Maine Association For Search And Rescue
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
3 May 1997

Meeting is called to order by John McDonough at The Epicurean restaurant in Bar Harbor at 1930 hours.

Present

Attendees numbered approximately 75 from SAR units throughout the state. Also present were the officers from the past year with the exception of Randy Armour.

Elections

After opening the meeting, John turned it over to Keith Heavrin, Secretary, so that elections could take place. Steve Hudson offered to fill in as temporary secretary. Keith requested nominations from the floor for each position, and those present voted on the nominee(s). The previous slate of officers was reelected with the exception of Steve Hudson, whose position as Member-at-Large was taken by Andy Robidoux of Lakes Region Search and Rescue. The new slate of officers is as follows:

President - John McDonough (Wilderness Rescue Team)
Vice-president - Allen Martin (Dirigo Search and Rescue)
Treasurer - Peter Laveway (Wilderness Rescue Team)
Secretary - Keith Heavrin (Maine Search and Rescue Dogs)
Education Officer - David Martin (Dirigo Search and Rescue)
Members At Large: Randall Armour (Lincoln Search and Rescue)
Andy Robidoux (Lakes Region Search and Rescue)

New Business

Keith Heavrin spoke for MESARD to thank Gary Anderson for his years of work and support. He also promised delivery of a plaque inscribed with these sentiments.

John then presented the Wilderness Rescue Team's Tim Burt award to Gary for his constant efforts to develop a reliable volunteer SAR resource in Maine. Gary accepted with great thanks, but reserved his comments for his position as guest speaker after the meeting.

John closed the meeting with a brief description of the work MASAR has done over the past two years, and went on to describe MASAR's plans to work on adding SAR volunteers to the list of those covered by the state's Workers Compensation laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040.