

MASAR
December 2, 2001 Meeting Notes

Attending:

Brad Rounds (Wilderness)	Pat Dorian (Maine Warden Svc)
Scott Higgins (Civil Air Patrol)	Randall Armour (Lincoln SAR)
Davin O'Connell (HART)	Steve Hudson (MDI SAR)
Susanne Kynast (Sunrise)	Mike Sawyer (IFW Rec Safety)
Nancy Weeks (Mid-ME Equestrian – arrived last 15 minutes of meeting)	

1. Called to order 1305 hours by Steve Hudson
2. Search Activity
 - a. Dog teams activated for photographer overdue, elderly gentleman, located 0400-0500 next morning in Megunticook area at Camden. Successful, only hypothermic
 - b. Canoeists doing the Bow Trip(Moose River) in Jackman area. Did not take into account Lake may be frozen by time they returned. Dumped and lost all gear. Located by plane and 112 air evac'd.
 - c. Thmble-down Mountain early in October. Climber was not well equipped, fell, partners both hiked out and no one stayed with victim, then partners were unable to fix location of victim. Fire Department requested Life-flight. 112 was on standby. Brunswick NAS responded and ultimately air evac'd victim. Victim survived.
 - d. Just before Thanksgiving there was a search in Waite. Sunrise was contacted but did not respond before hunter was located at 0600 hours. Fatality.
 - e. There was a search in Westbrook for a 17 year old missing 3 days. The search was activated by fire and police and Maine Warden Service was not notified. Successful find by dog, hypothermic and needed medication.
 - f. Report of downed aircraft on 4th Machias Lake, CAP responded via State Police, pilot became injured after landing his seaplane and attempted to walk out. Successful result.
3. Pat discussed MWS authority on all ground searches and discussed how coordinating such responses provided more resources for the search effort.
4. There was no treasurer or secretary report. It was also noted there were no notes or minutes available from the October meeting.

9. A discussion was held in regard to the development of snowmobile SAR potential. Mike stated the SAR support concept is developed in some club areas. Pat is already actively working with clubs in his area. Ashland also is working with their club.
10. Mike is meeting with the 112 and Lifeflight regards developing Landing Zones around the state. Maps may be produced as a result.
11. Pat asked those present if anyone had heard anything about legislation submitted from a legislator around the Bangor area in regards to redesignating the primary authority for SAR. Nothing was known.
12. Mike reported that York County SAR received a Heritage Grant for equipment and training.
13. Maine Warden Service will be changing paging services, more info to come.
14. After discussion it was moved (Brad and Pat,) and voted to schedule MASAR meetings at 1300 hours year-round.

Meeting adjourned at 1445.

Brad Rounds
Recording