



ASRC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 April 10, 2011 1010
 Buckskin Scout Reservation, Marlinton, WV

		BoD Reps Present	General Members Present
Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group 1. Ken Chiacchia 2. Rebecca Hostetter	AMRG	2	1
Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group 1. Evan Koepke 2. Robert Koester (Proxy to Koepke)	BRMRG	1	
DELMARVA Search and Rescue Group	DMVSAR	0	
Maryland Search and Rescue	MSAR	0	2
Mountaineer Area Rescue Group 1. Dennis Chaney 2. Doug Moore (Proxy to Chaney)	MARG	1	2
Potomac Valley Rescue Group	PVRG	0	
Rapid Assistance to Community Emergencies 1. Beth Huhn	RACE	1	4
Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group 1. Jason Fox 2. Michael Damkott (Proxy to Fox)	SMRG	2	1
South West Virginia Mountain Rescue Group	SWVaMRG	0	

The Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting of the ASRC came to order at 1010 on Sunday April 10, 2011 following the ASRC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Dennis Chaney, acting chair of the ASRC opened the BoD meeting.

Rebecca Hostetter read meeting minutes from the BoD meeting which took place on January 23, 2011. Since the meeting minutes called for a detailed treasurers report requested as of this meeting, Evan Koepke passed around the current treasurers report and read the document at this time. As of the last transactions of February 7, 2011 to pay the VFIS insurance policy, the current balance is \$77.53. There were no additions or corrections noted to the treasurers report or the previous minutes. With Evan abstaining, the two documents passed as read.

The terms of ASRC General Administration positions as outlined in the ASRC General Administration Manual were currently up. Dennis opened nominations for the positions and were nominated as follows:

- Chairman – Evan Koepke as a BoD representative of BRMRG was nominated by Dennis Chaney of MARG, seconded by Ken Chiacchia from AMRG. There were no other nominations of current BoD members.
- Vice Chairman – Dennis Chaney as a BoD representative of MARG was nominated by Evan Koepke of BRMRG, seconded by Ken Chiacchia from AMRG. There were no other nominations of current BoD members.
- Secretary – Andrew Hower of AMRG was nominated by Rebecca Hostetter of AMRG, seconded by Ken Chiacchia from AMRG. There were no other nominations.
- Treasurer – Eric Menendez of SMRG was nominated by Rebecca Hostetter of AMRG, seconded by Ken Chiacchia from AMRG. There were no other nominations.

Since there was only one nomination for each of the positions, the ASRC secretary Dennis Chaney cast a single vote to accept the general administration for 2011. The BoD representatives from the other teams were in concurrence.

At this time Dennis, as the acting chair, turned over the ASRC BoD meeting to Evan Koepke as the new ASRC Chairman.

Old Business:

The issue of insurance again was raised. Since all of the membership of the ASRC is affected by the decisions regarding insurance for the conference, Dennis made a proposal to establish a working group to analyze the current situation regarding insurance coverage and open it to all members. The goal will be to encourage team members to get involved in the discussion, to come to a cooperative agreement, and provide an ongoing dialog. The proposal for insurance should be from its members, thus a proposal would come from the committee of members and then voted upon by the board. A formal motion was made by Dennis to create the committee on insurance with the founding members who willingly volunteered:

- Brian Maier - RACE
- Dan Swearingen - MSAR
- Eric Menendez – SMRG
- Rebecca Hostetter - AMRG

The committee will also have the general administration involved and will use the newly formed ASRC-Ideas Yahoo Group to communicate and share ideas. The motion was seconded by Evan, and the motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer's ledger from the last two years will be reviewed as part of the transition to a new treasurer. Once reviewed, this information will be distributed over the ASRC-BoD list.

Following the AGM, a motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Evan to have all member groups submit new updated rosters as of the AGM to the ASRC secretary within

three weeks of the publishing of the ASRC BoD minutes. These rosters will be posted to the ASRC webpage members section. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

As outlined in the ASRC General Administrative Manual, there are ASRC officers not elected at the Annual General Meeting including the Operations Officer, Training Officer, and Communications Officer who are elected from the membership of each Committee they represent and must be appointed or elected officers in their individual Groups for the offices they hold. A motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Ken to leave the current appointed officers Doug Moore, operations officer from MARG and current Conference Operations Officer; Chris Ruch, commander for AMRG and current Conference Training Officer (CTO); and Keith Crabtree of SMRG and current Conference Communications Officer to remain in their positions for an extension of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Another motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Evan to have officers in other positions not outlined in the above proposal to include the conference Medical Officer, the Dispatch Coordinator, and others are appointed by the Operations Officer to have their positions extended until the September BoD meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Ruch, CTO, was unable to attend the BoD, however emailed a new training standards proposal to the BoD prior to the meeting. His letter was read to the BoD members present as the CTO report. Ken noted that one of the proposed changes in the new training standards is equivalent experience for the Practical Search Operations (PSO) class, as currently there is only one source of this copyrighted training course, one of the only limiting factors for many members to obtain their IS certification and above.

It was further noted that all group training officers should be working together to share training opportunities intergroup to avoid duplication in a regional conference or full conference format. A suggestion to have a single conference training calendar was discussed.

Doug Moore, the Conference Operations Officer delegated his report to Dennis. Dennis noted that operations is moving towards the established of a single Conference Dispatch Officer number through Google Voice. This number will allow a single, unchanged number to simplify the dispatch process. Operations is also looking at establishing a Mission Google Voice number to allow those responding the ability to call a single number at mission base which could then be forwarded to any landline, command post phone, or cell phone there without the need for those responding to continually change when individual cell phones are no longer at base. A written procedure will follow.

Safety, Medical, and Communications had nothing significant to report.

The treasurer's report presented at the AGM was discussed again with a balance of \$77.53 after recent payouts for the insurance. A motion to accept the written treasurer's report was made by Evan, seconded by Dennis, and passed with Evan abstaining.

The next board of directors meeting will be held Sunday July 17, 2011 in Charlottesville, VA, likely at the University of Virginia Campus. This site was selected as this meeting will be also broadcast via video teleconference and the facility may be used for this purpose. It is suggested that teams coming from a distance instead meet with other local teams to join the teleconference.

With no other formal business, a motion was made to adjourn the BoD meeting by Evan, seconded by Dennis.

The meeting was adjourned at 1058.

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The foregoing minutes are reported to the best of my knowledge.
Andrew R. Hower, ASRC Secretary