

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE  
Warden Service Headquarters  
Bangor, ME  
December 5, 2010

**Attendees:** Jim Bridge MESARD, Paul Magoon MESARD, Deb Palman (P), Harvey King-WALDO; Dave Martin-Dirigo; Nancy Weeks (T)-MMESAR, Roger David-LCSAR; Joe Poulin-WRT; Steve Hudson (VP)-MDISAR; Steve Yates-FSAR, Mike Sawyer-MEIFW; Kevin Adam-MWS, Mick Womersley-Unity, Gary Drinkwater-Waldo, Stewart Guay-Baxter, Melissa Looman-MMESAR, Pamela Small-MMESAR, CB Spady-MCSAR

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

Encl:

- (1) Treasurer's report
- (2) Education report
- (3) Proposed certification rocker example

**Search Report- Kevin Adam**

The quarter has been fairly slow with a few small searches. There was a search in Winslow for 3 children during the last MASAR meeting. MESARD fielded a dog team and found them in a couple hours. There was a lost hunter in Shirley who spent the night in the woods and was found by MWS aircraft. Charlie Springer (Belmont MAY 08 search) was found by hunters. No MASAR teams searched the area he was found in. Based on the PLS and investigation results most of the search was conducted well southwest of where he was found. There was a search at Moosehead for a ~50 YOM who apparently flipped his kayak and drown, kayak, backpack, and paddle were found but no sign of him. There was a search yesterday but as the investigation worked out it was turned over to CID versus SAR people. A search in Saco was for a 26 YOM who violated a protection order and when police responded ran off into the Saco Heath without his coat on Sunday. Several days of investigation and LE searching turned up nothing so MASAR was called for an extensive search on Sunday but on Saturday investigation found someone who had positively spoken to the subject on Tuesday so it went from a search issue to a missing person situation. Discussion was held of a search in Bath for a jumper from the Sagadahoc Bridge in which MESARD provided water search support. The subject was never found. The Pete Peterson case (61 YOM with Autism in South West Harbor) and that he was a constant hitchhiker around the area so the search area became large. The PLS was apparently on Ocean End and is a dead end but did not help narrow down the search area because of the extremely large wooded area to the west. Franklin Country SAR had 3-4 carry outs, mostly on Tumbledown Mt.

Mick Womersley mentioned that good mapping data for search areas could be found on line at the Maine GIS site.

Harvey King raised the topic of the Jeremy Alex search in Northport from 2006 and said that Discovery Channel maybe doing a show on him. Deb Palman said she had been contacted by the family to do a search in a small area based on psyche findings.

**Secretary's Report** – Minutes of 12 SEP10 regular meeting, were presented, Steve Hudson offered some suggestions for modifications (proposed as amended by Nancy Weeks and seconded by Joe Poulin) and they were approved as modified. Steve Hudson to forward approved modifications to Jennifer Fisk

**Treasurer's report** - \$5000 was received from Maine Community Foundation from the Savoy Simpson Fund. Deb Palman explained that Stacy and Bruce Savoy's (MESARD Dog handlers) will had left a little over \$300,000 to the betterment of SAR in Maine and the fund had been set up with the Maine Community Foundation to administer. There will be a meeting with the administrators in the spring to develop a plan for management and distribution of the fund. See enclosures (1) for the Treasurer's report. The report and enclosures were moved to be accepted by Dave Martin, seconded by Steve Hudson and carried by the voting membership.

#### **Bylaws Committee- Harvey King**

By Laws update is still a work in progress. Issues presently being worked are defining what the annual meeting is in a non-election year and working on defining what the various member categories are. When the draft update is complete it will be put on the MASAR web site and Harvey will send out and email notifying all MASAR teams and members so they may be reviewed and commented on prior to the next meeting.

Clarification of annual meetings was provided by Stave hudson; all 503.c.1 organizations are required by Maine State Law to hold an annual meeting every year. Prior notification of the meeting and any proposed bylaws changes are required.

#### **Education Committee- Jim Bridge**

See enclosure (2). Mick Womersley indicated that there may be some projectors being disposed of by Unity College that could be available to MASAR.

Harvey King raised the concern of people doing the BASAR practical without having first completed the MASAR physical fitness test to help lessen the risk of a person being injured. He also suggested that MASAR have a waiver form for participants to sign before participating. Jim Bridge stated that after the last class he checked about an individual who seemed out of shape with the team he was from and they were surprised as he had been a leader in physical fitness in the past. All practical participants in the future will be required to have satisfactorily

completed the MASAR physical fitness test prior to participation. Jim will check on and evaluate the use of a waiver form and run it by the BOD if it appears appropriate.

#### **Resource- Mick Womersley**

The resource list is fairly current, there are a couple changes to be made which will be updated and posted on the web site by the first of the year. The Duty Officer (DO) roster has been slightly revised and will expire on 25 JAN 11. To update it with adequate numbers of people, Mick needs 3-4 more people to volunteer as DO's. This will permit six section duty (i.e., pulling a one week duty every six weeks). All teams are requested to poll their members for volunteers. Mick will provide complete training so new DO's will fully understand their duties.

