



ASRC Annual General Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2011 0900  
Buckskin Scout Reservation, Marlinton, WV

Attending Members:

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group	AMRG	3
Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group	BRMRG	1
DELMARVA Search and Rescue Group	DMVSAR	0
Maryland Search and Rescue	MSAR	5
Mountaineer Area Rescue Group	MARG	6
Potomac Valley Rescue Group	PVRG	0
Rapid Assistance to Community Emergencies	RACE	8
Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group	SMRG	2
South West Virginia Mountain Rescue Group	SWVaMRG	0

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the ASRC came to order at 0900 on Sunday April 10, 2011 as part of the debriefing of the Spring 2011 West Virginia Search and Rescue Exercise (WVSAREX).

The ASRC portion took place immediately following the hotwash discussion lead by the West Virginia Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Dennis Chaney, acting chair of the ASRC opened the meeting with some general comments about the last year. He spoke on how it has been an “interesting year” for the conference and apologized to the membership for not getting as much done as they had hoped in the past year. He encouraged the membership to share their thoughts, and provide recommendations, noting that all of the correspondence of the Board of Directors (BoD) is open forum and available to all ASRC interested members on the ASRC BoD Yahoo Group at: <http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/asrc-bod/>

Doug Moore, the ASRC operations officer gave a brief rundown of the conference. He noted that we still have working relationships with Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, and Ohio and while we have had callouts in 2010, there were no missions which called for all of the conference’s resources, as in past years. He noted the value in the ASRC to provide consistent search resources across state lines and offered his personal thanks for attending the AGM and providing all of the help and dedication to the conference in the past year. For the future of the conference, it was encouraged to continue the recruitment of young members, and the retainment of those current members who can continue to provide leadership and guidance.

The meeting moved to the pressing issue for this year's AGM – the vote of the ASRC membership to nominate Rapid Assistance to Community Emergencies (RACE) of P.O. Box 334 Delaware, OH 43015 to be a full member team of the ASRC. Carl Werntz, the group training officer (GTO) from MARG described the last four years of mentoring RACE, noting that they have maintained all of their requirements of an ASRC team.

- RACE is an IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organization and has appropriate business practices in place.
- RACE has a total of twenty-two (22) current members, twelve (12) of which are ASRC Field Team Members (FTL), and of which, three (3) are ASRC Field Team Leaders (FTL).
- RACE has been an active participant in many ASRC events, having representation on the ASRC BoD, providing support for past AGMs, and many other events with ASRC teams, and their local communities.

Beth Huhn, the ASRC BoD representative from RACE, gave her thanks to MARG through the last four years for their support and guidance during the process of becoming a full ASRC team, and for helping them through the FTM/FTL process. She noted that in addition to SAR, RACE has been active as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and have been active in disaster response to several national incidents including Hurricane Katrina and flooding in New Jersey.

Dennis offered his thanks again to Carl for all of his volunteer travel back and forth to Ohio in the interest of RACE.

On the evening of April 9, 2011, the ASRC board was convened and made a positive recommendation to make RACE a full member team of the ASRC.

Doug noted that for RACE to be voted in as a full member team, two-thirds of the ASRC members present at the AGM would have to make a favorable vote as outlined in the bylaws.

Carl formally made the nomination to bring RACE on as a full member team of the ASRC. This nomination was seconded by Dennis. The vote passed unanimously, with all RACE members also as members of MARG abstaining.

All present welcomed RACE to the ASRC with congratulations and applause.

With no other formal business, a motion was made to adjourn the AGM 2011 by Dennis, seconded by Ken Chiacchia from AMRG.

The meeting was adjourned at 1008.

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The foregoing minutes are reported to the best of my knowledge.

Andrew R. Hower, ASRC Secretary