

ASRC BOD Meeting Minutes

November 8, 1998

Attendees

Delegates:

Pepper Broad	AMRG/MARG
Ken Chiacchia	AMRG
TR Queen	AMRG/MARG
Frank Jargowsky	BRMRG
Bob Koester	BRMRG
Darrell Hale	MSAR
Peter McCabe	MSAR
Hart Rossman	PVRG
Larry Huffman	SMRG
Todd L'Herrou	SMRG

Others:

Emily Minor	BRMRG
Jess Hill	MSAR
Ty Conlon	PVRG
Russ Gruban	PVRG
Jenny Marti	PVRG
Laurie Shook	PVRG
Gene Harrison	SMRG
Rob Miller	SMRG
Heidi Forrest	SMRG

Meeting called to order 1125

Review of minutes

Discussion by Bob Koester on information from Winnie Pennington about MOU

Bob mentioned that in discussion with Winnie, she indicated that the ASRC MOU was not at risk for the current issues that had been brought before the ASRC,

Addressed by chair - Should continue to take these seriously.

Motion to accept minutes: KW, 2nd Frank, Passed

Review of Action Items

1. Hart commented – Due to VA CAP training changed from March. Mailing out soon. Simulation. Todd- important to attend - designated training activity - delegates to keep reinforcing importance to team members.
2. Need Safety & Medical Chairs. Pete- med & safety- take information back to teams, return with ideas at next meeting.
3. Visitation of teams - Todd not as active as he would like to be. Needs meeting dates from teams.
4. Development IC mentoring program. Frank- not much done- plans to talk with IC's before implementation- bring to training committee.
5. Guidelines on sustaining members – Progress being made. Time line – by Jan 17
6. Dog stuff – Mid Atlantic to test ASRC dogs?
7. ASRC not working well with others
8. Dues – question partially resolved

Chair's Report

1. Todd read items sent to group by Pizzano family & Charlie Jackson, Sheriff of Westmoreland Co.. Wants to do something with \$1500 check from Pizzano family.
2. ASRC bookstore (ASRC gets 15% on most – 3% to 5& on others)
3. March 19-21 Statewide simulation in Virginia. Important to attend to train together as a conference.

Show others that we can work with them.

Vice Chair

Complement dispatch for Lee Co Search
Requested current rosters
Visits to all teams – wants to get it done soon

Treasurer

Not present ->Showed up late
Balance \$3,976.32

Operations

1. Discussed a number of issues. Background of previous meeting re: Affiliate membership issue that was tabled at last board meeting
2. Several teams send out e-mail messages for searches. Would it be useful conference wise
3. Nominees for med & safety officers. Teams to look at possible persons to fill vacancies
4. Remote dispatch sites

Training

1. Organized to prioritize tasks
2. Slow but steady progress on dog standards

Comms

1. License renewal coming up soon? Status
2. EC/DEC offered assistance in emergency situation
3. Chair of committee – Pepper
4. Technical Advisor – Gene

Med-Safety

No Chairs
Safety Officer requirements discussed in Ops meeting. Peter will follow up

Information officer

Not present
Todd gave short message

Gene commented – Maintain presentation that ASRC is one group made up of individual teams
Bob commented – same message
Ken commented – "didn't get"

SAR Council Report

Bob Koester

Adjourned for lunch at 1207.

Back to work 1317

Group Reports

AMRG

Ken told of search in PA – recovered leg, no body.
Joint training at Deer Valley YMCA Camp, AMRG-PVRG-MARG

BRMRG

Training and going to searches

MARG

Added FTMs & FTLs

Couple small searches
Major training exercise 14 Nov – Contact Pepper
Push maps

MSAR

Dealer for maps at good price
Early development of grant. Alz program for TV program
Interest in GSAR training for ASRC
Sign MOU w/ American Red Cross w/ disaster communications

PSAR

Meeting notes:

Training 8 members w/ Raven's Roost & upcoming land nav 7 clue awareness
In house FTM
\$2175 in donations last month
2 days at State Fair
12 new prospective members
fax machine requisition
on scene & stand by for several searches
joint work with several agencies
"Yellow Page"

