



ASRC GM Minutes

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Camp Rodney, North East, MD

Title	Name	From	Present	Proxied To
Chair	Steve Weiss	SMRG	Yes	
Vice Chair	Keith Conover	AMRG	Yes	
Treasurer	Jen Clifton	BRMRG	No	Molly Garland
Secretary	Steph Bean	PVRG	Yes	N/A
Roster	Steve Weiss	SMRG	Yes	N/A
Webmaster	<i>vacant</i>			N/A
Ops	Bob Allam	PSAR	Yes	N/A
Asst. Ops	Alex McLellan	SMRG	No	N/A
ADC	Alex McLellan	SMRG	No	N/A
Asst. ADC	Rebecca Schooley		No	N/A
Medical	Roger Miller	SMRG	No	N/A
PA OMD	Keith Conover	AMRG	Yes	N/A
VA OMD	Marsh Cuttino	<i>none</i>	No	N/A
WV OMD	Carl Werntz	MARG	Yes	N/A
Comms	Keith Crabtree	SMRG	No	N/A
PIO	<i>vacant</i>			N/A
Safety	Carl Werntz	MARG	Yes	N/A
Infection Control	<i>vacant</i>			N/A
Training	William Dixon	SMRG	No	N/A
Group Reps	Name		Present	Proxied To
AMRG	Keith Conover		Yes	
BRMRG	Molly Garland		Yes	
BRMRG	Rob Lynch		<i>proxied</i>	Molly Garland
DELMARVA	Jim Jackson		Yes	
MARG	Carl Werntz		Yes	
M/SAR	Bill Andrews		Yes	
M/SAR	Andrew Dorsett		Yes	
PSAR	Bob Allam		Yes	
PSAR	Chuck Maguire		<i>proxied</i>	Bob Allam
PVRG	Stephanie Bean		Yes	
SMRG	Andrew Bickers		Yes	
SMRG	Steve Weiss		Yes	
SWVaMRG	Chris Chesson			
SWVaMRG	Sarah Druy			
TSAR	Theresa Crossland		Yes	
TSAR	Kevin Brewer		Yes	
At Large Attendance (Name, Group)				
Robert Peterson	DMVSAR		Doug Moore	MARG
Don Ferguson	MARG		Butch Burke	TSAR
Nathan Brown	TSAR		George F. Malone Jr.	DMVSAR
Andrew R. Hower	AMRG		Glenn Bock	DMVSAR

Michael Hansen	DMVSAR	Larry O'Brien	DMVSAR
Roger Paul Guyett	SMRG	Jen Richards	SMRG
Mike Dankot	SMRG	Jimmy Corsian	PSAR

Summary of Motions from this meeting:

Motion	Section	Result
Approve DELMARVA as a certified group in the ASRC	2.2.4	Passed
Explore the possibility with joint groups of offering wilderness training to disaster medical groups	6.2	Passed

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 1330.

2. Welcome by the Chair:

2.1. Introducing visitors Cpl. Brent Trautman from MD Natural Resources Police and Tim Hanavan, a volunteer search manager for the MD state police

2.1.1. Cpl. Trautman gave an overview of MNRP's task to control missions in their areas (Maryland State Police is the lead agency). They are currently working to prequalify volunteer resources and assess training standards by visiting teams and fostering working relationships. They appreciate our commitment and are looking forward to more cooperation with trainings and other activities. So far, the agency is implementing preplanning towards the goal of getting a resolution within 6-8 hours as to subject disposition. Law enforcement is working to maintain good management, but incorporate other resources. As far as increasing the use of volunteer resources, Cpl. Trautman is trying to push the law enforcement side – showing how we can be useful and breaking down institutional barriers.

2.2. Certification of DELMARVA as a new group.

2.2.1. The team joined 2 yrs ago as a probationary group. They have met all qualifications under oversight of mentor group SMRG and review of ASRC operations officers.

2.2.2. SMRG recommends them as a certified group

2.2.2.1. DELMARVA notes its appreciation of SMRG's help

2.2.3. ASRC BOD recommendation: "Upon review by the ASRC Operations Officer and the ASRC Board of Directors, and in consideration of the recommendation of SMRG, the mentor-group for Delmarva Search and Rescue, the ASRC Board of Directors has endorsed that Delmarva Search and Rescue has completed the requirements to become a Certified Group. As a result of this endorsement, the ASRC Board of Directors nominates Delmarva Search and Rescue to become a Class B Certified Group of the ASRC."

2.2.4. Motion to approve DELMARVA as a certified group in the ASRC

2.2.4.1. **Motion passed**

2.2.5. Chair notes that he is looking forward to making use of their resources and interoperability with other areas and groups.

