Attendance:

Paul Labbe, Toni Dewsnap, Steve Hudson, Chip Wadsworth, Keith Heavrin, Sarah Robinson, Robert Howes, Deborah Palman, Paul Magoon, Dan Pellitier, Michele Fleury, Jennifer Applegate, John O'Dea, Annabella Morse, Stuart Cady Sr., Don Littlefield, Thomas McLaughlin, Julie Erb, Sue Webb, Randy Armour, Vic Bouchard, John McDonough, Peter Kliem, Carolyn McAboy, and Carter Smith. (25)

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kliem, Secretary.