

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

March 1, 2009

Sydney IFW Headquarters

Attending

Jennifer Fisk, Paul Magoon, Deborah Palman, Jim Bridge-MESARD; Joe Poullin-WRT; Patrick Dorian-MWS; Harvey King-Waldo; Mick Womersley-Unity College SAR; Steve Hudson-MDISAR; Nancy Weeks, Joan Cameron-Mid Maine Equestrian; CB Spady, Gail Lord- Mid Coast SAR; and Dave Martin-Dirigo

Call to Order

1:05 PM by Dave Martin, Pres.

No Secretary or Treasurer reports

Committee Reports

Education Committee

Jim Bridge new Ed Director. BASAR is being reviewed and realigned with the standards and there are plans to certify instructors. The land navigation portion is going to be taught separately from the rest of the course. Mark Kingsbury is assisting Jim in this endeavor.

Joe Poulin gave an overview of the MASAR May 8,9 and 10 weekend. The date to preregister to be eligible for the free weekend drawing has been changed to March 19. He indicated he is inviting teams from out of state to attend.

There was a brief discussion about ID tags. Harvey King said Waldo EMA has the capabilities to make the tags now. ID tags still need to be cleared through Mike Sawyer.

Standards Committee

Did not meet. There are plans to update the basic ground searcher standard and to write team leader and cadaver dog standards. Steve is looking for an experienced person to help.

Resource Officer

Dave asked for someone to volunteer to take over this job which entails maintaining an updated resource list, writing the OD schedule and meeting with the ODs once a year. Mick Womersley volunteered for this position. There was much discussion about getting updates for the resource list.

Search Reports

None

Old Business

None that anyone could remember due to lack of minutes from last meeting.

New Business

New GPS units and mapping software from DeLorme are being Beta tested by Wardens

Dave passed out information about VolunteerMaine.org. Dave will investigate benefits for MASAR.

Steve passed around Task booklets that MDISAR has written for Search Team member, Search Team leader, Rescue Team member and Rescue Team Leader. They are designed to be used by the member to reach objectives in each area and to be signed by instructors in those areas.

Mick announced that Unity Conservation Law will spend a semester working at SERC with ANP Rangers and that a SAR course may be added. They also now have a couple of vehicles that will allow them a better response to searches.

Adjourned at 2:55