

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2012

Attending: Jim Bridge - MESARD, Steve Yates - FSAR, CB Spady - MCSAR, Roger David - LCSAR, Joe Poulin - WRT, Mick Womersley - Unity, Nancy Weeks - MMSAR, David Martin - Dirigo, Mike Sawyer - IF&W, Ralph Hosford - MWS, Steve Hudson - MDISAR, Bryan Courtois - YCSAR, Robert Baribeau - Mahoosuc, Paul Magoon - MESARD, Spencer Fuller - MESARD, Deborah Palman - MESARD, Jennifer Fisk - MESARD, Jesse Crandall - Mercer CERT, Michael Warren - Mercer CERT.

Call to order: 1 PM, by Pres. Palman

Search Reports

Warden Ralph Hosford gave WS search report. He said there have been 70 SAR incidents since Dec 1. 12 were in Waterville for Ayla Reynolds, 24 were snowmobile incidents and 1 assist to SP in Newburgh as well as others. There was discussion about the Ayla Reynolds search because some teams sent uncertified personnel, a few non SAR people got included in fielded teams and some citizens inserted themselves into teams already searching neighborhoods.

It was noted that there are more certified personnel which may be due in part to BASAR being available on line.

Secretary's Report

Jim Bridge moved to accept Carried

Treasurer's Report

Steve Hudson moved to accept Carried

Committee Reports

Finances

Joe Poulin reported that a budget is getting closer and is waiting for figures from the Spring Training.

By Law Committee

No report

Education

Quarterly report attached - After discussion about charging for the course, Mick moved to change the charge for BASAR to \$75. After discussion Mick amended his motion to charge \$100 and that Jim should report in 6 months about the effect the charge has had. Carried

Jim Bridge advised that it was time for a unit to step forward to sponsor the 2013

training. He passed out information on the 2012 training.

Resource committee

Mick Womersley advised he is down to 5 Duty Officers, the list and schedule is on line. He has written a new DO script and sent it to Deb and Steve for comment. There were some concerns about non certified personnel being sent to the last call out which Mick will address with Dos.

Standards Committee

Nothing to report

Old Business

Jim Bridge reminded everyone about the requirement for radios being compatible with narrow band.

New Business

Deb Palman mentioned the Sportsman Show and the need for assistance in the booth. Dave Martin volunteered for Saturday from 5 - 8pm.

Deb Palman would like nominations for the Tim Burt and Irma Simoneau awards which haven't been given for a few years.

Steve Yates asked for confirmation of mileage and hours that Lt. Kevin Adam had requested. The mileage is one way and the hours are portal to portal.

Deb Palman introduced the idea of using the Decisions for Heroes, D4H, web based program for tracking all SAR unit activities. Mick Womersley questioned the safety in terms of Homeland Security. Joe Poulin will check with MEMA on this concern.

Dave Martin passed out information on the Kenduskeag Canoe Race and asked for volunteers to assist.

Steve reported there are 12 units certified and 6 uncertified presently.

Steve moved to adjourn. Carried.

The next meeting will be June 3, 2012 at WS Headquarters Bangor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fisk