

ASRC OPS 7 July 2001

9:30am, meeting begins with introductions, favorite ice cream.

Groups in attendance : MSAR (6), BRMRG (2), SWVMRG (1), AMRG (4), SMRG (2)

Ops committee meeting for the general group, as there was little interest in other committees.

(Topics from Lauren, but presented by ?)

Discussion of keeping track of the turn out to searches – forms, etc.

Discussion of “advertising” to local police departments, etc, so that people who make the calls know whom to call (e.g., AMRG).

Developing pre-plans with counties of Northern West Virginia – sheriffs and responsible agents (AMRG).

Keeping track of distance traveled, who, when, etc. Should Group Dispatch do this?

Should be able to prove : how many people came from group, how far they went (deductible on taxes).

Requirements for prospective groups (the whole associate/affiliate thing).

Bylaws, Oct 1999 – Associate groups – meet reqs of ASRC Ops manual. A new form of ASRC group status – existing groups but don’t want to change uniforms etc. (Peter had the section number) Ops and Admin have different descriptions of Associate and Affiliate?

BRMRG dissent (Bob Kester) – current associate/affiliate plan – I vote against b/c it is only applicable to ground teams, not tracking/dog teams. Bob & Lauren should talk.

Motion in committee – Emily Minor – Lauren’s draft be sent back to her with three suggestions that need reworking and be re-presented at the Ops committee meeting in September.

POO (Peter McCabe) – Should the approved action be revisited? The language in Lauren’s chart is from an approved document, are we going to change it?

EM – Are these approved actions or not? It is unclear. Lauren’s work should be brought forth

Are Lauren’s documents approved actions?

Reformatting or revision of an already approved action of the certification requirements.

AMENDED MOTION:

Move that Lauren’s draft of “New Group Introductory Packet” be sent back to her for final draft reformatting. We ask that she address the following questions:

- ❖ Does this allow for Dog/tracking groups?

❖ Compare this to the originally approved document that it refers to?
Lauren will re-present another draft of this document on-line to the Ops committee and it will be reviewed at the September ASRC BOD meeting. Note: this motion is made with the understanding that it does not affect the status of DVRSR group.

Seconded.

Friendly Amendment: When this is submitted for approval, that there is some reference to the approved documents that the requirements were drawn from, or if they are original. (Please attach the referenced document when submitting the NGIP.) (MLA, footnote, something)

Friendly Amendment Accepted.

Passed the Committee meeting unanimously.

Next item, 36 month reviews. Five groups have been inspected, one has passed, four are still pending (AMRG,). The Operational status of these groups will not change in anyway.

BRGMRG, PSAR, TSAR have not had their inspections yet.

BRMRG actually had theirs on June 3rd, but results are not yet in.

SMRG has been recommended to committee for approved certification status.

Motioned to bring SMRG to BOD.

Seconded.

Unanimous.

AMRG w/ some comments on 36 month review – the Pennsylvania standard MOA is not in their possession. BRMRG probably has a copy in the main locker. These documents should be PDF'd and put on the web site. Also need the Dept of Conservation and National Resources.

Need to find lots of MOUs.

Need to add WV topo map to the equipment list.

The set of regional topo maps – may we add that in addition to paper copies, we use MapTech. (We have about 5000 maps in Pepper's attic.)

Pamela Paulding would like to congratulate and send a note of appreciation for Lauren. A pizza and some chocolate chip cookies have been set aside for you. Also, congrats on the engagement.

Ops manual pg 42 – semi-tech evac equip – something happened – 5 each 20ft length 11mm (0.5 inch) rope – used to be 1inch tubular webbing. I would recommend that we say either or both.

Motion : to have the BOD discuss the changes to the equipment.

This falls under the first point of discussion in the Ops Comm, so will be handled via email due to lack of Ops members.

Second Peter Point : Establishment in MD or PA of a remote dispatching capability. BRMRG encourages it. Would like to recommend that we appoint a committee to go into that seriously and get off our butts. A lot of opportunity and technology now to establish something other than a fixed station.

Emily Minor – Justin Reicht wrote a draft of how to do a mobile station, several years ago. I have sent it to Lauren.

Peter will lead the committee to investigate. Randy Frank would also be a good person. Camille Birmingham and a bunch of other folks who've done a lot of conference dispatch would be good references for things that are needed.

Peter and Camille had discussed changing w/in the Metrocall pager system to a new pager array. Questions of the fragmentation of our current system and difficulties in finding the equipment. Pepper – 148MHz v/ 900MHz (new ones) and won't be usable in probably about five years. Kennedy – is one way paging going out? To be replaced w/ two way paging (pager can respond).

Pepper – we will need to start thinking in the next two, maybe three years, about switching our radios. BendixKing will not be producing them after that. So, I need to have the comms officers contact me within the next month so we can discuss what replacement radios we want to use. And I have another source to fix the radios. Pepper's email : pepperb@adelphia.net