PSAR Report notes:

Training
Recent
1. Raven's Roost 8 members participated and brought the victim
Upcoming
1. Land nav
2. Clue awareness
3. Schedule – FTM inhouse, FTS in house / negotiating with DES

Fundraisers/Donations
Car parking/painting – 1175
Moose lodge '98 – 1000
Total: 2175

Publicity
9/26 Girl Scout Event (4 hour blocks)
10/34 State Fair of VA
10/30 Community Say at Chesterfield Towne Center

Membership
Catherine Elizabeth Smith
Acting plans – Brenda Felts
@ 12 prospective members
@ 10-15 prospective members for other teams

New Equipment
Fax machine
@ 40 helmets
@ 50 new topos

Missions
10/11 Miller's Tavern
10/16 Great Dismal Swamp (waiting by the door)
10/31 Louden County enroute

11/6 Newport News
Missed 10/25 Pennington Gap

Local PD

- Revisiting/updating plans for all of the nursing homes in county
- Alzheimer's Foundation, get in contact with caregivers

PVRG

Elected new officers
Green Ridge Area training for FTL
Working w/ palm pc in search
Portable copier & 24 hour dispatch center

TSAR

Meeting Notes:

½ through FTM/FTL class
beginning next in Jan
raven's roost sim completed
Oct Fund raiser – professional car parking
Received donation for fax machine

TSAR Report Notes:

Training
FTM and FTL class 50% complete
Expect 15 FTM / 6 FTL graduates

Beginning in January another class (FTM, FTL) will start

Raven's Roost – successful simulation
7 TSAR participants, 8 Piedmont Participants
(other TSAR members coordinated overall exercise)
All field tested new 'enhanced Sierra Rig'

Fundraising

Completed annual fund raising events
Car parking 1st weekend in October at Newport News City Park, car parking last weekend at Chipchoaks.. collected over \$2000

New Equipment

New fax machine for base operations

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SMRG

Meeting Notes:

New laptop & laser printer.
Appointed new committee chair for fund raisers
PATC meeting – service awards to SMRG members
Changing procedure & distributing pagers to new members (\$25 deposit)
Looking for elderly/ disabled people for dispatch
Annual CPR class & other stuff – lots of medical
6 members in FTL training

quarterly newsletter on trial basis

SMRG Report Notes:

Larry Huffman

- Appointed a fundraising coordinator, Peter Pennington.
- Outfitted out group laptop w/ printer
- PATC annual meeting and dinner last Friday. Approx. 8 members received service awards from PATC
- Policy change on distribution of pagers—distribute pagers to probationary members for a \$25 deposit refunded on promotion to active membership
- We are looking into improving dispatch operations- specifically picking up dispatch
- 1. Ad for volunteers in local newspapers
- 2. Looking into volunteers for other service organizations- Lions Club, retired persons, etc.

Training

-first-aid CPR class today

Continuing Ed classes

Last Tuesday- Todd, Search Operations

11/17 – SAR biorhythms

12/1 – Airway/rescue breathing skills

FTL training 12/6 – FTL search mini-simulation in Prince William Forest Park

Recent Events

- Oct 31 weekend – 6 students in FTL field training sessions, semitech, ELT, field practicals
- Newsletter – intended to put out quarterly to membership

Roster - email

SWVaMRG

Lots of training and land nav

King & Queen Co Search

Pennington Gap Search

Poss. Changing training program

Old business

Todd: Board of Inquiry = 4 members, currently talked w/Winnie

Following up on info – no specific documented complaints

Most complaints not specific with details of who/where/when/what

Jan meeting for formal report

Todd: Rec'd complaint. Private dirty laundry aired via e-mail. Assigned investigator Gary Mechtel.

Charge dropped. Winnie had no idea. The investigator indicated that it was his feeling that without intent, issue should not be pursued.

