

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE ASRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
13 MAY 1979

The first meeting of the 1979 session of the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference was held 13 MAY 1979 in Fredericksburg, VA. Directors present were Tom Vines and Larry Cline of PVSARG, and Yorke Brown and Chris Stubbs (newly elected) of BRMRG. Several other Conference members were also present as visitors. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vines at 1045, and an agenda was fixed.

New officers for the 1979 session were ELECTED:

Chairman:	Mr. Stubbs
Vice Chairman:	Mr. Vines
Secretary:	Mr. Brown
Treasurer:	Mr. Cline

Upon his election, Mr. Stubbs assumed the Chair.

Mr. Brown MOVED a vote of thanks to the outgoing chairman. The motion PASSED vigorously.

The first order of business was a review of the standing of the ASRC with various other agencies.

Mr Vines reported that the NASAR National Convention would be held the weekend of 15 SEP 79 in Baton Rouge, LA.

Mr. Vines reported that he had been continuing his contact with the MRA, both through personal conversations with its chairman and through the PVSARG Newsletter. He now has all MRA application materials and he noted that we should submit our application and membership dues soon .

Mr. Stubbs instructed Mr. Vines to maintain his contacts on the national level.

Mr. Vines reported that he had been invited by Mike Cline to make a cave rescue presentation at the OEES conference in Waynesboro. He will attempt to secure an official invitation for Mr. Stubbs to attend as well.

Mr. Vines reported that he had had no contact with the Virginia State Police and that such contact would probably not be worthwhile since the State Police usually does not get involved in SAR.

Mr. Vines circulated a letter that he had sent to Col. Butera of ARRS at Scott AFB updating the AFRCC resource file on ASRC.

Mr. Vines reported that he had had no contact with the Red Cross.

Mr. Brown reported that Alice Stanley of VSARDA had agreed to meet with him to negotiate a cooperative agreement between VSARDA and ASRC. Mr Vines MOVED, "That it is to the benefit of the ASRC and SAR in general to formalize a cooperative agreement between VSARDA and ASRC." The motion PASSED. Mr. Stubbs instructed Mr. Brown to continue his negotiations and conclude an agreement with VSARDA for ratification by the Board.

Mr. Stubbs reported that BRMRG had been in contact with the United Way of Virginia and that although no funds were available, the United Way did offer valuable advice on getting donations.

Mr. Stubbs reported that EMS was promulgating new regulations for providers of emergency medical care. He has written to get details.

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Mr. Vines reported that PVSARG has "very cordial" relations and a "de facto agreement" with Rod Suarez, District Ranger at Palisades District of the C&O Canal National Park. He also reported that relations with other USNPS organizations were somewhat confusing but, in general, were quite good. Asst. Chief Ranger Bob Ritenour of SNP is working on an emergency plan which may include the ASRC, and "good relations" are enjoyed with National Capital Region of USNPS.

Mr. Cline reported that relations with the Council of Governments (COG) were somewhat in flux, but contact was continuing.

Mr. Stubbs reported that the GSAR program, which the ASRC had nurtured, was gaining acceptance by Va. Wing of the CAP.

Mr. Brown suggested that BRMRG pursue its contact with Joe Kelley of Blue Ridge Parkway.

Mr. Stubbs presented an outline for a new Board of Directors Committee structure, and submitted a memorandum describing it. He explained that the Board would have three standing committees: Information, Training, and Operations. Chairmen would be drawn from the Board, but manpower would be drawn from the membership.

Mr. Vines MOVED, "That committees be established by the Chairman as outlined in his memo entitled 'Committee Structure'." The memo is attached. There was much discussion from the visitors, but the motion PASSED unanimously.

Mr. Stubbs appointed the following chairmen for the committees:

Information:	Mr. Stubbs
Operations:	Mr. Brown
Training:	Mr. Cline

Mr. Stubbs noted that he had already directed Mr. Vines to continue his activities on the national level. Mr. Brown appointed Garth Kirkpatrick of PVSARG chairman of the Communications Subcommittee.

Mr. Vines reported that the revised SAROP was being printed.

Mr. Vines reported that PVSARG needed new TAFs and MDFs.

