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MASAR Secretary's Notes

January's meeting was held at the Sidney IF&W Headquarters. John McDonough opened the meeting at 1310 with a request that members show professionalism by demonstrating patience and by refraining from using inflammatory remarks in correspondence to MASAR and its board members. John prefers that such issues as these should be discussed by telephone and not submitted by letter.

1994 Symposium Report

The Symposium budget and schedule (time-table) was distributed by John. There are two proposals planned for the symposium. The deciding factor regarding "A" or "B" will be determined by the amount of vendor response. Both vendor mailings have been completed and three vendors have responded with payment. Several others have given responses showing interest. The exact location of the symposium is still being determined. The Holiday Inn is a possible site. Date will be November 5th and 6th. Participant mailings will cover ME, VT, NH, MA, NY, CT, RI, and PA. Mailings will be released in three batches: first on May 1, second on June 1, third in July. Cost to attend is proposed to be \$45 in advance or \$55 at the door. Education tracks include wilderness sar, urban sar, K9, general, ICS, wilderness medicine, and a full day seminar. Updates will follow as things are finalized.

At 1330, the January Secretary's Notes were discussed. Julie pointed out a correction in the minutes. The group Sadenga SAR should read Sadawga SAR. Motion to accept January's minutes were made and seconded with the correction. Unanimous vote.

At 1337, the February Secretary's Notes were discussed. Peter commented that on P3 the remark regarding that Peter went on his own regarding 501c3 is not accurate. Caroline should read Carolyn. Kleim should read Kliem. Motion to accept minutes with changes was made by Julie. Seconded by Bill. Unanimous vote.

Other comments: All mail to Stuart is being forwarded to Julie/Annabella in his absence. Stuart will return at the end of March. Stuart forwarded the 1993 end of Symposium financial report. The report will be submitted to the audit committee next time. Julie asked about the possibility of T-shirts this year.

At 1350, John asked for committee reports. Steve reported that ID cards have been printed and that they will be ready to be filled out and distributed in the near future pending final details regarding renewal dates and the submission of team rosters to Randy. Comments regarding ID card use for SAR in

Massachusetts were made. Peter will investigate and find out the details regarding who has them, why, and how.

At 1400 the Standards committee report was made. The Standards committee is currently developing the proposal for ground standards at this time. They are looking at the SAR TECH II and III standards and are considering modifications. As part of the process, the committee will also submit the updates for the Maine SAR Fundamentals course. June 1st is the target date for the 1st draft release. Good news! The K9 standards were approved by the IF&W last week. Distribution of the standards will be in the near future.

At 1408, Steve added that Keith, Al and 2 wardens will sit down to develop how the ID cards will be used.

At 1410, Carter reported on the development of the statewide training exercise. Pat and Glenn need to sit down first to determine needs and logistics of the exercise. Date is likely to be in August or early September at Moosehorn.

At 1415 Keith and Al are looking for 1995 Symposium Suggestions regarding location and what do we want to do? Randy had nothing to comment regarding communications.

At 1430, John gave a quick update on the talk he gave to the State Police. John said that it was a successful briefing on SAR resources in the State of Maine and that many questions were answered regarding how teams in Maine train and participate.

Directory Update: Brunswick N.A.S. listing. The new contact is Lt. Frank Carr Box 28 Brunswick N.A.S. Brunswick, ME 04011. Phones are 921-2132, 921-2256, 921-2257. Home is 729-0043. OD info. and MASAR info. will be sent by Peter.

Julie requested that when one team is called all of the others will be notified. John agreed that this will be done for K9 teams to help them prepare but that the IF&W decides when teams are needed and notified with the OD's suggestions.

At 1440, Carter reaffirmed the IF&W insurance coverage for liability for SAR Teams during searches and IF&W approved and supervised trainings. Requests for training coverage need to be in writing to Carter for approval. Coverage is \$300K liability, \$10K medical. This is for in-state only. Carter asks that he needs at least a week to review and respond to the request.

John asked about Baxter State Park coverage. Steve commented that he will inquire about Acadia State Park coverage, however in the past, coverage has been only under the Federal Tort Claims Act and that the coverage is only for liability and up to \$800 for funeral/burial expenses. No workman's comp. Groups are supposed to have VIP forms signed with the park. Should be develop an M.O.U. for each team or have an M.O.U. between the Park Service and the IF&W with blanket coverage. Steve and Carter will investigate.

At 1455, John said that Dave had asked Carter about state surplus. There is a form that must be filled out for non-profit/municipal/EMA groups. The sites in Maine are in Augusta and at Brunswick (DRMO).

Next meeting will be on April 10th. There will be an

executive board meeting at 10AM. Tony would like teams/members to submit their local team events to be put into a column in the MASAR newsletter.

At 1510, Julie asked about patches. Should we develop a MASAR patch with rockers. Carter will check on cost to update and make patches.

At 1515, John asked for an agreement to set participant prices for the symposium. \$45 in advance. \$55 at the door. Prices were approved.

At 1520, the motion to adjourn was made. Motion was unanimous.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE IF&W HQ IN GRAY ON APRIL 10TH AT 1300 HOURS. THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 10TH AT 1000 HOURS. See you then!

Attendance: John McDonough, Carter Smith, Steve Hudson, Randy Armour, Bill Ricker, Phil DuPerry, Tony Dewsnap, Annabella Morse, Julie Erb, Michelle Fleury, Keith Heavrin, Peter Kliem, Casey Knowles, Mary Rhodes.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kliem, Secretary.