

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE (MASAR)
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2006
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
SIDNEY, MAINE

Called to Order: Vice Pres., Steve Hudson, 1:06 p.m.

Recent Searches: Sgt. Dorian briefly discussed recent searches: *Baxter State Park* - Group leaders from an up-state New York camp group did not act responsibly and two campers were missing overnight. They were located shortly thereafter. *Canaan, Maine* search - Warden Guay found one body but there is still one person (body) that remains missing. *Hudson, Maine* - Warden Service activated MESARD for a suicidal person but this was resolved quickly when the person was found on Rte. 15 shortly thereafter.

Secretary's Report: MASAR August 6, 2006 Meeting Minutes were presented. *Bob Bohlmann* - motion to accept as written. *Unanimous vote to accept.*

Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$2533.03. *Dave Martin* - motion to accept as written. *Unanimous vote to accept.*

Committees:

By Laws Committee: No report.

Standards Committee: No report. However, a question was brought up about the new Resource List. Julie will contact Scott Higgins about this.

Education Committee: No report. (Randy Michaud was not present.)

Old Business: **ID card photos** - For those who have not had their photos taken, digital photos may be sent to Mike Sawyer who will forward them to the MEMA Office.

Discussion of Spring Exercise - As Randy was not available for discussion, it was decided that MASAR would determine the location and date of the spring exercise as follows: location - York County will be the host site; date - May 5 & 6, 2007. This date was decided upon so that it would not conflict with the canoe races. There was a consensus to hold the exercise over two days although no specific classes or itinerary was set. A committee within MASAR should be formed under the direction of Randy to help plan and implement this weekend exercise, working with Warden Service, MASAR and YCERRT.

BASAR Course - Brad Rounds is able to do a BASAR course for any unit who wants to sponsor it and if it is needed. This fall (Oct.) Susanne Kynast, from Sunrise, is conducting a BASAR course at United Technologies College (UTC) in Bangor. Bob Bohlmann is also conducting an academy which will take place in the evenings over a six week time period and this is open to everyone.
NOTE: *For more information on these BASAR courses, please contact Brad, Susanne or Bob.*

Other Training Possibilities - Steve Hudson has been contacted by a Ranger from Schoodic who suggested the idea of a two week training course. Much discussion ensued about being volunteers and therefore having to provide all of our funding for this (e.g., the training, lodging, transportation). Steve did mention that Schoodic as a facility for food and lodging so this would help with part of the expense, and if a unit was interested in attending this, that they may be able to apply and receive a Heritage Grant. Paul Magoon mentioned opening this training up to others in the northeast region. Another thought would be whether someone who received this training would be able to actually "use" this training and whether it is practical or not to take these courses.

Richard Bowie will be contacting the ranger to look into developing some of these ideas at the United Technology Center in Bangor.

Other News: Warden Lt. Nat Berry (southern Maine) will be retiring at the end of the month. Sgt. Doug Tibbetts will be his (acting) replacement.

Continuation of Annual Meeting (Nominations for BOD's) - Nominations for the Boards of Directors were documented and presented for written ballot voting. The three (3) new MASAR Board of Director's are: Janice Hatch (MMESAR); Randy Michaud (North Star); and Andrea Stone (MWK-9).

New Business: Julie introduced MASAR members to some new excellent self-heating foods from **EVERSAFE** <http://www.geteversafe.com/> A packet of information and a free sample of the foods were given out to each unit. Bob Bohlmann mentioned that he would be willing to put in an order for this food for any units who would like to purchase them. It is hoped that we would have a large enough order so that we might be able to get a pallet (bulk) of these foods for further savings. Please contact either Julie or Bob for more information.

Date / Location of Next Meeting: December 3, 2006, 1:00 p.m., Bangor, Maine.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie R. Jones

Note: Duty Officer meeting held - 12 noon; MASAR meeting - 1:00 p.m.; Board of Director's meeting - 2:25 p.m.

Those in attendance: Steve Hudson (MDISAR); Julie Jones (MESARD); Mike Sawyer (IF&W); Patrick Dorian (MWS); Bob Bohlmann (YCERRT); Brad Rounds (MWK9); Judy Graham (MWK9); Andrea Stone (MWK9); Misty Libby (MWK9); Dave Martin (DIRIGO); Susanne Kynast (Sunrise); Ray Geisel (Sunrise); Richard Bowie (DEEMI); Paul Magoon (MESARD); Harvey King (Waldo County SAR); and Janice Hatch (MMESAR).