#### **Standards Committee- Steve Hudson**

All current standards are on the MASAR web site. Human Remains Detection (aka cadaver) standard for dog teams is still under review by MESARD and MASAR and the last standard presently outstanding. Steve reported that he is on a national FEMA standards committee and they are working on a disaster, mutual aid, standard that he expects will become the FEMA mandated standard but indicated it should have little or no impact on MASAR as our standards include everything in theirs plus some.

Steve reminded everyone that MASAR has a limited duty standard and that people who no longer felt they could or wanted to deploy as a fully certified Search Team member could apply for the limited duty status and still be significant contributors to searches. All teams were asked to pass this back to their teams.

#### **Old Business- Deb Palman**

Deb Palman reported that the paging system is still being worked through York County Emergency Management Center. The list they presently have is outdated and Deb is working to update it. A list was passed around to collect names and emails of people who should be on the page out list. Test page outs are scheduled to come out as pages and emails every Sunday at 1700. The BOD is working on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on call outs that should provide a full process.

#### **New Business- Deb Palman**

Dues for Associated members were proposed to be set at \$45 per year by Steve Hudson, seconded by Joe Poulin and the motion was carried.

It was recommended that the web site be updated to show Area Of Responsibility (AOR), technical specialties, if any, and a Point of Contact (POC) for each team so that people wanting more information would know which team they were interested in contacting and how to contact them. All units are

requested to verify that their information is complete and if not update it through Deb.

Deb indicated that our insurance provider requires that everyone have an anti-harassment statement signed to ensure an understanding of acceptable and unacceptable behavior on the teams. It was mentioned that there may be training available as well.

Discussion was held on the rockers for various certifications see enclosure (3). Steve wanted to know who would issue them and that Deb suggested he would send one out with every new certification awarded. That left giving one for each currently certified member to the team reps at the next that they are available for and permitting certified members to purchase more from Nancy Weeks.

Mick Womersley reported that Unity College is in the process of developing a class that would cover all aspects of BASAR and MASAR Search Team Member (STM) qualifications to facilitate getting their students certified and eligible to deploy on more searches.

Steve Hudson mentioned that MASAR might be well served to adopt the National Forest Service fire fighter physical fitness test standard which is a 45 pound pack carry for 3 miles in less than 45 minutes. No discussion was held.

The Standards committee reported that the first two Equestrian SAR teams in Maine were recently certified from MMESAR.

Stewart Guay expressed great thanks from Baxter State Park for the support received from MASAR. That support was the duty SAR teams during weekends, the Hayes search this spring and other rescue supports. He said they are looking to expand the weekend coverage of SAR teams not only during the summer but into the winter for select teams by invitation only. The winter teams would probably be staged out of Chimney pond on a limited basis. A question was asked about dog teams in the summer and he said he would have to look into it as it was currently not something they did.

CB Spady moved to adjourn, it was seconded by Steve Hudson and the motion carried. The next meeting will be in Sidney IF&W office at 1300 on 6 MAR 11.

## 2009/2010 INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

### BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/2009

\$ 2,847.73

### INCOME

patches	\$	255.00
08/09 dues	\$	300.00
09/10 individual dues	\$	290.00
09/10 unit dues	\$	385.00
donations	\$	165.00
training	\$	2,120.00
savings interest	\$	2.58
total income	\$	3,262.58

### EXPENSES

administration	\$	547.25
training expenses	\$	987.66
total expenses		\$ 1,534.91

### ENDING BALANCE 6/30/2010

\$ 4,830.40

2010/2011 projected income

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2010/11 projected expenses

Web site	\$	264.00
officers & directors insurance	\$	535.00

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Checking INCOME    Checking EXPENSES    Checking BALANCE    SAVINGS INCOME    SAVINGS BALANCE

	END OF FISCAL 09/2010 YEAR	\$ 3,515.00	\$ (1,534.91)	\$ 4,162.73	\$ 2.58	
7/30/2010	savings interest				0.17	667.84
8/31/2010	savings interest				0.17	668.01
9/30/2010	savings interest				0.16	668.17
11 3 2010	deposit \$80.00					
	Lincoln cty S&R 4 patches (David Rogers)	\$ 20.00		\$ 4,182.73		
	Mid Me S&R 3 patches	\$ 15.00		\$ 4,197.73		
	Mid Me S&R 2010/11 dues	\$ 45.00		\$ 4,242.73		
11/3/2010	EMaine hosting LLC website 6 mo nov 2010-Apr 11		\$ 132.00	\$ 4,110.73		
11/19/2010	Dawson insur officer & Director insurance 1 year		\$ 535.00	\$ 3,575.73		
10/31/2010	savings interest				\$ 0.11	\$ 668.28
12/4/2010	donation Savoy/Simpson Charitable Fund	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 8,575.73		\$ 9,244.01

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# QUARTERLY REPORT

## MASAR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

December 5, 2010

Submitted by: James B. Bridge

Activities for the quarter of the committee are outlined below:

### **BASAR:**

Union SAR: hosted a course for 17 people from 6 different teams 1-3 OCT. Dave Martin was the lead instructor. The BASAR 2010 Statutory module was beta tested successfully with some formatting modifications identified. LCSAR hosted a practical day with Roger David as the lead instructor and map, compass, and GPS were covered as well as the practicals with 6 people completing all requirements for BASAR

HART Orono: hosted a course for 13 people 30/31 OCT. Dave Martin was the lead instructor.

