

APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE, INCORPORATED
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Minutes of the ASRC Board Meeting
1 April 1984

The meeting was called to order at 1130, at the Nature Center in the Prince William Forest Park, Virginia, by Chairman Gary Mechtel.

Present were Harold Driscoll (Director, SMRG), Gene Harrison (Director, SMRG), Gary Mechtel (Director, BRMRG), Greg Shea (Director, BRMRG), Keith Conover (SMRG, Non-voting).

Report: South West Virginia Mountain Rescue Group (Gary for Henry St. Clair) About 100 maps have been sent to SWVMRG from BRMRG, along with one radio. They have promised that a training schedule will be forthcoming. There are currently 6-7 good people active in this group.

Report: Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group (Greg Shea) The results of their recent election are: Karen Anderson, Jeb Livingood, and Thomas Puckette to the BRMRG Board; Jeb Livingood as Chairman; Greg Shea and Al Baker as ASRC Board Delegates; Dean Wampler as Training Officer. They have made a grant application for radios, from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund.

Fundraising is doing well. The "mythical HT-200" radio has been recovered (by Gene), it is working with a weak receiver, and has been returned to BRMRG. They are constructing a radio mast and a chemical heated oxygen system (Al Baker). The group is active in public relations and preventative SAR activities.

ACLS ACLS possibilities involving the ASRC were discussed. There is much interest and no action items. We plan to follow up with the park medic program. No action has been authorized on this matter without prior approval of the ASRC board.

Report: Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (Keith Conover) The group has been getting an average of one and a half people per month, good experienced outdoor people. More outdoor training is needed, and there is a limited ability to manage a search. The group needs to rely on personal gear to accomplish a mission. Affiliation with PATC has been completed. Relations have also been established with the Emergency Room of the George Washington University Hospital (in Washington, DC).

Report: Potomac Valley Search and Rescue Group (No Report)

Patches (Harold Driscoll) Two hundred patches will be ordered, at \$3 each. They will be the same size as the present ones, and as close to identical in design and color as is practical.

Communications Sub-Committee (of the Operations Committee) (Gene Harrison) License applications have been prepared for Dogs East and Blue and Grey Dog groups. An ASRC application for Shenandoah Park radio frequencies has also been prepared, and was authorized by the unanimous approval of the ASRC Board. A commo crib sheet is forthcoming. The ASRC board also authorized, again by unanimous approval, the application for additional radio frequencies. Tax Exempt Status (Greg Shea): Greg Shea and Bob Koester will take care of this matter, they have just received the material.

The minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Harold Driscoll -- Patches

Gary Mechtel -- Wintergreen agreement regarding use of their base station; Reprint rights to an article in Lifeline; VA SAR Council activities

Gene Harrison -- Radio License Upgrade (Aircraft and Special Emergency), Radio License (Shenandoah National Park); Radio Gear from Garth; Commo crib sheet

Cady Soukup -- MRA Liaison; ASRC Affiliation with PATC & Insurance inquiry; New dog team liaison; Park Pre-plan (SNP); 24 Hour Callout Number for DC area

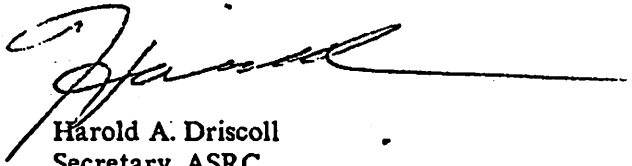
Greg Shea -- Tax Exempt Status; Obtain aircraft frequency and license number for Gene Harrison

Bob Koester -- Intro letters; Tax Exempt Status

Keith Conover -- Finish SAROP; Prepare draft of EMS regulations; Park Pre-Plan (SNP)

Henry St Clair -- Group roster and training schedule

The meeting ended at 1355.



Harold A. Driscoll
Secretary, ASRC