

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

8/6/95

Meeting is called to order by John McDonough at 1615 hrs.

Members Present:

John McDonough	Al Martin
David Martin	Randy Armour
William Adcox (Visitor)	Tom McLaughlin

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the June 4, 1995 meeting were read. There being no corrections or amendments they were accepted as read.

Treasurers Report

Peggy McLaughlin sent the current Treasurer's report by Tom who provided copies to all of those members present. The report shows a balance of \$251.98 in the checking account and \$1,186.53 in the Light Fund maintenance account. The Treasurer's report is read with no questions or exceptions taken and was accepted as filed.

Peggy did report that there were several teams that were past due. Separate statements will be sent to them individually. She also inquired what the current dues structure was. John reported that according to the minutes of the January 8, 1995 meeting the dues are as follows:

Individual - \$10.00  
Team - \$35.00

Standards Committee

John reports that the Warden Service has accepted the Ground Searcher Standards as submitted to them. He provided a copy of the Warden Service letter to those in attendance. The standards are currently being distributed to all MASAR members.

MESARD has submitted their paperwork for the first Ground Team to be certified by MASAR. Steve Hudson is currently looking them over.

John asked Dave what progress he made in modifying the existing FUNSAR lesson plan to accommodate the new testing objectives. Dave reported that overall the changes would be minor and will provide an update at the next meeting. He thought that the Incident Command System (ICS) portion of the plan needed to be expanded slightly. Perhaps

a 2 hour introduction to ICS in the form of a video tape. Dave will be purchasing one and let the group know how it is.

John raises the question of whether or not the term FUNSAR is copyrighted. Since some teams charge for putting on the course we should change the name of the course. It is not known but Al suggests we change the name to BASAR(Basic Search and Rescue). All agreed.

Dave asks about the fall exercise. It is agreed(Dave will confirm) that the date selected will be the third weekend in October. The place will be somewhere in the Waterville area and will consist of a portion of the BASAR course on Saturday(classroom & field) and a field exercise on Sunday.

#### Communications Committee

Al is still researching how the CMP radios can be used. Tom McLaughlin is assisting in this venture.

A substantial amount of discussion is held concerning how MASAR would like to proceed concerning obtaining other radio licenses. Currently, Mark Pool of the Maine State Police says that any recognized SAR unit in the State of Maine may operate under their license on 155.160. They are willing to provide a letter to that effect. All are in agreement that such a letter should be requested along with a copy of the license to determine if there are any restrictions. Al will follow-up on this.

Al suggests that MASAR obtain licenses on several different frequencies for additional tactical frequencies if needed as well as a separate one on 155.160. It is agreed to wait on the 155.160 frequency pending the outcome of Al's discussion with Mark Pool. It is agreed to apply for additional frequencies. Al will be prepared at the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED 1730

Respectfully submitted,

John I. McDonough, Sr.