

DRAFT 12/29/75

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference was held at 10 a.m., December 26, 1975, at 2617 Jefferson Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Directors present: Rita Cloutier, Raymond Cole, Keith Conover, Gene Harrison. A quorum was established.

Training Exemptions

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that it is the responsibility of the Unit Training Officer to detect possible and desirable exemptions from training requirements and to recommend them to the Director of Training with suggested options. The Director of Training has the authority to accept or reject the recommendation or designate an option, such as additional training, teaching a class, etc. The Director of Training may delegate this authority to exempt from training to the Unit Training Officer.

Patches and stationery

Patches are on order, due in early February. ASRC stationery will cost about \$70, part of the shipment has been received.

Dues and Fees

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to set the following schedule of fees and dues:

Annual dues: \$5.00 for everyone including trainees, active, associate and sustaining individual members.

Administrative fee: \$5.00 for associates

Administrative fee: \$15.00 for basic members (to be paid upon application to become a basic member).

Annual dues and administrative fees will help, in part, to pay for the newsletter, patches, identification cards and other administrative expenses.

Bylaws:

Rita Cloutier of Washington, D.C. and Yorke Browne of Charlottesville, Va. are working on drafts.

Bob Barlow

of Region 6, Bland, Va, on December 4, 1975, was advised that he is an ASRC Associate Member and the ASRC representative in Southwest Virginia.

Tax-exempt status

Application therefor
is awaiting completion of the bylaws.

Membership list is being developed by Ray Cole.

ASRC Operations and Incidents

Some discussion was had as to possible definitions: An operation is an exercise in which ASRC participates fully (i.e., Augusta Springs, Nov. 1975.

In an incident, a person trained by and/or identified with ASRC made a significant contribution (i.e., Carderock Dec. 24, 1975).

Conferences, possible

Fall of 1976 - ASRC-run statewide search & rescue conference, perhaps in late October 1976. Coordinator: Keith Conover, with George Jones, State Search & Rescue Conference. ^{CO-ORDINATOR}

May 28-30, 1976 - Appalachian Trail Conference at Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, WV. ASRC participate in workshops, training? Coordinator: Rita Cloutier

Articles on ASRC and Fund-raising - Ray Cole to develop

Search & Rescue School, Governors Island, NY

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of Region 6, Miami, Va., on December 4, 1975, was advised that he is an ASRC Associate Member and the ASRC representative in Southwest Virginia.

Farlow's status

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Conover, Tom Vines, others

Mountain Rescue Assn.

Keith Conover has obtained correct address. AnMIRA certified unit must have a total of 25 members who are "mountaineers," five who are 5th class climbers; ~~25~~ 25 must have advanced first aid.

Virginia Office of Emergency Services (OES)

must be officially notified of our existence, plans, needs.

Survival Education

If we can develop a curriculum, we may be eligible for a Federal grant (through the School of Continuing Education, UVA).

Standards, status of writing

Orienteering and search in the works

Equipment, survival, handling and transportation, written, to be reviewed.

Woodbridge Wireless amateur radio "ham" club

Gene Harrison is working with Dean May of this group on a pilot program for mutual aid and to develop emergency communications plans.

Blue Ridge Rescue

is working with the UVA ham club on a plan in which the ham club will serve as the emergency communications center for Blue Ridge Rescue.

Basic Testing

ASRC's final comprehensive test for entry to basic membership will require the person tested to run a simulated search with untrained persons and/or trainees. While the test may become rather standard, the applicants will be tested on overall solutions to problems. The applicant may use non-ASRC standard techniques, but runs the risk of failing if his techniques are considered dangerous. The judge(s) may introduce additional problems or requirements. (TAKEN FROM THE STANDARDS FOR BASIC MEMBERSHIP.)

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State of ASRC

Keith Conover will prepare statement of capabilities.

ASRC Units - Tentative requirements

Ten active ASRC members (basic or regular) with technical rescue, medical, communications, transport (vehicles), and evacuation capabilities. Must be capable of responding within one-half hour, and have the required equipment.

To vote, must be ASRC member

Officers:

- 1) Chairman must be active member, elected by active members
 - 2) Vice Chairman ditto
 - 3) ^{TRAINING OFFICER} Director (?) of Training) must be active member, may be appointed
 - 4) ^{OPERATIONS OFFICER} Director (?) of Operations) or elected; must be approved by ASRC
-) Directors of Training and Operations, *RESPECTIVELY*

Other officers such as medical officer, communications officer, quartermaster, secretary, treasurer, are not required to be active members and may be trainees or whatever the unit wants. Unit must maintain ten active members. Under 10 members, a group may be certified as a team.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

Rita Cloutier, Secretary

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ASAC Unit - Tentative requirements

For active ASAC members (basic or regular) with technical rescue, medical, communications, transport (vehicles), and evacuation capabilities. Must be capable of responding within one-half hour, and have the required equipment.

To vote, must be ASAC member

Officers:

- 1) Chairman must be active member, elected by active members
 - 2) Vice Chairman ditto
 - 3) Training Officer (must be active member, may be appointed)
 - 4) Operations Officer (or elected; must be approved by ASAC)
- Directors of Training and Operations

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The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

Site Director, Secretary