

Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, Inc.  
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Minutes from BOD meeting  
06 August 1988

This meeting of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, Inc. was called to order at the Shenandoah National Park Headquarters in Luray, VA on 6 August 1988 by Robert J. Koester, Vice-Chairman.

Those present were as follows:

Directors:

Chris Ingle Blue Ridge Mtn. Rescue Group  
Bob Koester

Sheila Armstrong Southwest Va. Mtn. Rescue Group  
Le Ligon

Gary Mechtel Shenandoah Mtn. Rescue Group

Keith Conover Allegheny Mtn. Rescue Group  
Mike Kuga

Lorick Fox Richmond Search and Rescue  
Todd L'Herrou

Non-voting:

William Dixon BRMRG  
Deming Herbert  
Zoltan Lazar

Dorothy Antis SWVMRG

Bob Elron SMRG  
Gene Harrison

Patsy Humphris RSAR

Neil Conner ESAR

Koester called the meeting to order at 1020.

A motion was made and passed to bypass minutes from the previous meeting.

**\*\*GROUP REPORTS\*\***

AMRG: AMRG has been contacted by a local canoe club about coordinating rescue information. AMRG currently has a solid core of Basic members and is working on tax-exempt status for the group.

SMRG: SMRG will hold training with the Salisbury PD on the third and fourth Saturday in August. On the second Saturday of August, SMRG will hold a photo session with the Washington Post. They have been working on coordinating training sessions with the ESARs.

Last week, a search occurred in MD for a man missing from a retirement home. SMRG contacted the P.D. in charge, who were sufficiently interested that they may call us in the future. The

find was made before SMRG could get a definite OK to join the search effort.

George Swett is SMRG's new Ops officer, and Art Dodds, Jr. will be nominated under Old Business as SMRG training officer.

RSAR: RSAR was recently seen on the front page of the Richmond Newsleader. The article also discussed the ASRC and the search in Fluvanna County in April of this year. Patsy Humphris has been working on sending out fundraising packets to corporations in hopes of raising money for RSAR. Mark Pennington will be brought up as the new RSAR training officer, and it will be required that RSAR trainees attend GSAR I.

SWVMRG: Marcia LeGrand has resigned as SWVMRG's training officer. Matt Rhode and Sheila Armstrong have been chosen co-TO's pending approval by the ASRC BOD. SWVMRG has recently presented 4 Hug-A-Tree sessions to local Boy Scouts and one at a nature camp, reaching a total of about 180 children. They have also given 4 SAR educational presentations at a local nature camp.

BRMRG: The backpack repeater is nearly on-line. This is being worked on by Brian Wheeler and Chris Mahon. BRMRG sent one of its members, Joe Koelling, to the DES-sponsored mantracking session. Bob Koester's wilderness medicine guidelines are back from the printer and will be offered for sale to all ASRC members. BRMRG is working on a video introduction to the group.

ESAR: The ESARs have been coordinating some training with ESAR groups in WVa and REI, who may sponsor a group. At search time, the ESARs expect to be able to field 8-10 people.

#### \*\*TRAINING\*\*

The training standards have been rewritten, but have not yet been typed.

#### \*\*OPS\*\*

No written report

#### \*\*NEWSLETTER\*\*

BRMRG is unable to sustain the newsletter any longer. Financially, we are at least one issue behind in paying for it, and subscription rates are not sufficient to cover it. In addition, those writing articles are often late sending them in, which puts us behind in publishing.

#### \*\*PA SAR CO\*\*

No report

#### \*\*VA SAR CO\*\*

The last meeting was held on 30 July 1988. The SAR Council has been advised by the director of VA DES to present an outline for creating an Advisory Board to VA DES concerning SAR matters. The Va SAR Co will prepare such an outline.

Similarly, the Director suggested that the council incorporate. The council will look into doing this.

Another draft of the SOP was brought up. The discussion centered around whether or not all of the SAR co Field Operational Units will work under one IC while in the field. Practically speaking, this is happening now. The point is whether this should be put down

on paper.

**\*\*MEDICAL\*\***

The wilderness medical guidelines have been printed, and a pilot Fundamentals of Wilderness First Aid program is in the works.

**\*\*COMMO\*\***

The Communications committee held a separate meeting during this BOD meeting, and the minutes from the Commo meeting can be obtained separately. The report made to the ASRC BOD are as follows:

Gene Harrison is working on a proposal for conference-wide pager codes. A copy of a draft of this will be included with these minutes in a file. The Commo committee is currently working on these proposals.

It should be noted that FCC guidelines for programmable radios are not always what one might expect. The guidelines are written down and can be obtained. See Gene Harrison.

**\*\*TREASURER\*\***

The checking account currently stands at \$648.95. \$70.00 is owed by the ESARs and \$50.00 is owed to Gary Mechtel. Dues of \$45.00 will be expected from BRMRG, ESAR, SWVMRG, and RSAR, for a total of \$180.00. The theoretical total, then, is \$848.95.

