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**APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE**  
**Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group**

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**Minutes: March 7, 1989**

Members Present: Conover; Crist; Fogle; Kuga; Lindell; Vint.

The meeting was called to order at 2045 hours by Chairman David Lindell. By consent, minutes of the last meeting were not read, as they were mailed to all members, and no corrections were noted. Membership: Dave Knorr was proposed by Training Officer Mike Kuga and voted in unanimously as a new member. (A clarification was offered: under the new ASRC Bylaws, members are voted in simply as "members." To obtain any field privileges, they must meet technical standards as assessed by the Training Officer. These standards are now under revision by the ASRC as a whole.)

Special Order of The Day: elections the following nominations were made: Chairman: David Lindell; Vice-Chairman: Jack Grandey; Secretary: Joe Crist; Treasurer: A. Richard ("ARF") Fogle; ASRC Board Delegates: Keith Conover and Mike Kuga; ASRC Board Alternates: John Zimecki and Dave Lindell. There being no further nominations, they were accepted by acclamation.

MRA report: the ASRC is now both a single team and an entire region of the MRA. Any teams in our region who wish to join the MRA will have to join the ASRC unless we make other arrangements. NCRC report: cave rescue orientation class May 4-7 at Carter Caves, KY.

Operations report: since last meeting, 1 alert but with no AMRG response, no further information on operation at this point. We now have a locker in the STAT supply room for our equipment. The new rope is there, and the radios inside have power routed into their chargers, and there is a combination lock; contact Mike Kuga for the combination.

GSAR College: we moved the College dates from March to April. Information report: Dave Lindell and Mike Kuga working with the Pittsburgh Explorers; some of their members would like to join. By the April meeting, Dave Lindell and Tom Jones will have flyers to post at area colleges and outdoor stores. The recruiting contest deadline has been extended until June 1: a \$25 gift certificate for whoever recruits the most new members. Tax-Exempt Status: we are working on incorporating so we may get the tax-exempt status. Medical report: the next WEMT courses are in Virginia in April and Pennsylvania in May; as with the GSAR College, we need to find cooks. Mike Abbitt still needs medical certification information from all so we may obtain reciprocal certification in Virginia.

Training report: see schedule below.

Roster Update: Arf Fogle is collecting updated information and will be passing it on to Joe Crist who will publish a new roster, to be available at the next meeting.

Nametags: ARF Fogle is ordering official nametags; contact him if you want one. (The first nametag is free for all members with field privileges; cost for each additional nametag is \$4.)

The meeting adjourned at 2120 hours.

**Minutes: April 4, 1989**

Members Present: Conover; Ed Hrivnak; Kuga; Lindell; Vint; Worst.

The meeting was called to order at 2005 hours by Chairman David Lindell. Minutes are to be mailed to all members, and no corrections were noted.

ASRC report: the latest draft of the proposed new Training Standards were distributed to those present

for review. Minutes of the February Board meeting were circulated. PA SAR Council: Dave Lindell attended the last meeting. The PA SAR Council now has 9 paid members including AMRG. The SAR Council's proposed legislation is due to be introduced into committee in Harrisburg soon. The SAR Council voted to ask a representative of the Department of Health serve on its advisory board. Managing the Search Function (MSF) courses will now be offered through the State Fire Academy on a regular basis. The next PaSARCo meeting will be the last Saturday in June at the State Fire Academy in Lewiston. With unanimous consent of members present, Chairman Dave Lindell appointed Tom Jones as our new PaSARCo representative. MRA report: The next MRA meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup> in Tucson; we need an ASRC representative to attend.

NCRC report: cave rescue orientation class May 4-7 at Carter Caves, KY.

