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MASAR Secretary's Notes

January's meeting was held at the Gray IF&W Headquarters. The meeting opened at 1330 with Al Martin chairing. Sue Webb and Toni Dewsnap recorded the minutes in Peter's absence. (Secretary's Note: These minutes are the result of averaging three sets of notes submitted to me for the January meeting.)

At 1335 Stuart motioned to amend the 05 DEC 1993 Secretary's Notes to read, "The Treasurer reported that because the Symposium records were not supplied by the Secretary, the Treasurer's report was incomplete." Vote was unanimous with one abstention by Don Littlefield. Peter is to provide information to Treasurer within a week.

At 1345 Stuart motioned to amend the 05 DEC 1993 Secretary's Notes to read "Stuart also stated that .....maybe slightly behind. Stuart will be making efforts to correct this time-lag." Vote was unanimous with one abstention by Don Littlefield.

At 1347 Julie asked Al about progress regarding licensing on 155.160.

At 1350 Al asked for further changes to the December minutes. None. Minutes accepted as amended.

At 1352 Stuart gave the Treasurer's report for calendar year 1993. Discrepancies to be corrected include Symposium audit and the Night Sun lightfund interest for December. Treasurer will have a corrected copy in February. Report was accepted as submitted.

At 1401 an announcement was made where John McDonough would like each team to submit a projected schedule of regular meetings and training exercises.

At 1404 discussion was renewed about the usefulness of a MASAR newsletter. Randy will publish but will not write it. Toni Dewsnap volunteered. If you have anything for sale, search info, comments and articles of interest, please send them to: Toni Dewsnap 576 Pleasant Valley Road Cumberland, ME 04021.

Al announced that John McDonough would like teams to submit an "end-of-year" report including a summary of person hours and expenses for both actual searches and training.

At 1415 John has scheduled an executive board meeting on January 16th at 1000 in Sydney.

At 1417 Al acknowledged the commendation issued to Search Dogs Northeast from the Vermont State Police for their support regarding the Lake Umbagog Search in OCT/NOV 1993.

At 1420 more Symposium audit comments were made. This must be completed for the executive board meeting.

At 1424 Al asked for Old Business. Julie asked about FUNSAR patches (Maine SAR patches). Are any available? Who has them? What happened to new patches? Can and should we design and

develop a MASAR SAR Fundamentals patch as a replacement? Al to check with Carter Smith.

At 1430 Symposium 1994 discussion regarding status and deadlines (general parameters). Paul Labbe is requested to present a report for the February MASAR meeting.

At 1435 questions and comments were made regarding LASER. Al recapped the December MASAR meeting with Kevin McGinnis (state EMS Director).

At 1446 pagers were discussed including SkyPage, which is very expensive, and the reliability of the current system. A pager solution is still under investigation.

At 1450 Al announced that he and Dave (Dirigo SAR) purchased a Garmin GPS navigation unit and are experimenting. Al will report on results in the future.

At 1455 ID Cards were discussed. Don had developed a prototype example.

Discussion lead to comments that we need to publish a list of committee members and committee chairs. This list needs to be maintained, periodically updated and published. Motion seconded and passed.

Search Dogs Northeast motioned that their listed be moved from the out-of-state/supporting agency section to the State of Maine SAR Team Directory section in the MASAR Directory. Listing should be changed to: Search Dogs Northeast P.O Box 298 Alfred, ME 04002. Pager 1-800-222-5742 PIN# 224203.

Other directory corrections include adding MESARD on second page under MASAR organizational members.

At 1530 ID Card discussion continued with layout and specialties. The Standards Committee needs to think about categories. Suggestions are welcome. Ideas included: yearly sticker system, specialties, signature, lamination, photo, ID number on back.

Al asked people to review the "SAR for Urban Responders" handout. The purpose of this is to introduce SAR to agencies such as the police departments. Please have comments for the February meeting.

At 1600 Al and Don discussed the possibility of a teenage SAR conference. This would most likely be a separate function from the MASAR Symposium. Maybe in September. MASAR members are encouraged to participate. A recommendation will be submitted at the executive board meeting for discussion.

At 1620 thanks were given to Sue and Toni for taking the minutes. Unanimous.

At 1625 the motion to adjourn was made. Unanimous.

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 6TH AT THE BANGOR IF&W HQ.

Attendance: Sue Webb, Annabela Morse, Julie Erb, Al Martin, Michele Fleury, Randy Armour, Don Littlefield, Toni Dewsnap, Stuart Cady Sr.

Respectfully typed up,  
Peter Kliem, Secretary.