

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE  
MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2001

Maine Warden Service District Office  
Sidney, Maine

Meeting called to order by vice president at 13:00 hours. Twelve members present, list attached.

Previous meeting of February 4, 2001 were presented and approved by motion with no corrections.

Treasurers Report was distributed for members review. No note of any action recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring training was March 17, in Greenville. it was a plane crash exercise. Reported it went very well, with lessons learned. Weather was great. winter exercise was needed.

It was noted that dogs cannot always be used in the snow. It is necessary to look into a better way of utilizing volunteers at various levels of training in search and rescue.

MASAR would like to "better organize and utilize snowmobile resources.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall training exercise in Machias September 15 & 16 .It will be at Machias River. Two days done at river with canoes. Susanne will be doing navigation, Maptech, GIS .

Rock rescues will be done, pool available for water classes. Sea kayak rescue on the ocean. Susanne is looking for ideas for classes on Saturday. One was Jocelyn Stahl on tracking. A camp over Friday night is planned with Saturday classes and a SAR event on Sunday. It was noted that only search dogs will be allowed. No family pets on scene please.

Planning still going on and ideas are welcome. Saturday night dinner has several possibilities at this time. MEMA may be approached for funding for the exercise. Cut off date for outline of training to be offered at September exercise will be the June meeting. Many ideas discussed and will be followed up on. Susanne has put a lot of effort in on this already and should be commended for her efforts.

It was reported that the bill would go to the Senate council this week for workmens compensation for search and rescue volunteers. Report on June meeting as to outcome.

Wardens Service reports some changes in the overhead team. Roger Guay has come off the overhead team. Gregg Sanborn is now assigned to overhead team. Tim Place Rick Mills also assigned to overhead team. Kevin Adams and Joel Wilkinson are assigned as assistant search managers.

Training available 4-30 to 5-4 in Bangor. At this time it is unclear who will be filling various command positions at the training. Warden Service is working on a national exercise in two years to be held in Maine or New Hampshire.

Interest was voiced on getting some advanced SAR classes in near future for units. It was mentioned that MASAR should look into possibly sponsoring people to attend the National SAR conference in the future.

The OD schedule was discussed.

Baxter State Park will be contacting some teams by phone to assist in the park on weekends through out the summer. Contact will be in May. It was also discussed that a SAR training event might be planned for next year.

Gary Anderson will be approaching MASAR in the near future regarding fundraising efforts. MASAR needs to address the project and determine level of interest and ability to work on the project. It was noted that a decision needs to be made soon so the project will not be lost.

Technical rescue standards are still a work in progress. Additional follow up will be provided at future meetings.

Respectfully submitted:

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