

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group
Monthly Meeting Notes
December 2, 2008

1. Chair report/ General Announcements

- a. 2008 year end financial statement is now available. The final revision will be drawn up at the end of December in order to add in December activities.
- b. The proposed 2009 budget was presented.
- c. The continued need for fundraising was discussed. The idea of contacting a restaurant such as Friday's for a day of donations was discussed. There is also the possibility of teaching an additional WFA class to medical students.

2. Operational Report

- a. There were no call outs this month. AMRG was put on standby twice
- b. The PSARC level 1 evaluation is under way. The equipment check has been completed and the paperwork has been submitted.

3. Recap of Board Meeting.

- a. The date of the next Board meeting will be announced.

4. Non-training news from External Organizations

- a. The 501C is now listed on the web
- b. The ASRC meeting was attended via telephone by Andy with Ken's proxy. The new training document was approved and passed.
- c. We did not have a representative at the last PSARC meeting due to scheduling conflicts.
- d. The NCRC is looking for a new sub region coordinator.
- e. The next MRA business meeting is Jan. 10-11 in Salt Lake City.
- f. Region 13 update- This contains the 13 counties of Western PA The resource center is run by the county EMA centers. They are considering wilderness SAR as a resource. The next meeting is tomorrow.
- g. will be October 11th. AMRG is coming up for its three year re-cert.
- h. AMARG attended the Fire/EMS expo with White Oak. AMRG is encouraged to submit lectures and classes for next year's event.

5. Training Report

- a. There was no training this month.
- b. January's training on Managing the Search Operation was reviewed. There must be ten people registered for the class to happen.
- c. A Practical Search Operations class is being planned for February.
- d. The Wilderness EMT class is being planned for March.
- e. There will be a WFA class in the spring.
- f. There will be additional MRA trainings in the upcoming months. The scheduled dates are as follows. Dec. 13- Vertical Rescue Drill, location

TBA; Dec 16- Rope Rescue workshop at Mercy; Jan 3rd- Vertical Rescue Drill, location TBA; Jan 20- Rope Workshop at Mercy; Jan 31- Vertical Rescue- location TBA; Feb 17- Rope Workshop at Mercy; and Feb22- Vertical Rescue Drill- location TBA.

- g.** There will be a canine training at the Midland game lands this Sunday at 11:00.

6. Member Business

- a.** Dues are due today.
- b.** The board agreed to have Ken send flowers/ donation to the funeral of SAR friend Jack Stankiewicz.