

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](http://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 Wertz (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.