

Maine Association For Search and Rescue

Monthly Meeting Minutes

1 June 1997

The meeting was called to order by Peter Laveway, sitting in for John McDonough, at 1630 hours.

Present

Randy Armour, Steve Hudson, Pete Laveway, and Warden Tim Peabody.

Secretary's Report

Keith Heavrin was not present, so there was no discussion of the minutes from the April meeting. Steve Hudson had taken the minutes for the Annual Meeting at the Spring SAR Exercise, but he had forgotten to bring them, so there was no discussion of them, either.

Treasurer's Report

Pete Laveway presented the Treasurer's report for the past few months. He has gotten things organized now in a clearer format, and was able to report that MASAR's accounts add up to a total of \$3,027.10, consisting of \$1,410.98 in checking, \$1,231.12 in savings, and \$385.00 in receivables. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Committee Reports

Standards Committee

Steve Hudson reports that the questions are selected, organized, and broken down into their respective sections, but lack of spare time has prevented the committee from preparing the material for mailing. They will work on it in the coming weeks.

ASTM

Steve reports nothing further from them since the last meeting.

ID Card Committee

Tim Peabody reported that he had the ID card forms almost completely prepared; he only needs the MASAR logo to finish them. Steve will mail a copy of the logo to him for this purpose. Randy will send Tim a list of the operational members of all MASAR units for use in preparing cards. When the card forms are ready, members of MASAR units may have laminated picture ID cards made by seeing Dale Clark at the Warden Service office on State St. in Augusta. Only those whose names are on operational membership list may get an ID card. When anyone plans to stop in for a card, please call Dale in advance at 287-5240. Units should note that if they haven't gotten their lists of operational members in to Randy before, they need to now. For those who can't make it to Augusta, Tim will plan on bringing the photographic and laminating equipment on the road to future statewide exercises. Suggestions for other methods of getting cards to members would be appreciated.

Old Business

The Warden Service will be organizing the statewide training exercise for the Fall, to

take place on the third weekend of September. Those present agreed that the scenario type of exercise seems to work well, providing new and old members a chance to practice skills which tend to grow rusty as fewer searches take place. A location farther from roads and civilization was suggested as more realistic for lost hunter searches; this suggestion will be considered for the coming exercise.

The Spring statewide exercise was discussed. Tim Peabody commented on the fact that many there exhibited no clear understanding of the search planning process. He offered to come to unit meetings to explain the process; the others present commented on the fact that this is a topic that they usually get to later in the training process; many of those present at the exercise were new members with little to no experience in search operations.

The next MASAR monthly meeting will be held at Warden Service headquarters in Sidney, Me. at 1600 hours on 3 August.

Next Meeting's Agenda

1. Announcements
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Correspondence
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Set Next Meetings Agenda

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1725 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hudson
Acting Secretary