

APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE  
Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group

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Minutes: May 2, 1989

Members present: Conover, Fogle, Greenaway, Kuga, Lindell, Vint, Worst. Guests: Mary Beth Bowler, Bill McElheny (prospective members).

The meeting was called to order at 2002 by Chairman David Lindell. Two representatives from Metagram paging services made a presentation about their paging system, which has unlimited alphanumeric messages for about \$50/month (retail). Coverage is the same as our present system (\$16/month) but penetration is better (tunnels, basements, etc.) Group paging is available, and also an 800 number to check for missed pages. All pages are handled by their own 24-hour operators. We will investigate group prices.

Dave Lindell will be taking a new job with the Medical College of Pennsylvania, working with Philadelphia Emergency Medical Services, and he will be moving to Philadelphia. He is resigning as Chairman but will stay on as an "absentee member" (he'll be back for weekend training sessions). Fogle, Kuga, and Conover will serve as a search committee to make a recommendation at the next meeting for a new Chairman. Fogle will let Grandey know he is chairing the next meeting.

ASRC report: Harrison was replaced with Elron as ASRC Communications Committee Chairman. About the ASRC license: we only have it courtesy of AMRG member John Kihl, who put in many hours and much of his own money into the license renewal. John is the signatory for the license, and as far as the FCC is concerned, controls the license. Rumor has it that Elron is eliminating Blue and Gray Search Dogs and Dogs East from the ASRC radio license, for unknown reasons. Many people are upset with this, and are planning to write to the ASRC Board about it. Harrison and Dodds are resigning from SMRG and ASRC.

Moved by Greenaway, seconded by ARF, and passed unanimously: AMRG apologizes for being absent from the last Board meeting, and requests written clarification regarding: status of the ASRC Commo Committee Chairman's position, and status of affiliated groups (Blue and Gray Search Dogs, Eastern Region, National Cave Rescue Commission, and Dogs East). We also note that our member John Kihl is the signatory to the ASRC radio license.

ESAR and SMRG have a simulated SAR operation this weekend, call Peter McCabe for info. (Pager: 301-552-6352, W: 202-732-1578 H: 301-596-5554 [after 9:30 PM]).

NCRC Report: Upcoming Cave Rescue Orientation sessions: May 5-7, WV Fire School, Huntington WV; June 16-18, Columbia, MD. Second week in August will see the week-long NCRC Cave Rescue courses, including Level I, II, and III, at Mt. Eagle, Tennessee. (Contact Fogle for info.)

MRA: The next MRA Board meeting is in Arizona, June 16-18; Mike Kuga will be attending.

Operations: 4/24/89 0152 Vint called by STATCOM, 2-1/2 year old white male lost since that evening in Hanover County, VA; we were put on alert, and other ASRC personnel started the operation. About 5 PM we received information that he was found alive and well. AMRG had several representatives at Virginia's Dogwood Festival trail run on the Big Blue Trail; they recommended that we have a physician present next year for medical command. Mike Kuga asks for members to tell him your weights with and without standard Quick Response equipment, for planning for air transport.

Training: Members Conover and Lindell gave a 16-hour "Introduction to Wilderness Search and Rescue" at the Pittsburgh Public Safety Emergency Services. [Based on a request from the business meeting, Conover called Ralph Wilfong, Virginia Search and Rescue Coordinator. He found out that ASRC Certified members who want to become GSAR College instructors should participate in all levels of the College (I, II, and III) to become instructors. (Certified Members may challenge Level I but, if they want to become instructors, must actually take Level I.) The next Virginia GSAR College will be in October, and they are offered three times a year. The next Pennsylvania GSAR College was tentatively scheduled for October 20-22 and 27-29, but may be postponed to early November to allow AMRG members to attend the Virginia GSAR College first.

Information: An article about the Group is half done, and the new fact sheet is to be printed soon, Treasurer's Report: \$256, check for \$150 pending.

Old Business: EMT kits: a portable basic EMT kit is in the locker. Inventory of all equipment is in progress. ID cards, and patches are available from Crist, the Stores Officer. Name tags are being ordered by Fogle; call him if you want another. We are out of Training Manuals; Kuga will investigate photocopying some more of the Land

Navigation module to add to the existing stock of incomplete manuals. Members should get a small (1" by 1-1/2") photos and bring them to a business meeting to get their ID's. The membership recruiting drive continues until June. Betty Thomas is working on tax exempt status. We will also ask her to change the P.O. Box forwarding.

**New Business:** Vint will work up prices, as we want to spend some money on accessories for the King handheld radios in the locker: 2 spare NiCad batteries, 2 alkaline cells packs, and 2 5/8 wave antennas (for next meeting). Moved by Kuga and seconded by Worst: get prices on semi-tech kit (3 large Stubai aluminum locking biners to fit over Stokes rail, 3 rescue 8's with ears, 3 20' 11 millimeter static rope slings [will ask Weinel for scraps]). Pagers: a new service with same coverage (not the fancy alphanumeric system presented at the beginning of the meeting) is available cheaper, so we will switch soon; coverage will be the same; pagers will be billed individually. Anyone who wants a pager on the Group frequency with a separate channel for individual use, call Fogle.

The meeting adjourned at 2144 hours.

### Training Schedule:

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: AMRG semi-technical rescue training seminar. 1930 hours, Mercy Hospital Emergency Department conference room.

12-14 and 19-21 May Pennsylvania Wilderness EMT (Register with Greg Margolis, 578-3230). We need ASRC members to help as Incident Staff and FTL's for the practical exercises Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon and evening. An excellent training opportunity.

Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: AMRG Basic Certification Review and Practical Test. Contact Mike Kuga to make reservations if you would like to attend the review or take the test.

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Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>: ASRC Board Meeting, Shenandoah National Park HQ, 1000 hrs.

Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>: AMRG Dinner meeting and communications class, Dave Vint's (call for directions: 832-2687)

Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> (note change in date): AMRG business meeting, Mercy Hospital ER conference room, 1930 hours.

For information about training, contact Mike Kuga  
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