

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2001
MAINE WARDENS DISTRICT OFFICE
Sidney, Maine

Meeting called to order at 16:01 by President 15 members attending.

Recent searches: MESARD reported they had been asked to send three individuals and dogs to Canada to assist in a search. This was a good experience.

The Greene search received excellent comments from the Warden Service and other agencies. Sheriff's Dept was a great help on this incident. Concern was voiced regarding a victim's family member being assigned to a team without complete knowledge of the team members. Could be a problem. Victim information board not moved to team staging area, need to have information available to teams.

Holden search elderly Alzheimer's case found by dog. Good job.

Secretaries Report. Minutes of last meeting were accepted with corrections made.

Treasurers Report. No report due to no bank statement. Motion made to seek a new bank letter to be provided to Treasurer to allow the change. Team statements due out in July with annual dues payable July 1st.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gary Anderson, issue on fund raising. MASAR has already approved we need information to proceed. Mike Sawyer will follow up and report back to us.

Workers Compensation update. The bill is dead for this session, Art Cleaves is proceeding with the possible purchase of a stand alone insurance policy. Risk Management is working with Art at this time. No immediate answer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fall exercise: Location has been selected, privately owned. It will be a package deal with meals Saturday and Sunday camping area available. Handout provided to teams. GPS equipment and cables to be provided by teams wanting course. Computer and Map-tec. Will be used if you have it. National Guard to be asked for water trailer.

Standards: They met today and worked on Technical Rescue Standards. More work to be done on it. Will get them out soon. No report on ASTM. NFPA 1670 is out and it a general standard for teams to follow in part or in total.

New Business:

Sunrise Team reported that they are divided into local Down East Emergency Service for in county and local service and the current Sunrise team for MASAR responses. This needs to be discussed with local wardens to work out local issues.

Wilderness First Aid will be offered June 9 and 10 at the Bangor Wardens facility. Still openings available.

Elections will be at the annual meeting in September during fall exercise. Motion to hold elections at this time was made and seconded. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to membership advising them of this.

By Law Change needs to be done. Secretary will e mail by law change to member teams at least 30 days prior to next meeting. Changes will be voted on at the August meeting. These changes are minor in nature and are required for the IRS filings.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Passed meeting adjourned at 17:50 hours. Next meeting set for Sunday August 5, 2001 at 16:00 \ hours at the Sidney Warden District Office.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert C. Bohlmann".

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MASAR Secretary