Peter: Recert Last Feb ASRC did not recert IC's

IC/Is correction:

Avery N

Carter Y

Koester Y

Mechtcl N

Pennington N

Dalton Y

Hancock N
Poole Y
Rue Y
Sweat N
Wilson N
Conover N
Drag N
Vandersol Y

Buursink , Drag & Vandersol not on roster at this time

No info – defaulted

RECERTs:

IC's

Carter, Koester,
Discussion, Motion by Peter, 2nd by Frank, vote carried

IS

Dalton, Rue, Pool
No discussion, Motion by Peter, 2nd by Frank, vote carried

Several people not found

Shay no longer on roster
Hardy due Feb 99
Sazanov Appointed Feb 98 Is/2001
Ruth Carter (Inactive?) Status?

New business

1. New IC/IS
2. TSAR TO
3. Commo Officer & Liason
4. Group Logo Issues
5. Donations
6. VA SAR Study
7. State Fair of VA
8. Discuss ASRC GSAR class

1. Frank -> move up for Incident Staff "submit letter" ATTACHED, 2nd Bob, Carried
Movement that the following four persons be brought up as incident staff:

Matt Higgins
Suzanne Esterson
Jared Ulmer
Mit Robertson

2. TSAR Poole confirmation, Motion Mark, 2nd Bob, Carried
3. Broad elected by committee – motion Todd, 2nd ?, carried
Special Technical Advisor – Gene, discussion- none, motion Peter, 2nd Pepper, carried
4. Group Identity for training, etc. – One single agency on searches. Question, should Board vote to not allow teams to wear group identity on searches, Motion Peter, 2nd Hale

Discussion:

Hart – patches on packs & all gear

Frank – concern not with hats but outer garments

Mark – mission base vs. field task

Peter – several issues – Policy & uniformity, outerwear description specific

Hart – agrees there is an issue. Finds it difficult to regulate outerwear

Gene- building up over a period of time. Uniform to present one united agency. ASRC ballcap endorsement

Bob- Intent to present yourself as ASRC- would urge people to vote against it
Pepper – baseball hats???

Todd- table discussion till January, movement Bob, 2nd Pepper, carried
ALL GROUPS to discuss and bring thoughts/comments/solutions back to next BOD meeting.

Comment Peter – wear correct uniform

5. Want to do w/ Donation \$. Something other than operating funds
Peter – Respond to family quickly with response
Bob – Agree. Let's not specify where all large donations go – don't set precedence with it
Darrell – 1st Thank you, 2nd distribution, continue onto old business

6. Bob – VA SAR study more money & stuff
Study only addressed SAR
Bob Will assist in putting together legislative packet

Motion ASRC to endorse findings of study, 2nd Frank, Carried

7. Susan talked about VA state Fair participation. Generated some interested from public. Does ASRC want to have a booth? Would present unified front

Pepper- Question

Bob – SMRG has demo board – interested in participating

Gene – SMRG recruiting tape mentioned

8. Peter interested in establishing GSAR class. ASRC to consider establishing own programs. Regional training programs. Sees a market for this in other states.

Todd – Issue to go to training committee

Bob- Suggestion – CAP wants "special" status

Susan – Supports idea, however, work on interfacing with other agencies

Todd- preliminary suggestions / presentations at next meeting by training committee

Gene – Building up personal relations with other agencies

Learning points for incidents

Bob – Incident at ?? Point Search

Pennington Gap search – Harold from Triangle was IC

Inform IC of your qualifications!

Ken – "Halloween Search"

RA created problems (Pa State Police)

Protect PLS

Sending copies of all forms w/ report

Todd – Appalachian Trail Search

Overdue females unable to complete trail in allotted time

Textbook search

Hasty teams x2

Subjects found within 30 minutes

General Discussion on Air Transportation by group

Friday night Newport News mission – approx. 30 people responded. Did not want to be found. Found approx. 50 feet from base. Pleased w/turnout

Bob – MSO manuals to get changes

Incident Command home study through FEMA

Gave information on publications available to teams

Action Items

1. training committee- Consider GSAR Training Type Program
2. All -> Discuss appropriate use of some portion of large donation
3. All -> Approach to group logos
4. All -> Remind IC/ISs to document

Ken –Letter form Heather to Board – Re: MARG

Motion to Adjourn, 2nd Frank, passed

End 1515