

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

June 7, 2009

Bangor IFW Headquarters

The June 7, 2009 meeting was called to order by President Dave Martin at 1:05 at the Inland Fish & Wildlife building in Bangor.

Present were:

Steve Hudson, MDISAR; Dave Martin, Dirigo; Harvey King, Waldo SAR; Gary Drinkwater, Waldo SAR; Clarence CB Spady, Mid-Coast SAR; Randolph Michaud, Northstar; Jim Bridge, MESARD; Jennifer Fisk, MESARD; Kevin Adam, MaineWarden Service; Harry Evans, North Star; James Michaud, Northstar; Lisa Michaud, Northstar; Joe Poulin, WRT; Mike Sawyer, Maine IF&W; Troy Bragg, Northstar; Mick Womersley, Unity SAR; Paul Magoon, MESARD; Nancy Weeks, MMESAR.

Jennifer Fisk submitted the secretary's report of the March 1, 2009 meeting. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the secretary's report. No treasurer's report was available. Randy Michaud had talked with Julie Jones and she said the balance was \$1,682. Steve Hudson questioned whether this included the savings account. Wilderness has not received \$500 from MASAR yet.

RESOURCE OFFICER: Mick Womersley passed out a form for everyone to complete and return to him asking for contact information from the units. Mick will send one to York County EMS.

Dave Martin discussed the Duty Officer meeting that was held just prior to this meeting. MDI and North Star need land line calls. It was pointed out that when you call York County EMS, have them read back what you said. Each team needs to have a procedure to contact members. DO should not attend a search since they are needed to update teams on search status and call offs.

EDUCATION: Jim Bridge He is going to focus on 'train the trainer' program for navigation. Recertification for ground searchers is every 3 years.

STANDARDS: Steve Hudson is comparing MASAR standards with ASTM standards to insure that ASTM standard is incorporated into MASAR standards. Steve maintains a list of teams demonstrating they are still functional and operational.

Kevin Adam discussed recent searches. Hamden, Anette Clark deceased in brook; Kokadjo William Yound deceased; Brewer, someone was reported missing after 12 hours; Baxter Park, backpack found, owner was not lost; Machias, man was found; Bowdoinham, man found, hypothermic, the dog jumped on him and he groaned. Mike Sawyer stated that any team that is called directly from Maine Warden Service or Marine Patrol needs to call the Duty Officer and York County EMS.

Old Business:

SECRETARY/TREASURER POSITION: Steve Hudson motioned that the president find a new secretary/treasurer, as the current one is not doing her job. Jennifer Fisk seconded. Discussion followed. Steve stated that there was nothing in the By-Laws regarding replacement of officers. Motion was amended to vacate office of Secretary/ treasurer and authorize president to appoint an acting officer until the Annual Meeting. Mick Womersley moved to call a vote. MOTION PASSED 5 teams voted in favor and 1 team opposed. Individual vote was 3 in favor and 5 opposed so individual vote was 1 opposed. President Dave Martin asked Nancy Weeks to be acting secretary/ treasurer until the annual meeting. Steve asked President to write a letter to Julie Jones explaining the situation.

ID TAGS: Steve Hudson, Kevin Adams and Mike Sawyer will get together and bring information to next meeting.

CONFERENCE REPORT: Joe stated that it was a good time. Wilderness is planning an October exercise for all disciplines. MASAR needs a team to head up 2010 conference. In the past it was voted to be the 1st weekend in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

WINTER MEETINGS: Randy Michaud suggested eliminating winter meetings due to weather conditions. Kevin suggested telephone conference for Randy if he chooses not to attend.

MASAR DONATION: Nancy Weeks of Mid Maine Equestrian SAR asked if MASAR would be willing to accept a donation on behalf of MMESAR and reimburse MMESAR for equipment purchased. The donor needs an organization that has a 501C3 status for charitable donations and MMESAR does not have this designation. MASAR does have this federal IRS status. It was agreed to do so. (I don't remember that a motion was made)

PATCHES: Harvey King made a motion to provide MASAR patches only to people if they are ground searcher certified. Jennifer seconded. 3 teams were in favor, 3 teams opposed and individual members voted 2 for and 5 opposed so 1 more vote to oppose making a total of 3 for and 4 opposed. MOTION FAILS.

MEMA has money available for community search and rescue teams. If interested, contact County Emergency office and they will provide \$2,000 a year. Mike Sawyer. Dave Martin and Kevin Adams will get together.

GPS: Jim Bridge asked Kevin to ask Office of Information Technology what the State standards are. MEMA doesn't seem to have standards.

LOST BUT FOUND VIDEO: Jim tried to show a training video but the picture and volume were not conducive to viewing. Mike Sawyer will try to find money to have copies made. There is a teaching outline to go with it.

NEWSPAPER: Hamden search newspaper blog had negative comment toward the Warden Service that was clearly made by a volunteer involved in the search. Kevin Adams stated that he will investigate any future comments of this type and report them to MASAR for action. He asked that teams make sure that their members act professionally.

BASAR COURSE: CB Spady reported that there will be a land navigation class June 26.,27, 28 in Union. Cost will be \$20 for food. He asked that this information be forwarded to the other teams.

Jennifer Fisk motioned that the meeting adjourn at 4:00, seconded by Paul Magoon. Passed. Next meeting September 13, 2009 1:00 at Sidney headquarters

Nancy Weeks, appointed secretary/treasurer