

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Meeting

Warden Service Headquarters

Bangor, ME

June 6, 2010

Attendees: Mick Womersley-Unity College, Dave Martin-Dirigo, Joe Poulin-Wilderness, Harvey King, Gary Drinkwater-Waldo County, Steve Hudson-MDISAR, Carl Stewart-Lincoln SAR, Roger Higgins-Lincoln County, Ben Woodard-Baxter State Park, Mike Sawyer, Kevin Adam-Maine IF&W, Steve Yates-Franklin, Ed Pontbriand-Acadia, Troy Morey, Irene Morey, Paul Magoon, Leslie Howe, Jim Bridge, Deb Palman, Jennifer Fisk-MESARD, Nancy Weeks-Mid Maine Equestrian

Call to Order - 1:10PM by Pres. Palman

Search Reports -

Ben Woodard gave the chronology of the initiation of the search for Michael Hays on Memorial Day weekend. His car was found at Roaring Brook Friday PM and again Sat AM. The investigator talked with hikers and by Sat PM WS was on scene and things ramped up to a full MASAR call out. Mr. Hays was ultimately spotted from a helicopter and although injured was able to walk out. Also adding to the situation was Irene Morey, who sustained a patella dislocation and was hoisted out by the National Guard. Irene gave us a birds-eye account of a rescue from the victim's perspective, which most of us never hear. She said as she was being hoisted debris from the trees was accumulating under the shield and getting into her mouth, making breathing difficult. She also wanted to thank everyone who participated in her rescue, from trying to make her more comfortable, trying to find a good carry out path, to signaling the chopper, and a host of other chores she couldn't name. It was noted that during this search other searchers suffered injuries and conditions that required some medical intervention.

Kevin Adam gave a synopsis of the spring searches. There was a MASAR call out for an Alzheimer patient in the Hope/Union area. He was found by a surveyor at Routes 90 and 131.

Warden Service and MESARD K9s responded to a suicide in Flagstaff.

In Bradford a young person was lost and evasive but ultimately found. A fraternity pledge looking for a white cross on the Penobscot River didn't return in the time frame he was given which caused concern and lead to a search.

In the Patten/Crystal area a young person ran off after a dispute with his Mother. He was found by an investigator on his way to court.

At China Lake, the body of the missing snowmobiler was recovered. Ed Pontbriand reported there have been 8 SAR missions in Acadia.

Secretary's Report- Jim Bridge moved to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2010 meeting. Carried.

Treasurer's Report- Nancy reported a total of \$5,067.18 in our treasury. Steve move to accept. Carried.

Committees:

ByLaws - Harvey passed out revisions which would eliminate the individual member. He requested that people look over the by laws and comment to him about changes they see with the individual membership eliminated.

Education – Report attached

Finance - Joe presented a couple of ideas to increase revenue for MASAR. 1) Increase team dues, 2) have a booth at the sportsmen's shows with an "educate the public" theme.

Resource - Mick passed out a new list. Terry Bramhall is the contact for Mid-Coast SAR.

Standards - Steve proposed revisions to the Fitness Test, Training Requirements, and Personal Equipment List in the SAR Team Member Appendices. Joe moved to accept. Carried.

Steve presented revisions to the SAR Dog Team standard. Paul moved to accept. Carried.

There was discussion about the need for a SAR team leader standard. Dave moved to continue developing it. Carried.

New Business -

Deb began a discussion about qualifications for call out, certified or uncertified. It was decided that the requesting agency needed to specify if they wanted certified searchers only. It was generally agreed that an agency would take either as they could find jobs for uncertified people.

The attached letter from Michele Fleury, MESARD President, was read.

Dave discussed narrow banding compliance by January 2013. Everyone will have to be digital. Shawn Romanowski, AIT, offered to come to the next meeting and explain all of this.

Kevin mentioned the Wide Area Training course in April and announced that Phil from Salvation Army had lost his job. From now on, searchers will be responsible for their own food and drink at a search.

Steve moved to adjourn until September 12, 2010, at 1PM at Warden Service Headquarters in Sidney.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fisk, Secretary