Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group
May 2008 Business Meeting Minutes

1. Chair Report / General Announcements
   a. Trailer - Outfitting the trailer is running over budget.
   b. Fundraising and recruiting options were discussed, including the possibility of creating a video for recruitment purposes.
   c. Staffing needed for VO2 event on May 17 & 18. Volunteers were asked to coordinate effort after the meeting.

2. Operational Report
   a. There were no callouts since the last business meeting.
   b. NCRC has used phones & wire for sale. We currently have no budget for it.
   c. AMRG's web site upgrade will be completed by the end of May. Salesforce.com now has the roster with certifications, etc.

3. Recap of Board Meeting
   a. Board met on April 7th.
   b. New board:
      President - Bru Randall
      VP - Keith Conover
      Secretary - Don Scelza
      Chris Ruch appointed to finish Barb Butler's term.
      Board appointed officers: Executive Director - Ken Chiacchia
      Treasurer - Scott Jackson
      Actions:
      Formed fundraising committee
      Later Actions:
      Email vote on new budget (passed)
      Email vote to accept ASRC rider for insurance of AMRG trailer & contents

4. News From External Organizations
   a. Maria has taken on the task of reinstating our 501(c)(3) status. Forms are close to completion.
   b. ASRC meeting was April 12.
      Turnout was great.
      AMRG won the SAR challenge
      Big changes in training standards are coming.
      Officer election results:
      Chair - Steve Weiss (SMRG)
      Vice Chair - Carl Werntz (MARG)
      Treasurer - Jen Clifton (BRMRG)
      Secretary - Sarah Carlson (SMRG)
      Operations - Doug Moore (MARG)
      Training - Alex McLellan (SMRG)
      There is a new probationary team in Columbus, OH.
c. PSARC meeting will be held on May 3rd.
d. MRA update:
    NJSAR passed accreditation and is now an MRA team.

5. Training Report
   a. Previous Trainings:
      April 12 - 13 ASRC general membership meeting, SAR challenge, cave rescue, outing
      April 19 AMRG equipment inventory / trailer setup
   b. Upcoming training opportunities
      May 25 AMRG group training, dog-team assistance/orientation
      June 4-8 24 Hours of Big Bear mountain bike race, WV
      June 15 Advanced Grid Team (DCNR curriculum) class, Fayette County. (5 more participants needed)
      June 19-21 MRA summer conference, Stowe, VT
      July 18 Cave Rescue class - one week long in VA. June 26th is signup deadline.

6. Member Business:
   a. dues & release form collection
   b. FTM/L checklists
   c. 40% discount at Cabella's on July 2 & 3 with AMRG I.D.
   d. Matt Watson was unanimously approved by vote for membership, pending the requisite background check.