1. Chair report/ General Announcements
   a. 2008 year end financial statement is now available. The final revision will be drawn up at the end of December in order to add in December activities.
   b. The proposed 2009 budget was presented.
   c. The continued need for fundraising was discussed. The idea of contacting a restaurant such as Friday’s for a day of donations was discussed. There is also the possibility of teaching an additional WFA class to medical students.

2. Operational Report
   a. There were no call outs this month. AMRG was put on standby twice
   b. The PSARC level 1 evaluation is under way. The equipment check has been completed and the paperwork has been submitted.

3. Recap of Board Meeting.
   a. The date of the next Board meeting will be announced.

4. Non-training news from External Organizations
   a. The 501C is now listed on the web
   b. The ASRC meeting was attended via telephone by Andy with Ken’s proxy. The new training document was approved and passed.
   c. We did not have a representative at the last PSARC meeting due to scheduling conflicts.
   d. The NCRC is looking for a new sub region coordinator.
   e. The next MRA business meeting is Jan. 10-11 in Salt Lake City.
   f. Region 13 update- This contains the 13 counties of Western PA The resource center is run by the county EMA centers. They are considering wilderness SAR as a resource. The next meeting is tomorrow.
   g. ill be October 11th. AMRG is coming up for its three year re-cert.
   h. AMARG attended the Fire/EMS expo with White Oak. AMRG is encouraged to submit lectures and classes for next year’s event.

5. Training Report
   a. There was no training this month.
   b. January’s training on Managing the Search Operation was reviewed. There must be ten people registered for the class to happen.
   c. A Practical Search Operations class is being planned for February.
   d. The Wilderness EMT classes being planned for March.
   e. There will be a WFA class in the spring.
   f. There will be additional MRA trainings in the upcoming months. The scheduled dates are as follows. Dec. 13- Vertical Rescue Drill, location
TBA; Dec 16- Rope Rescue workshop at Mercy; Jan 3rd- Vertical Rescue Drill, location TBA; Jan 20- Rope Workshop at Mercy; Jan 31- Vertical Rescue- location TBA; Feb 17- Rope Workshop at Mercy; and Feb 22- Vertical Rescue Drill- location TBA.

g. There will be a canine training at the Midland game lands this Sunday at 11:00.

6. Member Business
   a. Dues are due today.
   b. The board agreed to have Ken send flowers/donation to the funeral of SAR friend Jack Stankiewicz.