

# MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

## Meeting

Warden Service Headquarters

Sidney, ME

March 7, 2010

Attendees: Jennifer Fisk, Jim Bridge, Paul Magoon, Deb Palman-MESARD; Harvey King-WALDO; Dave Martin-Dirigo; Nancy Weeks-MMESAR; Roger Higgins, Roger David-Lincoln Cty. SAR; Joe Poulin, Wilderness Rescue Team; Steve Hudson-MDISAR; Steve Yates-Franklin SAR; Mike Sawyer, Kevin Adam - Maine IF&W

Call to Order- 1PM by Pres. Palman

Search Report- Kevin Adam

There were two sets of "out of bounds" snowboarders lost on the backside of Sugarloaf Mountain. WS is compiling reports for consideration of action.

In China a snowmobiler went through the ice of China Lake. WS found open water and tried to search with a camera. The airboat kept getting stuck. The hovercraft from Bangor helped find the tracks leading to the open water. Prior to this the local snowmobile club assisted with trail searches. Also used was the MSP sonar and the New Hampshire Fish and Game robot. This search was hard on the equipment. Dogs may be used upon ice out.

An elderly man was reported missing in Jonesboro. Kevin got the report from MSP. Sent two Wardens to assist. Man found on woods road deceased beside mired vehicle.

WS planning a search for Sarah Rogers along the Interstate in Clinton, mile 140, on March 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be a one day blitz with MSP.

There is an UMPI student doing a thesis on how to fund SAR in Maine.

Kevin passed around the WS resource book. WS now has FLIR and will train personnel in March or April. The funds for this came from unused Homeland Security money counties hadn't used in 2008.

There will be a meeting Tues. with MEMA and SAR resources. The PM session will deal with Life Flight LZs.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of 12-06-09 regular meeting, annual meeting, and continuation of regular meeting were presented. Jim moved to accept with corrections. Carried.

Treasurer's report - \$2,522.39 in checking account and \$666.97 in savings account. Steve moved to accept. Carried.

Bylaws Committee - Harvey King

Defined "policy" as thing to change by majority of those present rather than in bylaws. Dues need to be affirmed as policy.

Areas for change- voting, order, individual membership. There was discussion on the pros and cons of individual membership. Most attending were leaning towards elimination. The committee will work on this. Steve suggested the committee write and send out for comment their proposal and then it would be brought to an up or down vote within 30 days.

#### Education Committee - Jim Bridge

On February 6 and 7, 2010, a Lost Person Behavior class was held in Windham. There were 27 students and the class had a \$90.00 profit.

There will be a BASAR class on April 10 and 11 in Unity. The BASAR exam has been rewritten. The objective is to draft from the standards to include what isn't covered by integrating the old and new and to implement. The committee is also trying to build a cadre of instructors in areas of expertise.

Northstar is planning the spring training the second weekend in June but there are no details.

Jim is looking for a team to volunteer to hold the spring training in 2011.

Finance Committee - Steve defined the purpose as finding a way to make money. Joe proposed raising dues, planning events, and making money on conferences (spring training). Joe agreed to be on the committee with Nancy. Deb will ask Bob Bohlmann to participate.

Resource - Mick is out of the country but the list is on the website.

Standards Committee - Steve sent out for review and wants comments on the drafts. He said the standards we are meeting are a minimum and parallel ASTM.

#### Old Business -

Article X of Bylaws and other Bylaws changes- Harvey moved to continue to table. Carried.

Spring Exercise - Northstar has planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June. There are no details available but Randy spoke to Deb about field exercise. The consensus was that June wasn't a good time for most people. The SERE school in Rangeley was suggested for the first weekend in May where there could be a full day of survival training. Dave moved to have spring training at SERE school. Steve Yates will help Jim with this plan.

#### New Business -

Deb explained the new text paging system and passed out forms for contact information.

Web Site Changes - no action

Magnetic Decals for MASAR certified members - Deb brought up that the NY Federation for SAR has magnetic decals for certified personnel's vehicles. Mike Sawyer will research sources and report.

EMS questions - There are questions about the scope of practice for medically trained SAR personnel in wilderness settings. Kevin will investigate.

Radio Frequencies - Dave Martin said we need to figure out how to become compatible with WS by 2013 when the FCC requires Public Service to be on narrow bands. He asked for each team to provide him with information about their radios. Kevin will get clarifying information from the WS radio expert.

Harvey mentioned that Waldo SAR got a thank you from the son of the woman lost during the hurricane in Brooklin last fall.

Mike Sawyer will issue a copy of Lost But Found to each SAR team.

Joe Poulin moved to adjourn until June 6, 2010 at WS Headquarters in Bangor.