

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2005

Meeting Location: Maine Warden Service District Office, Sidney, Maine

Meeting called to order at 14:00 by Education Director Brad Rounds.
President Jennifer Fisk present but engaged at this time.

Twenty eight individuals in attendance. Nine teams represented plus the Maine Warden Service.

Ed Dir Brad Rounds called the suspended annual meeting back to order to complete the business remaining. The nominations committee presented the slate of officers and received nominations from the floor. The voting requirements according to the existing by laws were explained. A motion was made and carried to conduct the election by paper ballot. Brad Rounds selected counters from non-voting attendees. Major Sanborn and Warden Palman carried out this task assisted by Michele Fleury, MESARD.

Election Results: President Jennifer Fisk, Vice President Steve Hudson, Secretary and Treasurer Julie Jones, Board Members at Large Paul Magoon and Bob Bohlmann, Education Director, Randy Michaud. Vice President Hudson expressed appreciation to all who have served and all who came forward to offer to serve. New officers take office effective immediately. Out-going secretary Bohlmann continued to take notes for meeting in progress. Annual meeting adjourned at 14:30.

Regular meeting of MASAR called to order by President Fisk at 14:40.

Discussion of new by laws conducted by Brad Rounds. If they are enacted we will have 7 board members. This election only 2 board members voted on, 5 additional will be added after new by laws take effect. All members present indicated understanding by motion to accept vote.

Warden service reported on recent searches. The Maine Warden Service did send two dogs and handlers to New Orleans first time ever. Very successful and lots of good training for the handlers. Two searches during hunting season - Bridgewater and Steuben. A recovery was made on an old search in Whiting.

Discussion on meeting less frequently and moving it between Bangor and Sidney. It was voted to go to quarterly meeting commencing with the February 5th meeting to be held in Bangor at the Bangor Mental Health Hospital, 650 State Street. Meetings will be the first Sunday of the month. Schedule to be provided at February Meeting.

Report from President on Board Meeting.

A vote was taken by the Board not to remove a member after hearing all the information available regarding the situation. Board did vote to advise the individual member to be

more clear as to affiliation when operating outside the scope of Search and Rescue. This was deemed as a very high priority for all searchers.

Randy Michaud made a motion that the Board of Directors be tasked to develop a document outlining the division between SAR and a missing person for all teams. In addition a process for calling out teams to assist in missing persons as opposed to SAR call out. Seconded by Brad. Motion voted on and carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Randy Michaud and seconded by Paul Magoon. Meeting adjourned at 16:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Robert C. Bohlmann
Secretary