### **ANNUAL MASAR TRAINING:**

**2011** – We have two teams that are sharing the lead on the course, York County CERT and MidCoast SAR. Met with York County and started discussing what training and the path to put it all together. Will meet after the first of the year with York and McSAR to start the full court press towards 30 APR-1 MAY

**2012** – MESARD has offered to host the 2012 annual training at Schoodic

### **AUTISIM/Alzheimer's CD'S**

The initial Autism presentation with a power point discussion followed by the DVD was presented to the Kennebec County CERT and received well. With only a few housekeeping slide modifications this will be ready to present at the spring training or as a portion of the STL course when it is developed. Quick reference cards on first responders working with people with Autism have been donated to provide to any who have completed the training.

A similar DVD addressing Alzheimer's has been received and reviewed which covers a good bit more than we need but will serve our purposes. Similar quick reference cards have been promised as a donation and should be received shortly.

We are presently in discussion with an organization the produces communication cards useful with autistic people and hope to have some of those delivered early next year.

The expectation is that these three cards will be provided to STL's to assist with working with Autistic and Alzheimer's people to minimize the trauma to lost people while make our teams more effective and efficient.

## **WINTER 2011 TRAINING PLANS (JAN/FEB)**

- 29/30 January 2011 - Lost Person Behavior will be taught by Josh Stohl. The class will be held at the Bangor IF&W offices. Registration is required and is open. We need names and numbers quickly (NLT 20 DEC) so we can order books and develop the cost per student for the class. We presently have 17 people signed up and can accommodate 30. Cost will be approximately \$55 per student which includes the book.
- Dealing for Autistic/dementia search subjects – If there are enough people interested in a train the trainer class for potential STL's I will be ready to teach it early in the year so people can take the training back to their teams.

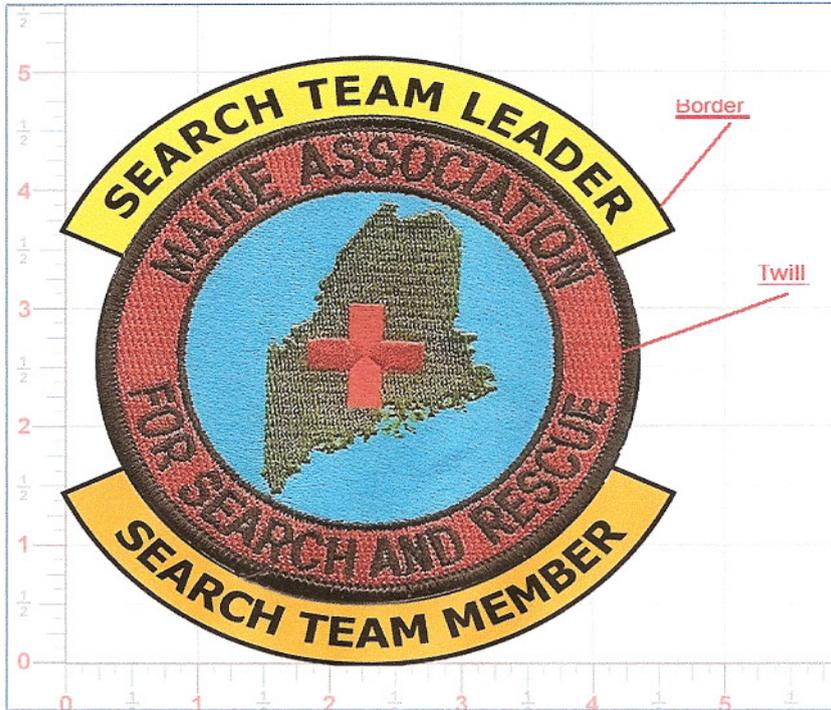
## **TRAINING EQUIPMENT**

- A laptop has been donated to MASAR for educational purposes and will be loaded up with the necessary software to support BASAR, Lost but Found Safe and Sound, and Autism/Dementia classes
- A projector and screen are still required and will need to be procured through MASAR or a grant source identified for it.

## **LOST BUT FOUND SAFE AND SOUND**

- MASAR teams have presented the Lost But Found Safe and Sound Program to 501 attendees this calendar year.

# Proposed designation for MASAR qualifications



Customer no: C6393125    Order no:    Version: 1    Size and Cut: 4.5"x5"

Should there be other qualifications such as Mounted Team, Search Dog Team, Rescue Team

## Lake Region    Butler Patches Awards

100@2.12 EA	100 @ 1.15 EA.
200@1.42 EA	200 @ 0.73 EA.
300@1.30 EA..	300 @ 0.59 EA.
400@1.22 EA	500 @ 0.48 EA.
500@ 1.08 EA	