

Meeting Minutes  
MASAR  
June 2, 2002  
Sidney, Maine

Meeting attended by 8 member agencies and the Maine Warden Service.

Called to order at 13:05 hours by ~~Vice President Steve Hudson.~~ *PLAD rounds.*

Secretary's report. Minutes had been e mailed to those attending last meeting by acting secretary Brad Rounds, Two changes noted: item 6-a should read 15 to 20, and 6-e should read race not face as printed. Motion by Brad Rounds to accept, seconded by Scott Higgins. Motion carried.

Mike Sawyer reported on LD 2084 and the fact that SAR was not included in the bill as passed. Discussion regarding bill, coverage and future actions took place. It was noted that continued action must be taken to get SAR included in coverage. Mike indicated that a meeting was to take place in early June to discuss the issue between Col Peabody and MEMA. Letter has been sent by president John to Col Peabody asking for written ruling from the AG as to coverage and interpretation of where teams currently are.

Mike indicated that in the very near future standards will become more important for all individuals involved in SAR. Currently only 60 individuals are listed as certified. This is not going to play well in obtaining insurance coverage. Standards must be followed in the areas of certification and searches. MASAR has standards for teams and they need to be implemented by all teams.

The exercise in Unity was attended by 60 individuals, numbers could be as high as 70 when final count is in. Training was good and teams need to realize that any search may well be a criminal case, and should be treated as such.

Brad indicated he had contacted MATC with respect to having a representative attend MASAR meetings.

Randy Armour made a very shocking announcement, he will be leaving the state of Maine and moving to Arizona in the next few weeks. The attendees expressed our best wishes to his new endeavors and extended a sincere thanks for the many hours of expert assistance Randy has given to MASAR and the citizens of the State of Maine. Randy you will be missed by each and every team member.

Randy indicated he will be preparing a disc of the latest team information and necessary data he has. The disc will be forwarded to Steve Hudson. Randy stated that photo ID's need to be done for accountability of teams. Randy indicated that he has the team info on disc so it could be used to check teams in. He recommended a disc be sent to each team to they could set up a computer check in system and hand in a team roster on disc at a search. This will be followed up on at next meeting after Randy gets information to Steve Hudson.

Scott Higgins suggested a committee to study the methods currently utilized in the check in , check out process and the full record keeping system. This was felt to be a good idea Motion made by Scott and seconded by Bob Bohlmann. Al and Dave Martin will be asked to serve, Mike Sawyer , Scott Higgins and Suzanne will serve. Others may participate.

Standards Committee Report: Progress still being made on equestrian standards.

Searches: Mike reported on the recent searches that had taken place. May 10, Madison conducted by Somerset Sheriffs Dept. May 11 Lake St, George wardens assisted State Police with a body search. 5/31, Colby students on Massalonsky Lake in canoe no PFD's 1 student lost rescue of others. Bradley search April 17 Good find MASAR had a very good turn out. Teams need to know it was a good job.

Training: Mike is looking at fall training September 21 in Western Maine possibly in conjunction with New Hampshire. Work in progressing on this.

BNAS is certified by wardens and is assisting in training for SEARS school. They want to become more involved. Will be excellent resource for searches.

Mike announced that the State Police awards function will be June 5<sup>th</sup> in Augusta. Teams that were involved in the Portland search would be honored along with the Warden Service for outstanding actions. Teams have been invited and a representative will accept awards for entire team. Governor will be on hand.

Meeting adjourned at 16:00 hours. Next meeting will be held Sunday August 4, 2002 at Maine Warden Service District Office Sidney Maine. Start time will be 13:00 hours. Note time has remained the same.

Respectfully submitted



Robert C. Bohlmann

Secretary