

**MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE (MASAR)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 3, 2007**  
**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**  
**BANGOR, MAINE**

**Called to Order:** President, Jennifer Fisk, 1:14 p.m.

**Introductions**

**Recent Searches:** Warden John Blagdon reported on a recovered a body in Buxton 5 miles down river (Coreen Wiese).

Warden Deb Palman reported on a limited search in new areas in Hartland for a potential murder victim. Cow bones were found. Deb suggested that the overhead team be alerted to having some sort of notice put on bones or other things like this which have been previously found and checked out.

MESARD, Dirigo and Waldo County searched in Bucksport on Mother's Day for a 17-year- old boy who had jumped/fallen off the bridge in Bucksport in March. Two dogs gave indications below the bridge so the body may be right below or gone down to Winterport or Islesboro. Dirigo did a great job on transporting and working the radios; Waldo County did well flanking.

A drowning and recovery of a child in a man-made pond on Islesboro was reported by Warden Blagdon.

Randy Michaud updated us on the missing three-year-old in Aroostook County. A pink boot was found on the river bank where it was presumed the child went into the water. The other boot was found in the river about one mile downstream. The river is cresting at 13 feet. North Star has checked the river banks and the wardens are there every day. North Star has searchers in the area today (June 3). Canadian teams are working there as well. DEEMI has also taken many digital photos from their fixed wing plane.

There was a drowning in Van Buren - no team(s) called in as the person was found 50 yards from where he went into the water.

Mike Sawyer reported that a 10-year-old had walked 12 miles.

**Secretary's Report:** Previous meeting minutes prepared by Steve Hudson and will be presented in Sept.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance: \$2843.05. *Dave Martin - motion to accept as written. Unanimous vote to accept.*

**Committees:**

**By Laws Committee:** No report.

**Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors had a conference call based on information that it has found which needs to be addressed by MASAR regarding the permanent and indefinite suspension of Susanne Kynast. However, the Board is going to wait on any action by MASAR until matters (also regarding Susanne Kynast), which are pending by the Maine Warden Service, are completed.

**Education Committee:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Dirigo had a BASAR course. MESARD sent three people for the course, all others were from Dirigo. Mike Sawyer said that they were exploring hosting the National Search and Rescue School again next year at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

**Standards Committee:** Steve Hudson reports that credentials are being developed for interstate response by SAR units. These are minimum requirements for ground, mountain, and K9 units to respond interstate. Steve will report at a future date.

**Old Business: Pager / Callout Procedures** - Bob Bohlmann and Julie Jones will work on getting information for establishing York County as a resource for calling out teams. Further information will be made available at the meeting in September.

**Discussion of Fall Exercise** - The MASAR Fall Exercise will be either the second from the last weekend or last weekend of September. The MASAR Annual Meeting will be held at this exercise.

**Other News:** In April, Paul Magoon's Dad passed away. He was an excellent supporter of search and rescue and hosted many MESARD trainings at his home over the years.

Erma Simoneau passed away - MDI will have a float in her honor in the upcoming parade.

Mike Sawyer announced that Warden Doug Tibbetts was promoted to lieutenant; Roger Guay stepped down as a sergeant; and Tim Liscomb has retired.

**New Business:** Randy voiced concerns about the voting (election) process and not understanding why individual members don't have an individual vote. He says that MASAR needs to look at how it runs their teams and that there is nothing in return from an individual belonging to MASAR. He says that "... we need to think outside of the box. We need participation and for more people / teams to be involved." Jen asked that Randy write a proposal regarding these issues.

Mike Sawyer updated us on the insurance which has been accepted by the state and handed out copies of the details. (See attached) Mike also reiterated that he needs information regarding the team trainings in order for the insurance to apply during the training time.

Bob Bohlmann thanked Dirigo for taking over the Duty Officer role from him during the week of the flood when York County was supposed to be doing it.

**Date / Location of Next Meeting:** December 2, 2007, 1:00 p.m., Bangor, Maine.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie R. Jones

**Those in attendance:** Jennifer Fisk (MESARD); Steve Hudson (MDISAR); Julie Jones (Dirigo); Bob Bohlmann (YCERRT); Mike Sawyer (IF&W); Deb Palman (MWS); John Blagdon (MWS); Dave Martin (DIRIGO); Richard Bowie (DEEMI); Paul Magoon (MESARD); Randy Michaud (North Star); Lisa Michaud (North Star); Jillian Handren (MMESAR); Janice Hatch (MMESAR); and Jim Raymond (CAP).

***Attachment: Insurance Information***

