



## Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group Board of Directors Meeting January 6, 2009

### Directors Present

P Don Scelza  
P Ken Chiacchia  
Keith Conover (proxy with Chris)

P Bru Randall  
P Chris Ruch

### Officers Present

P Dale Lersch - Commander  
Andy Hower – Training Officer  
Bill Evans – Operations Officer  
Heather Houlahan – K9 Officer

### *Call-To-Order*

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group, held at Mercy Hospital, was called to order at 8:30pm by Bru Randall. There were four directors present and one proxy supplied which constitutes a quorum.

### *Approval of Minutes*

No minutes were presented for approval.

### *Business Conducted*

#### **Financial**

Fundraising Committee: The Board agrees that we need to get a committee set up. It is important that there be members other than the Board on the committee. Ken will approach specific individuals.

WFA class: Class should be planned for early fall. We need to do enough marketing to get a full class.

Hoagie sale: Ken is looking into this to see if it makes sense.

#### **Administrative Issues**

MRA Delegate: Ken made a motion that Chris remains the MRA delegate. Don seconded. Chris abstained. Motion carried

Annual Report: Ken is putting together a 2008 report

Ops manual update: Comments from Bru and Don have been incorporated. The Vice President position needs to be added to the Operations Manual since the By-Laws specify this position. Motion to accept the ops manual with specified changes made by Chris. Seconded by Ken.

Motion carried.

Dues Current collection status: Three members have not paid dues. Dale will make a call to each of them. They will be given one month to pay or be removed from the call-out lists.

Proposed Increase in Dues: Currently additional donations from members are covering expenses. Don made a motion to increase standard dues to \$40. Ken seconded. Motion carried. Chris made a motion to increase the MRA member dues to \$25. Bru seconded. Motion carried.

### **Operational Issues:**

Current NIMS compliance: Don made a motion that members who have not completed the required courses (out of 100, 200, 700, 800) for their certification levels be given two months to come into compliance. Ken Seconded. Motion carried. These members will be notified and then reminded in one month. Dale will contact.

Additional NIMS Requirements: Chris made a motion that the new additional requirements of Hazmat recognition, Blood and Air borne pathogens, and Aircraft Safety be required by December 1st. Don Seconded. Motion carried. Don will send a mailing to members with the new requirements.

CoQ: Chris moved to add a requirement to meet the standards for Call-Out-Qualified a member must sign and return the acknowledgement form in the back of the Ops Manual. Ken second. Motion carried.

Fit for Duty requirements: MRA requires that team has a fit for duty policy and records are kept. The medical officer (Bru) will look into creating such a policy and report back to the Board.

QRS Status: Don has agreed to take over this project in the spring.

Training records: There are problems with the way we are keeping training records. We need to be more consistent. This is the responsibility of the Training Officer.

Trailer: The Board agreed that there needs to be a tire gage and torque wrench in the trailer. Additionally, the locks currently used on the door and tongue need to be replaced with weather proof locks. Ken will assign this to Scott

Good of the order:

Senator Jane Orie Responder Forum: AMRG should offer to do a presentation at the next forum. Either Fall or Spring is OK.

### **Adjourn**

Don made a motion to adjourn. Chris Second. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 945pm

