

APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE, INCORPORATED  
P.O. Box 440 Newcomb Station  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Minutes of the ASRC Board Meeting  
21 September 1984

The meeting was called to order at 2133, at the Howard Johnson's in Warrentown, Virginia.

Present were Harold Driscoll (Director, SMRG), Gene Harrison (Director, SMRG), Al Baker (Director, BRMRG), Greg Shea (Director, BRMRG), Cady Soukup (SMRG Chairman, Non-voting), and Joan O'Donohue (Guest).

Communications Sub-Committee (of the Operations Committee) (Gene Harrison) An FCC License has been issued for the Conference on the Shenandoah National Park Frequencies, with a new call sign. The Board authorized Gene to apply for an additional license on the Special Emergency and Aircraft Bands. Gene also reported on the general status, distribution, and condition of our radio equipment. His oral report, presented during dinner, was included as part of the meeting.

Election: Passed by unanimous vote: CHAIRMAN: Al Baker; VICE CHAIRMAN: Gene Harrison; SECRETARY: Harold Driscoll; TREASURER: Greg Shea.

Report: South West Virginia Mountain Rescue Group (Al Baker for Henry St. Clair) The group is getting some new people, and has gone on some missions. They are now recruiting Virginia Tech students, things are going along.

Report: Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group (Greg Shea) Teresa Anderson is new Group Training Officer (Teresa is now enrolled in an EMT class, upon completion she will qualify as a Basic Member). The board accepted her appointment by unanimous consent.

Greg also reported that their new radio mast is operational. A Heated Oxygen system is undergoing final development and testing. On another positive note, they are "bogged down with trainees," and have had to schedule double training sessions to accomodate all of them.

Report: Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (Cady Soukup) The group is conducting a number of training activities, including rotations in the Emergency Room of the George Washington University Hospital (in Washington, DC). Relations with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) have worked out very well.

Report: Potomac Valley Search and Rescue Group (No Report) MOTION (Harold) that the ASRC Board recommend to the next meeting of the Conference membership that PVSRC be dissolved. Passed by unanimous vote.

Virginia SAR Council (Gary Mechtel via Al Baker): A Call-Down/Turn-Around system is in place with the Virginia State Police, via DES, more details are forthcoming. The legal opinion from the state is that most searches are not covered by state insurance. The SAR Council patch was passed for all agencies (see New Business).

Operations Officer for ASRC After a brief discussion it was decided to not appoint one at this time, but to retain the position.

Tax Exempt Status (Greg Shea): Greg Shea needs back records from 1980 until present. He also needs annual financial reports for the calendar year.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION (Gene) that the Communications Sub-Committee of the Operations Committee become an independant committee. Passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION (Greg) that Gene's rescue equipped van be recognized as an official ASRC resource. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Board reaffirmed the uniform standards, and that the T-shirts with the ASRC logo and "Support Search and Rescue - Get Lost" are NOT to be worn on a mission. (There was a potential problem on a recent search when one was worn. Those T-shirts have not been approved by the ASRC Board).

The Board reaffirmed that use of the ASRC logo (such as on T-shirts must be approved in advance by the ASRC Board

MOTION (Greg) that the ASRC name will be the emphasis of all external contacts. Individual group names shall be primarily for internal Conference use. Passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION (Al Baker) that a committee from BRMRG will prepare recommendations to integrate ICS into the ASRC SAROP. Passed by unanimous vote.

Virginia State Patch Was discussed but no concensus developed. MOTION (Harold) to refer the question to the membership at the next meeting of the Conference membership. Passed by unanimous vote.

Conference Membership Meeting scheduled for 2100 on Friday 2 November in Charlottesville, Virginia, BRMRG to host the meeting, and send out the official notices. BRMRG will also host a Board Meeting at 2030 on that same evening. BRMRG also invites people to their training session on vertical techniques on Saturday, 3 November.

The minutes of the April Board Meeting were approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Harold Driscoll -- Tax records to Greg

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 Update (Aircraft and Special Emergency); Radio Gear from Garth; Commo crib sheet

Cady Soukup -- MRA Liasion; ASRC coordination with PATC & Insurance inquiry; 24 Hour Callout Number for DC area; Emergency call-down list

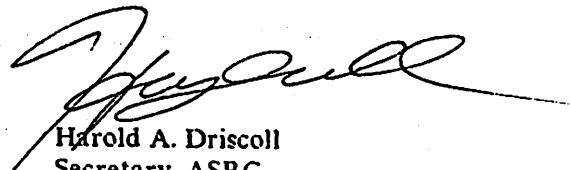
Greg Shea -- Tax Exempt Status; BRMRG Group roster

Keith Conover -- Prepare draft of Emergency procedures

Henry St Clair -- Group roster and training schedule

Al Baker -- Radio information to Conference; List of frequencies for Virginia Department of Emergency Services Call-Down procedure; SAROP update to conform with ICS>

The meeting ended at 2316.

  
Harold A. Driscoll  
Secretary, ASRC