3. Recognition of service awards:

3.1. 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 year recognitions listed and pins distributed for 5 years (full list appended)

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- 3.2. Note of Kevin and April Cropper's service as they leave for the Peace Corps in Panama for two years.
- 3.3. Honoring of Bob Allam for VASARCO award
- 3.4. Letter of appreciation to Kevin Brewer of TSAR re: Search in James City County April 2, 2007

4. Chair's report:

4.1. Status of the conference

- 4.1.1. Ten member groups spanning the region with outstanding, dedicated membership
- 4.1.2. Greene County, PA search was exemplary
- 4.1.3. New dispatch & alert capabilities have been brought online

4.2. Status of groups not detailed because some did not respond, but highlights include:

- 4.2.1. Welcome to Delmarva as a new member group
- 4.2.2. PSAR is getting a VA MOU

4.3. Opportunities for conference

- 4.3.1. Need more command and staff resources
 - 4.3.1.1. All C&S resources should still be field capable
- 4.3.2. Continue to need more outreach
- 4.3.3. NIMS seems to be the future – what does it mean to us?
 - 4.3.3.1. We've been interoperable for a long time (since before the government required it)
 - 4.3.3.2. Groups are local agencies, while ASRC is a Multi Agency Coordination (MAC) group
 - 4.3.3.3. We provide one-stop-shopping for an RA via our dispatch and knowledge of NIMS
 - 4.3.3.4. We already have common SOPs and personnel standards and shared administrative arrangements (e.g., liability insurance)
 - 4.3.3.5. Key is having planning and protocols established in advance and to ensure that we interoperate with states as well
- 4.3.4. We need training standards updated to meet administrative format and vocabulary
- 4.3.5. Need more specifics about oversight and accreditation policy for groups
- 4.3.6. May need some attention to resource typing
- 4.3.7. Must coordinate our SOPs with other groups so that they are well understood
- 4.3.8. Can make links across state lines without going through governors, state emergency coordinators, etc.

4.4. What we need to do to continue improving outreach and visibility

- 4.4.1. Go to missions
- 4.4.2. Get more training – leadership, other special skills, management training
- 4.4.3. Professionalism, professionalism, professionalism

5. General discussion of conference direction:

- 5.1. Signcutting – How do we certify and formalize? Standards have been rewritten, will be passed in 2 weeks. Can we certify as an agency? Might be able to do something like what we're doing with PSO in encouraging conference-wide training.
- 5.2. Need multiple sources for training PSO
- 5.3. Template has been built for certification standards at VA level

6. Other Business:

- 6.1. MARG announced their opportunity to participate in the WVU Appalachian Wilderness Medicine Conference August 10-12 in Coopers Rock State Park. MARG is hosting a SAR challenge

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competition on Saturday. Flyer distributed, with more information available at

<http://marg.karstsports.com> or by email: dferguso@mix.wvu.edu

6.2. Keith Conover presented the idea for disaster medicine training (PDF available). Motion to approve exploring the possibility further with joint groups. A point was raised about making sure that we have the institutional depth to carry it off.

6.2.1. **Motion Passed**

6.3. MSAR is leading BSA adult leader training that will include a SIM tonight; looking for volunteers.

6.4. National Orienteering Sprint Championship going to be held south of DC in September.

7. **Next Meeting:**

7.1. BOD meetings are held the second Saturday of each quarter, with the General Membership Meeting occurring in April. MARG has offered to host next year's General Meeting.

8. **The meeting officially adjourned at 1520.**

ASRC Service Awards

5 Years of Service:

Chris Chesson, SWVaMRG
Charlie O'Connell, SMRG
Zeb Whitaker, SMRG
Sean Smyth, SMRG
Steve Weiss, SMRG
Jake Fettig, SMRG
Robin Donnelly, SMRG
Doug Sigman, SMRG
Rusty Rockstroh, MSAR
Erica Jaworski, MSAR
Dean Matty, TSAR
Butch Burke, TSAR
Kevin Maskell, BRMRG
Matt Jorge, BRMRG
Constance Kwan, BRMRG
Sean Happel, BRMRG
Bill Carey, BRMRG
John Rubmin, BRMRG
Randall Burleson, BRMRG (after 7 years, but didn't get pin before)

10 Years of Service:

Tom Lovejoy, SWVaMRG
John O'Shea, SWVaMRG
DSid Bingley, SWVaMRG
Rob Speiden, SWVaMRG
Steph Bean, PVRG
Tyler Kinghorn, BRMRG
Dan Patterson, MARG

15 Years of Service:

William Dixon, SMRG
Pepper Broad, MARG

25 Years of Service:

Bob Koester, BRMRG
George Swett, SMRG