

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

MEETING

December 6, 2009

Bangor Warden Service Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 by President David Martin.

Attending the meeting were:

Jim Bridge, Jennifer Fisk, Deborah Palman, Kelly Pontbriand, Spencer Fuller, Nancy Troubh, Dan Pelletier, Irene Morey, Troy Morey, Leslie Howe, Cindy Atwood, Chip Wadsworth, Jay Holweger, Sarah Robinson and Paul Magoon - MESARD; Harvey King - Waldo SAR; Jeremy Polk and Dave Martin - Dirigo SAR; Lt. Kevin Adam - Maine Warden Service; Mike Sawyer - IFW; Steve Hudson - MDISAR; Carl Stewart - Lincoln SAR; James Michaud, Lisa Michaud, and Randy Michaud - Northstar SAR; CB Spady and Lorraine Spady - Mid-Coast SAR; Robert Bohlmann - York County; Major Dale Fellows - CAP; Steve Yates - Franklin SAR; Melissa Looman and Pamela Small - Mid Maine Equestrian SAR; Ed Pontbriand - Acadia National Park; Mick Womersley - Unity College; Joe Poulin - Wilderness Rescue Team.

The Secretary's report was distributed. Randy moved to accept the report with corrections to spelling to be made. Accepted

The Treasurer's report was sent on a spreadsheet by Nancy Weeks. The checking account has \$2,330.64 and savings account has \$66.29. Credits were from dues. There were no debits. Steve Hudson moved to accept. Accepted

The President chose to address the bylaw revisions as the next order of business.

The Bylaws Committee members are Harvey King, Deb Palman Jim Bridge, Randy Michaud and Dave Martin. Chair Harvey King explained the process the committee used to develop the proposals and distributed copies of the bylaws with proposed revisions in red.

Article VI - Randy moved to accept the following amendment. Carried.

The Officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each Officer must be an Individual Member that has not been removed or suspended, or a member of an Organizational Member of MASAR that has not been removed or suspended prior to the nomination. Nominees that are Individual Members, or the Organizational Member they belong to (if the officer is not an Individual Member), must have their

dues paid prior to the election. Such payment will be verified by the secretary and/or treasurer.

Article III a - Bob moved to accept the following amendment. Carried.

Membership shall be open to all individuals and organizations involved in search and rescue operations or supporting such operations. The Board of Directors shall determine whether organizations and individuals applying for membership satisfy membership requirements.

Article III c - Jim moved to accept the following amendment. Carried.

Individual Member - Any person involved directly in ground search and rescue activities and affiliated with a SAR organization operating in the State of Maine may be an Individual Member. Here after in this document, Individual Members receive one vote collectively, and they will be counted collectively as one voting member except in the case of Article IV [b].

Article IV c - Steve moved to leave current article as is. Carried.

Article IV d - Bob moved to accept the following amendment. Carried.

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by majority vote of the voting membership in attendance at the MASAR annual meeting. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve a term of two years or until an election is held to determine the Board. They shall be elected after the Officer's election and will immediately be empowered

Article V a - Randy moved to accept the following amendment. Carried.

Voting membership shall be limited to Organizational Members and Individual Members whose dues are paid, as verified by the secretary and/or treasurer. Voting members have the privilege of voting, nominating, resigning, presenting resolutions or other business. Members of all types have the privilege of presenting on the floor and making motions

Article V b - Randy moved to accept the following amendment with the understanding it will get looked at later. Carried.

Each Organizational Member shall have a single vote and the Individual Members, collectively, shall have a single vote. A Director may vote at membership meetings only if he or she is a designated representative of a unit, or as part of the collective vote of the Individual Members. Associate Members and Agency Members do not have a vote.

Article V d - Randy moved to accept amendment. During discussion Randy withdrew motion. Randy moved to leave V-d as it is. Motion carried with one no vote.

Article VII - a - Mick moved to accept the following amendment. Carried.

Dues, payable annually or at the annual meeting for the forth coming year, will be levied as recommended by the Board of Directors, and approved by a majority vote of the voting membership at any meeting.

Article IX - Randy moved to accept amendment. Steve moved to amend motion by eliminating #4. Original motion with amendment carried.

Routine liaison responsibility shall be conducted as defined in written Board policy. Liaison can interface with any organization or agency on any aspect of search and rescue or survival (herein "SAR"), but MASAR shall otherwise define Search and Rescue within its scope as the following four-season exurban ground operations:

1. Ground search by trained personnel on foot.
2. K-9;
3. Equestrian:
4. Ground or water mechanized means by ATV, snowmobile, boat or similar device:
5. Technical rescue and evacuation; and/or
6. Support of SAR operational aspects.

Article X - Randy moved to table consideration of amendment. Carried.

Article XI c - Randy moved to accept the following amendment. Carried.

The quorum for Board meetings shall be 50% of the Directors.

The quorum for membership meetings shall be 50% of the voting members (Organizational Members with voting status plus the one collective vote of the Individual Members

Randy moved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene after the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fisk, Secretary Pro Tem