Operations report: at the last training session at McConnell's Mill State Park, members of AMRG and Search 1 rescued a fallen climber with back injuries. We agreed that such incidents, since they are both official Group activities (training) and actual rescues, should be reported as missions. Including this most recent incident, AMRG has done four technical or semitechnical rescues during recent training sessions. [OK, guys, the message is clear. . . if you want to do technical rescues, come to training sessions! --KC] Since John Zimecki, our Operations Officer, has not been able to attend meetings, Chairman Dave Lindell asked Rich Worst to take over as Operations Officer; with minimal force he was persuaded to accept. Communications report: Dave Vint noted that the pagers will now be billed directly to those carrying them, rather than being processed through the Group account. Also, a radio donated by Roy Alson must be accounted for; if not in service, Roy wants it back.

GSAR College: Only five people have thus far indicated they will attend the April College. Unless a minimum number of people register (15), the College will be canceled.

Information report: The new flyers aren't ready yet. Mike Kuga has finished a new Fact Sheet, and Keith Conover will run off good originals on a laser printer. Treasurer: no report. Training report: see Schedule below.

Old Business: Picture ID's are available. Bring a 1" by 1-1/2" picture to a meeting to obtain yours. New Business: proposed by Conover, seconded by Lindell, voted in unanimously: that the AMRG believes that the ASRC should continue our affiliation with the MRA even if expensive.

The meeting adjourned at 2104 hours.

\* The Group's official address has been changed to Mike Kuga's post office box: P.O. Box 602, Ambridge, PA 15003.

\* The new ASRC Bylaws and Operations Manual are out. Everyone should get a copy. Call Betty Thomas if you need one, or if you need a copy of the training manual.

### Training Schedule:

Friday-Sunday 14-16 April and 28-30

April: Ground SAR College, Laurel Hill State Park. Those completing course will obtain Commonwealth of Virginia GSAR level I certification. Mike Yee is coordinator (462-7285).

Friday Sunday 7-9 and 21-23 April.

Virginia Wilderness EMT, Richmond, VA.

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: ASRC Board Meeting, Shenandoah National Park HQ, 1000 hrs.

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: AMRG Field Exercise: Semitechnical Evacuations, McConnell's Mill State Park

Updated list of phone numbers:

Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: AMRG Incident Command System and Field Team Leadership seminar. 1930 hours, Mercy Hospital Emergency Department conference room.

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: AMRG Dinner meeting and communications class, Dave Vint's (call for directions: 832-2687)

Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: AMRG business meeting, Mercy Hospital ER conference room, 1930 hours.

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: AMRG SAR Training seminar. 1930 hours, Mercy Hospital Emergency Department conference room.

May or June ?: AMRG ASRC Certification Test (written and practical).

May ?: Weekend tracking course by Ab Taylor at Raccoon State Park.

Pennsylvania Wilderness EMT: 12-14 and 19-21 May (Register with Greg Margolis, 578-3230).

Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: AMRG business meeting, Mercy Hospital ER conference room, 1930 hours.

Friday-Sunday 20-22 and 27-29 October: Ground SAR College, southwestern PA.

for information about training, contact Mike Kuga [266-9181 (H), 266-8343 (W)]

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Jack Grandey 741-0762 (H) 787-0190 (W)

John Greenaway 673-3780 (H) 673-0303 (W) 645-0933\* pager

Tom Jones 885-6488 (H)

Mike Kuga 266-9181 (H) 266-8343 (W) 645-0929\* pager

Dave Knorr 643-5711

Dave Lindell 521-2655 (H) 665-3654 (W) 488-8333 (W: River Rescue)

Greg Margolis 422-9374 (H) 578-3230 (W)

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Dave Vint 832-2687 (H) 298-8611 (mobile) 645-0928\* pager

Rich Worst 869-3747 (H) 393-5310 (W) 782-3889 (wife: Leslie, @work)

Mike Yee 462-7285 (H) 622-6927 (W)

John Zimecki 488-7554 (H) 899-2200 (W)

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We meet at Mercy Hospital the first and third Tuesday every month.  
All are welcome!

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**FIRST CLASS**  
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