Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group
Monthly Meeting Notes
February 3 2009

1. Chair report/ General Announcements
   a. Nominations for this years officers will held in March.
   b. The Board has set up a fundraising/marketing committee. Pete will be the chairman. The committee is currently looking for members.

2. Operational Report
   a. There were no callouts this month.
   b. Bru has possession of the AED. He will look into obtaining a new battery.

3. Recap of Board Meeting.
   a. The expanded NIMS requirements need to be met by Dec. 1, 2009. These courses are available online, and can be accessed via the AMRG website.
   b. The new ops manual was approved.
   c. The standard dues will be 40 dollars. This increase is needed to cover the team dues to external organizations. These will be due on Dec 1, 2009.
   d. There is also a 25 dollar due for members of other ASRC teams who want to be part of the MRA through AMRG.

4. Non-training news from External Organizations
   a. The ASRC meeting was January 10th.
      1. AMRG recertification was approved. We are now a Level A. This is the highest level and gives us 2 votes.
      2. Conference liability insurance was increased to a $1 million, as per request from DCNR.
      3. ASRC budget includes the trailer rider for AMRG’s trailer. AMRG will pay ASRC the money.
      4. There is a shortage of people certified for the Conference Dispatch Office. Anyone who is interested in this training can contact Ken.
   b. The location of the next PSARC meeting is to be announced. Maria and Lucas (PSARC reps) need to be put on the email list.
   c. The NCRC is looking for a new sub region coordinator.
   d. The MRA summer conference is in June.
      1. This is the 50th anniversary
      2. New team tracking software will be rolled out.
      3. There are currently 92 teams nation wide.
      4. Recertification for the MRA is required every five years. AMRG will be take the recertification test in Stowe Vermont.
   e. The next Region 13 meeting will be Feb. 11th.

5. Training Report
   a. Feb7th and 8th – winter bivy/ MRA training will be held in Ohiopyle.
b. There will be additional MRA trainings on the 17th and 28th. Check the team calendar for details.
c. The PSO class will be held in Morgantown on Feb. 20-22nd. ASRC will reimburse 50 dollars for the class.
d. There will be a Wilderness EMT training at Camp Souls in Sommerset starting March 13th.
e. The ARSC general membership meeting will be held in Southern Virginia in April.
f. There was a dog training last Sat. in the gamelands.

6. Member Business
   a. Bru made a motion for Don Scelza to become an ASRC IC-2. Maria 2nd the motion. The vote passed in favor of unanimously.