

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2003
DISTRICT WARDENS HEADQUARTERS
SIDNEY, MAINE

Meeting called to order by President Fisk at 13:04 hours. Sign in list passed around and attached.

Introductions of attendees. Several new attendees

Secretary's report : Minutes distributed and read. Minor changes made, motion made and seconded. Carried, minutes approved.

Treasurer' report. Current balance \$2, 863.14 One teams dues received since last report. Reminder from treasurer dues have been due for a period, teams and individuals are urged to get dues in. Motion made and seconded to accept. Carried.

Standards Committee: Dog standards are to be reworked. The current national standard has been reviewed and the MASAR standard exceeds the national standard. Some questions were raised about the ASTM standards for land search, it was noted that the MASAR standard was used as one of the base standards to develop the ASTM. MASAR standards committee is considering adopting the ASTM standard, the price is a draw back. Steve is looking into how this could be handled. Horse standards to be mailed to members for comments. Team leader standards to be worked on by committee.

Recent searches: Warden Service:

Search for the Forest Ranger in West Gardner was a difficult one to handle.

Dennysville search 84 year old who did not want to be found. December 7, search was determined as nearly a rescue situation. Mike Sawyer discussed the events. Wardens are looking into several searches on the same weekend in the snow storm. Oxford Hills High School students Plane found the students. A third group was found and air lifted to Berlin NH.

Old Business:

Worker Compensation: MASR officers attended a meeting with Col. Peabody to discuss the process. Forms for individuals who are certified will be completed and filed with MEMA. Only certified searchers will be fully covered. Training will only be covered if pre approved by Warden Service. Forms are available from Warden Service. Team information is needed to assist MEMA and Warden Service.

New Business:

Steve Hudson suggested a program of three levels. One group would be under direct supervision of Warden Service. One would be fire fighter assistance and one would be certified ground searchers. Motion was made to explore the creation of a program to

provide fire fighters and law enforcement offices with a basic search program. Motion seconded and carried. Team members request a defined list of what can and cannot be done. Brad Rounds, Bob Bohlmann Dave Martin to work on the program.

Ropes course that was offered in the fall will be offered in June at Hurricane Island. The cost will be \$350.00 for those interested.

Spring Training: Wardens Service working on it. Possible last Saturday in April.

MASAR teams need to work with Sgt at scene of a search and provide resources requested. Wardens know what is needed, and Teams know what resources they have available. A joint effort can provide a smooth scene.

Baxter gave a presentation of information on weekend coverage requirements and requested that if teams are interested they contact Baxter. Some of the teams have already signed up to assist.

Motion to adjourn Seconded and Carried. Meeting adjourned at 15:20 hours.

A meeting of MASAR duty officers was conducted after the membership meeting by President Fisk.

Respectfully submitted

Robert C. Bohlmann
Secretary