

# MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

## MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2012

Attending: Mal Stephens - Trident, Roger David - Lincoln County, Melissa Looman - Maine Mounted, CB Spady - Mid Coast, Steven Hegstrom - Mid Coast, Deborah Palman - MESARD, Steve Hudson - MDISAR, Dave Martin - DIRIGO, Bryan Courtois - YCSAR, Mike Sawyer - IFW, Kevin Adam - MWS, Daniel Hamel - Trident, Steve Yates - Franklin SAR, Mick Womersley - Unity College, Jim Bridge - MESARD, Jen Sinsabaugh - Wilderness

Call to Order: 1:05 PM

### **Search Reports**

Lt. Adam reported that while the number of searches is down the financial expenditure is up due to Ayla Reynolds searches.

Dresden - victim found alive but had crossed the water, which wasn't expected.

Howland - victim expected to be found nearby, and he was.

Prospect - little boy traveled upstream and found by dog team

Kennebec Stream - female victim of car crash went downstream

Skowhegan - victim found in town near house

Ayla Reynolds - no further searches planned at this time

Fesmire in Lewiston - perhaps another search

Steve Hudson reported on a horse rescue at Wildwood Stable in Acadia

### **Secretary's Report**

Jim moved to accept, Roger seconded, vote unanimous.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mick moved to accept, Steve Yates seconded, vote unanimous.

### **Committee Reports**

#### By Laws:

No report

#### Education:

See attached report (2012-06 Education Director Quarterly Report)

#### Resources:

The Duty Officer was unavailable to handle a recent search call out and DIRIGO stepped up and facilitated it. Discussion followed about how to improve pages from Sanford RCC or York County EMA. Various suggestions were made. Mick recommended that the DO ask the WS Sergeant if he/she has email during the incident. Sending information by email to the Warden on scene is simpler, quicker, and more accurate than calling.

Standards:

Steve reported that the BOD discussed the SAR team standards and decided that 2 uncertified persons was enough for one certified team member to supervise on a search.

Finance:

No report. Members asked to send any 2012 budget proposals to Joe Poulin.

**Old Business**

MASAR's Face Book page has 150 likes and is getting 150 - 400 people a week visiting.

Steve Hudson asked about plans for distributing rockers to previously certified personnel. Jim noted that rockers have been distributed to all currently certified people and from now on will be sent to any newly certified.

**New Business**

Under Unit Capabilities the Resource List will change the phrase "technical rescue" to "rope rescue".

YCERRT has been disbanded and some former members are trying to reorganize and form a new team.

DIRIGO asked if MASAR wished to be represented at the Sportsman's Show. They will look into retaining the booth MESARD has been using.

Steve Hudson moved to adjourn at 3:10 PM. Approved by unanimous vote.

Next meeting will be September 9, 2012 at the Sidney Warden Service Headquarters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Fisk, Secretary