

MASAR MEETING
Warden Service Headquarters
Sidney, ME
March 6, 2011

Attendees: Deb Palman, Jim Bridge, Roger David, Michele Fleury, Paul Magoon, Spencer Fuller-MESARD; Dave Martin-DIRIGO; Mick Womersley, Jake Urrutia-Unity; Harvey King-Waldo; Joe Poulin-Wilderness; Rob Tice- Baxter State Park; Mike Sawyer-IF&W; Kevin Adam-Warden Service; Jody Dinsmore, CB Spady-Mid Coast SAR; Steve Hudson-MDISAR; Carl Stewart-Lincoln SAR; Nancy Weeks-Mid Maine Equestrian.

Call to Order at 1 PM by President Palman

Search Reports - presented by Lt. Kevin Adam, MWS

In future, he will want hours and mileage from the units.

2010 - 544 searches of the following types water, hikers, children, snowmobiles, hunters

Met with Moosehorn Nat. Wildlife Refuge. They wanted MOU with WS for SAR.

Met with Baxter State Park .

Will copy officers on MEMA notices.

Harvey mentioned Ironwood School in Morrill which has runaway problems. Kevin Adam will investigate with Wardens from area and persue MOU with the school.

Variety of searches on Moosehead for snowmobiles in slush.

Four people remain missing in the state

Saco - Chris Noonan. WS investigated. There has been no activity on his money card. Presumably he is deceased. Will probably search again.

Roque Bluff - A New Brunswick man has not been located. Searched water with divers.

Moosehead Lake - Will probably have a one day search for missing kayaker. WS going to use sonar in limited area.

Southwest Harbor - Pete Peterson. No new information available, so no search plans.

Millbridge - Missing Woman was found on Narraguagus River rocks.

Baxter Search Report - presented by Rob Tice, BSP Ranger

Victim of February 20, 2011 search and ultimate rescue carried .45 firearm and 125 ft of rope but no cell phone. The Forestry Service flew their helicopter to search but experienced 1,000 ft vertical drops so returned to base. Lincoln and MDI SAR, in the park training, took part in search. They hiked up to first group who called authorities about the situation. BSP sent teams up at first light and made voice contact with the victim. Fortunately weather changed and a Blackhawk helicopter was able to effect a hoist.

Secretary's Report

Dave moved to accept, Jim second. Carried.

Treasurers Report

Nancy Week's report as attached Steve moved to accept. Carried

Committee Reports:

Bylaws - Harvey King

Reviewed highlights of changes. Mick moved to accept the revisions of the bylaws Dave seconded. Carried.

Education Committee - Jim Bridge (as attached)

Jim said he had 100% positive comments on the portion of BASAR on line and would like to put the whole course online.

Mick moved to expend \$100/year to support BASAR on line.

CB Spady and Jody Dinsmore reported on progress for Spring training.

Finance - Joe Poulin

Felt committee needs to decide what to do with some of the money and think about how to make more. Various ways to get gear at a reduced rate were discussed. The question of the disposition of the Savoy-Simpson money was also discussed.

Resource Committee - Mick Womersley

The revised resource list is available on the web site.

Duty Officers' numbers are up and each DO will now cycle every 6 weeks.

Mick will check in with the new DOs and advise them of new procedures.

Standards - Steve Hudson

New canine human remains standards were presented. Steve moved that these two appendices to the Search Dog Team standards be accepted.

Dave seconded. Carried.

Steve said new revisions of rescue team standards will be sent out for review.

He also reported that Unity SAR is now a certified unit.

Old Business:

Text paging system seems to be working.

Secretary directed to remind North Star SAR that their dues haven't been paid and ask for their intentions as stated in section VIII(d) of the current bylaws.

Annual Meeting - Consensus dictates the December meeting will be the annual meeting.

Deb requested assistance at the Sportsmen Show Booth

New Business:

Discussion of how to track personal mileage. MDI uses ICS 214 Form. Kevin Adam is working on a way to uniformly report mileage and search and training hours for annual report.

MEMA identification cards: Jim described the MEMA card application for those who haven't done it. Question of expiration date was brought up. Suggested anniversary date is by unit. MASAR will indicate codes for MASAR certifications only. Steve will go over the coding.

Donation page for website suggested for \$79. Dave moved. Carried.

Deb listed policies adopted at BOD meeting preceding this MASAR meeting.

Harvey moved to adjourn. Carried.

Next meeting will be on June 11, 2011 at Warden Service Headquarters in Bangor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fisk, Secretary