

Maine Association For Search And Rescue

Meeting 6 February 2000

Meeting opened at 1605 by Steve Hudson, Vice-president, as President John McDounough was unable to attend.

Present at the Meeting were the following:

Steve Hudson, Randy Armour, John Lee, Chris Lee, Susanne Kynast, Dave Woodin, Annie Ray, Nanci Ingraham, Chris Drew, Mike Sawyer, Rick Grant

Search Reports for Dec. 99 & Jan, 2000

Sue Kynast: Spoke about the search for 2 men, one was rescued and the other froze to death before he could be rescued.

Steve Hudson: Spoke about Deb Palman finding the lady that had been in her car for 5 days and was rescued.

Minutes of December Meeting:

December meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Sec. Robert Bohlmann was absent. Minutes were taken by Nanci Ingraham of PTESAR.

Treasurer's Report

Treasury reported that 2000 dues were due. Balance in treasury is currently \$1,303.78.

Committee Reports:

Standards are presently on hold.

EMS: not present

OLD BUSINESS:

Acadia New Years: Were prepared for 800 people. Had 2,500 on top of mountain and 1,000 on bottom. No problems and the MDISAR team spent their time parking cars. Thanks to all that volunteered to come to MDI if needed.

MDI SAR will host the fall exercise. Tentatively the dates will be Sept. 9 & 10th More discussion on this at the next meeting. MESARD is doing a dog symposium April 12-15th. Anyone interested should contact Keith Heavrin.

Chris Drew from Baxter State Park handed out paperwork on Winter Search Procedures last meeting, hoping to get feedback from SAR teams. No feedback has been received so far.

Rick Grant: Mr. Grant gave his resignation notice as treasurer due to personal reasons.

Gary Anderson's Fund Raising Committee: Mike Sawyer mentioned that a meeting was held 01-12-2000 with wardens about the 'Fund Raising Committee'. Committee will look over MASAR by-laws and how funds will be disbursed, perhaps by grants, etc. More on this at next meeting.

Grants: Mike Sawyer said he or Dave Peppard would help units with grant writing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Exercise: Mike Sawyer spoke on the spring exercise. It will be a one day exercise. The area would be Bangor or north, possibly Baxter State Park or Greenville area. The date would be early May or early June. Teams will be notified of the date of the exercise. Callout time would be included in the exercise.

Logistics of getting teams into the northern areas: Discussion on the time it takes to get to the search site, correct directions to the site, etc. was questioned.

GPS: All wardens have been equipped with GPS thanks to the Outdoor Heritage Grants. Warden Divisions will be trained on use of the GPS. It was suggested that when the training on GPS takes place, 2 members of each SAR team be allowed to attend the training session and it would enable them to return to the SAR team and train the team on the use of the GPS.

Snowmobile SAR: Greenville had 2 parties (different groups) missing. One ended up fatal. The other group took the wrong trails but came out on their own. Discussion was: should Warden Service call out SAR teams for this search. Discussion was that Snowmobile Clubs have volunteered to help in this type of search. Mentioned was if SAR members had snowmobiles, should one or two SAR members be placed with each different snowmobile group so that SAR-certified searchers could assist the groups with the search procedures?

Teams with more than one specialty: Discussion on SAR teams with more than one specialty, i.e.: snowmobiles, boats, canoes, x-country skis, snowshoes, etc. should be listed with in the member's profile so if assistance is needed they could be called upon. They can also be called to assist overhead teams.

Chris Drew on Baxter SAR training: Chris mentioned that 2 teams were coming to the park to train, one on school vacation in Feb. and one in March.

Mike Sawyer: Spoke on writing a grant to the Outdoor Heritage Fund for a new First Aid Film. Wildness Rescue will help with the making of the film.

Susan Kynast: Brought up the subject of MASAR SAR patches for jackets with rockers for specialties. All present thought it was a great idea and anyone can submit a design for the patch. This was continued until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be the first Sunday in April.

Meeting was closed by Randy Armour.

Respectfully submitted:

Nanci Ingraham, Pine Tree Equestrian SAR