

Maine Association For Search And Rescue

Monthly Meeting Minutes

11/5/95

All Martin calls the meeting to order at 1600 hours

Present-

Al Martin, Dave Martin, Pete Laveway, Steve Hudson, Randy Armour, Deb Palman, Keith Heavrin

Announcements-

John McDonough's wife has found a job teaching in Kittery Maine and with his new job in Mass. their family is in transition for the next month or so.

Secretary's Report-

Minutes from the October meeting were read with some discussion. Steve moves to accept as written with Keith seconding. Minutes are accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report is available for this meeting.

Committee Reports-

Steve Reports that the Standards Committee is at a stand still for the time being.

Al reports that the Communications Committee is in process of submitting the applications for the licenses discussed at the last meeting.

By Laws Committee

Some discussion of the amount of time required to notify members of proposed changes in the By Laws. It is required that 30 days notice be given with the exact wording of the proposed changes. Dave moves that we vote on the proposed changes at the January meeting. Seconded by Pete. Vote is unanimous in favor.

The following changes to the By Laws are agreed upon by discussion and consensus:

Present reading under Article IV Membership, the portion reading Organizational Member - Any volunteer organization or association involved directly in search and rescue or survival activities in the state of Maine. AND under article IV Membership, the portion reading Individual Membership - Any person involved in search, rescue or survival activities and affiliated with a recognized SAR organization in the state of Maine.

Proposed change to Article IV Membership, the portion reading Organizational member is - Any volunteer organization or association involved directly in search and rescue or survival activities in the state of Maine which meets the current MASAR unit certification standard and two thirds of whose membership is comprised of Maine residents.

Proposed change to Article IV Membership, the portion Reading Individual member is - to strike the word "recognized" from the present reading so that it reads Any person involved in search, rescue or survival activities and affiliated with a SAR organization in the state of Maine.

Dave moves we write the changes for submission to vote as appears above, Al seconds and the vote was unanimous to submit the changes as appears above.

Education Committee-

Dave Talked to Gary Anderson about the spring and fall W.S. training weekends . Gary says the planning is for there to be a weekend in May and one in Sept. for a training exercise from now on. Dave ran the idea of a MASAR planned exercise in the fall by Gary and he felt it was a good idea and would take it to the W.S. SAR committee. Dave suggested to Gary that W.S. would plan and organize the spring training exercise with input from MASAR and that MASAR would plan and organize the September training exercise with input from W.S. Some discussion of the Millinocket training exercise ensues with focus on how we might improve the experience for volunteers.

Dave has two classes at Unity college in Funsar related topics that he will be unable to teach and asks for help. Several names are given to him to call.

Dave announces that Tim Liscomb is the new Lt. in the Bangor division of Warden Service. Deb will send a new W.S. Roster to Randy who will forward it to MASAR units. There have been a lot of changes this year.

Dave forwards that he is near completion of the lesson plans for the BASAR course and will have it out soon. Steve says the Standards Committee will write the test questions as soon as possible when the lesson plan is done. If Dave gets it done in time Steve would like to have a Standards Committee meeting for that purpose on Dec 9th at a place to be arranged.

Old Business- None

New Business-

Some discussion of the DeLorme mapping system on disc. Pete will check into possibility of having it donated to W.S. If a suitable computer could be found to use with it then maps could be generated on scene at searches with full enlargement and other capabilities. Problem is W.S. can't accept donations such as a computer to use with this DeLorme mapping system so a discussion ensues as to whether it would be better to have a volunteer unit with that capability just show up and be ready with it.

Randy announces a new E-Mail bulletin board that is available to SAR units through a Dept of Human Services 1-800 number. Call Randy Armour for information.

Deb says that it would be helpful for the SAR volunteers to work a little at letting the local Wardens in their areas know who they are and to make them aware of what we do and what we have for capability. She also forwards an idea for a lost hunter strike team to assist wardens during hunting season when enforcement resources are often stretched thin. The basic idea is for volunteers to be able to help on short notice and get there rapidly with good radios, vehicles and the capability to use fire arms for signaling purposes.

Peter asks about the viability of a MASAR news letter being generated. A short discussion ensues

Correspondence- none

Next Meeting will be held in Gray Maine at Warden Service Headquarters on Dec 3rd at the new winter meeting time of 1300 hours.

AGENDA

- 1. Announcements**
- 2. Secretary's Report**
- 3. Treasurer's Report**
- 4. Committee reports**
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Correspondence**
- 8. Set Next Meeting Agenda**

"NOTICE"

WHAT: MONTHLY MASAR MEETING

WHEN: DECEMBER 3 13:00 HOURS

WHERE: WARDEN SERVICE HEADQUARTERS GRAY

- AGENDA:
1. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS
 3. TREASURER'S REPORT
 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 5. CORRESPONDENCE
 6. OLD BUSINESS
 7. NEW BUSINESS
 8. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA

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