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MASAR Secretary's Notes

John McDonough called for an MASAR Executive Board meeting to meet on April 10th. The executive session was scheduled to meet at 1000 hours at the Gray IF&W HQ. The meeting convened at 1100 due to a key problem. First topic of discussion was the announcement by Steve regarding that ASTM's next meeting will be in Montreal on May 13-15 for the purpose of continuing the development of SAR and technical equipment standards. John will try to attend as he will be in Montreal at that time. Steve will ask ASTM to send standards developed and discussed to date.

Next topic was appointing a bylaws committee at the afternoon regular session. This committee will have a limited term - 30 days to come up with a draft of changes to be submitted at the next meeting (MAY 1). This draft will be voted on at the following meeting in June. Suggested changes will include sections to include 501c3 non-profit requirements. Please submit information to the committee chair. This draft should cover all areas of concern. Changes should be kept as simple as possible and keep the bylaws a workable document.

At 1120, Peter addressed the continued serious mail delay problems. In brief, Peter has been filing complaints with the Post Office regarding the repeated two week delays on first class mail to go from MA to ME or back. Peter finally got an unofficial explanation as to why. According to a cooperative (unnamed) source inside the Boston facility, the problem is due to a combination of automated machines that are accurate only 12% of the time, Fridays involving payday, and a problem with incompetent and sober workers. Mail often is misrouted to other states and is returned to the sender's home post office and then rerouted to the proper destination.

Solutions include the following: Prepare mail and UPS it (unstamped) to Maine for release, fax a copy to Steve or Randy to reproduce and distribute, have another individual take and distribute the minutes, or try to mail the minutes as best we can under these conditions.

At 1130, John read the letter he received from Randy regarding teams who have not submitted their membership lists needed to process Maine ID cards. John said that those who did not submit lists have had ample time and that they will simply not get their ID cards. John continued by saying that he met with wardens in Greenville last week and discussed how to use such ID cards to how to identify the qualifications of the cardholder. Discussion continued with how can we keep track of such qualifications and current computer capabilities and availability. Steve will look at software and ASTM F1382 regarding such software, and Stuart will look at the hardware end

of it.

At 1145, John quickly discussed the MEMA (Maine Emergency Management Agency) incident management system. In the discussion, John referred to the suggestion of potentially adding MASAR to the MEMA policy group for emergencies. John continued the topic referring to his meeting with Dave Brown about such an endeavor.

At 1150, John gave a quick Symposium 1994 update. The Symposium is scheduled for October 22/23 at Southern Maine Technical College (S.M.T.C.) in Portland. There is a possibility of activities for the 21st. John will give a full update during the afternoon session.

At 1155, John stated that he would appoint an audit committee to review the 1993 MASAR Symposium financial report by Stuart. This committee would take the information, ask questions, and report their findings at the next meeting.

A few quick comments were made regarding the cost of insurance and funding through E.M.A.

At 1200, Steve gave an overview of NPS 51: National Park Service Medical Standards. At this time, Acadia National Park is operating under the following rules: All National Park medical persons shall be required to meet state protocols. Unfortunately, State of Maine rules state that the National Park is not required to meet Maine's standards. Hence, no protocols, no training, no requirements. Steve mentioned examples of substandard medical transport incidents. Steve said he would investigate further regarding recommendations and how do we protect ourselves.

At 1210, the executive session was completed.

Attendance: John McDonough, Steve Hudson, Stuart Cady and Peter Kliem.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peter Kliem, Secretary.