**\*\*OLD BUSINESS\*\***

Changes to previous minutes:

- p.1 - In AMRG report: WEMS instead of PA SAR College
- p.4 - N.B. motion 2 :Appoint Conover ASRC med ops for PA  
N.B. note: Christoph is VA ASRC med ops director
- p.2 - Newsletter: Treasurer MAY ask for additional money

Review of Ops Manual and discussion:

Motion to accept section 1 as amended (see hard copy of manual)  
All in favor with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Lorick Fox motioned to accept VaSARCo forms as ASRC forms with same identifiers (changing name at top of form to read "ASRC").  
The motion passed with one abstention.

Motion to change "shall" phrase in Ops Manual 2.4.2.1 to "by action of BOD". Motion passed.

Motion to adopt section 2 as amended. All in favor with one abstention.

Motion to adopt section 3 as amended. All in favor with one abstention.

Motion to adopt section 4 as amended. All in favor with one abstention.

Adjourned for lunch 1310...

Reconvened 1500, continue with Old Business

Addendum to minutes changes: Strike 'Peter Goth program' in Old Business

A motion was made to accept Art Dodds, Jr. as SMRG's Training Officer. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was then made

to accept Mark Pennington as RSAR's T.O. This motion also passed unanimously.

SMRG will be coordinating a map buy for the conference. All groups should evaluate map status.

The two motions from the last meeting about pagers are rescinded. This will be discussed under New Business.

Koester said that there is a proposal to table certification for WEMT.

MRA: Conover presented a letter to the BOD in which he outlined basic "bottom line" questions to be answered regarding MRA membership. After some discussion, it was decided that Conover will contact Hunter Holloway of the MRA about the possibilities of having a region without teams and having unit standards, not testing. Conover will follow this up with a letter to Holloway outlining any agreed-upon points, and will give copies of this letter to the ASRC BOD.

**\*\*NEW BUSINESS\*\***

Ed Johnson from DOGSEast has requested to use our repeater frequencies. A letter will be sent to him to affirm this.

The next ASRC BOD meeting will be held on 1 October 1988 in Luray. There will be a General Membership meeting of the ASRC 12-13 November in Charlottesville, hosted by BRMRG. Chris Ingle will plan the training event and present an outline at the next BOD meeting.

A motion was made to assign the ASRC secretarial position to Deming Herbert pending bylaw revision at the Gen. Mem. meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to send pertinent information on Jim Rooney to his evaluator. All in favor of the motion with one abstention.

The conference-wide pager codes have been drafted and distributed to each group at this meeting. Any revisions should be given to the commo delegate of each group.

Following is a chart of all organizations with whom we have a mutual aid agreement and who can use our ASRC license.

Name	type	contact	status
DOGSEast	verbal	Marion Hardy	working
Blue+Gray	verbal	Martha Showalter	working
NCRC East Region	verbal	Gene Harrison	working
CAP(VA Wing Stafford Sq)	verbal	No contact	defunct?
Triangle Rescue	verbal	Roger Powers	working
SNP-using their freq.	written	Greg Stiles	working
"-on our freq.	verbal	Greg Stiles	working
Great Falls Nat. Park	verbal	No contact	working
Robertson's Assoc.	verbal	Gene Harrison	working
Va EMS	written	Chuck Niday	working
ESAR 616-not applicable	verbal		defunct

A motion was made to accept these as people with whom we have existing agreements; these agreements will be reviewed by the Commo committee and findings will be presented to the BOD. The motion passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

A motion was made that all cooperative communications agreements must be approved by the ASRC BOD. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.

Harrison brought up that he needs radio inventory sheets from AMRG. He requested BOD action to require AMRG to supply these in 30 days or lose radio privileges. Mechtel motioned to ask AMRG to supply inventory in 30 days or lose radio use and privileges. The motion passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Harrison then brought up that he needs technical information on the backpack repeater from BRMRG. He then moved to ask BRMRG to supply info in 30 days or repeater will be shut down. The motion passed with 2 opposed and 2 abstentions.

A motion was made to offer Ed Johnson of DOGSEast a written agreement to allow them to use our frequencies. Harrison made an alternate motion to have the commo committee chairman talk to DOGSEast and return to ASRC BOD with findings and an appropriate written report. The question was called on the first motion and passed with 1 abstention. The commo commiittee chairman was charged with approaching DOGSEast and offering a written agreement. Harrison will write the agreement and the ASRC Chairman will sign it.

Bob Elron distributed a sheet outlining proposed record-keeping methods and proposed actions toward newly-created committees. A copy of this handout will be included in the file of the minutes from this meeting. A motion was made to accept these proposals and table them until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

This meeting of the ASRC BOD adjourned at 1730.

Respectfully submitted,

Deming Herbert