Mr. Stubbs directed the Operations Committee to perform the following tasks:

- 1) Publish Commo Crib Sheets, TAFs, and MDFs for immediate use.
- 2) Review the Operations Forms.
- 3) Produce an equipment inventory.
- 4) Produce a Commo SOP.
- 5) Review the radio licenses and recommend appropriate action.

Mr. Brown MOVED "That \$10 be allocated to cover the cost of printing new forms." The motion PASSED.

Mr. Stubbs directed the Information Committee to perform the following tasks:

- 1) Maintain outside contacts.
- 2) Investigate the feasibility of a newsletter.
- 3) Investigate obtaining insurance.

Mr. Stubbs directed the Training Committee to perform the following tasks:

- 1) Develop a mission staff training program.
- 2) Investigate extended medical training.
- 3) Assemble Conference training records.
- 4) Assemble a record of public education efforts.

Mr. Vines expressed his concern that problems of liability in SAR were increasing, and he recommended that the ASRC take some kind of action to protect itself. A lengthy discussion ensued, mostly about the particular problem of providing medical care at "Old Timer's Reunion," but no action was taken. Mr. Stubbs referred the problem to the Operations committee for study.

Mr. Brown MOVED, "That the uniform of the ASRC is a blue chambray work shirt with the ASRC patch on the left shoulder and a pin-on nametag over the left pocket. The nametag includes the name of the wearer's Group. The EMT patch may be worn on the right shoulder." The motion was TABLED pending review by PVSARG.

Mr. Brown MOVED, "That the ASRC offer one-year sustaining memberships to persons contributing \$10 to the ASRC, and to organizations contributing \$50 to the ASRC. Each Sustaining Member will be issued a membership card. 50% of each donation may be retained by the Group which secures the donation." The motion PASSED.

Mr. Stubbs MOVED, "That the ASRC mailing address be the BRMRG Post Office Box." At the request of Mr. Vines, the motion was TABLED.

Mr. Brown MOVED, "That the Groups be authorized to issue rocker patches bearing the Group name, which may be worn alone or under the ASRC patch by ASRC members with voting privileges in their Groups." The motion was defeated, 2 in favor, 2 against.

Mr. Brown reported that, in his capacity as Secretary, he had received a petition to amend the bylaws.

Mr. Stubbs called the following meetings:

- 1 JUL, in Charlottesville: Board of Directors
- 6-7 OCT, at Graves Mountain Lodge: Board and General Membership
- 2 DEC, in Washington: Board of Directors

Gene Harrison, of PVSARG, made a report of the present status of radio hardware in the conference. An abstract is attached.

The meeting adjourned late in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

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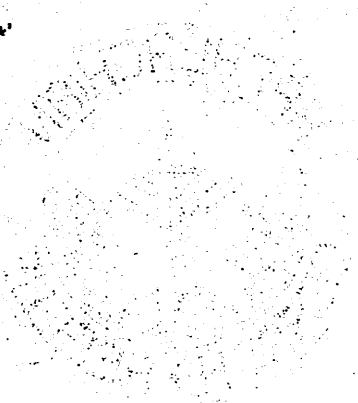
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Dear Tom,

The Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group has elected Gary Nechjel and myself as ASRC representatives for April 1980-April 1981.

I must say I was disappointed by the session last Sunday. I was expecting the opportunity to speak to Mr. Williams, and was not afforded the courtesy of an introduction. Rather, he was promptly deposited in Bill Clem's care, and was given a monologue on vertical rescue from Bill's perspective. I do not take issue with Bill, in fact I thought he did quite well. I do take issue with your management of the situation on Sunday, and the events preceding it. I am discouraged by the fact that you felt it necessary to hang up on me when there were difficulties. I then attempted to work within the framework you set up, dealing with Jim Dooley instead of directly with you. Evidently this was not an effective system, as we were given to understand that Bill would be "in the background", which was not the case.

I do appreciate it was a difficult problem in leadership, and I felt the practice session went well, but the actual demonstration was very different from what I had hoped.

I feel we would benefit from an in-depth discussion of the goals of the organization, and more specifically the methods we should employ in attaining them. Please let me know if you would rather conduct this in private, or at the next Board meeting. I favor the latter, but am most willing to come up and see you if you feel otherwise. Please let me know if the date we discussed earlier, May 11, is convenient for you, for the next Board meeting.

Regards

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Mr. Larry Cline  
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Dear Larry,

Thanks for coming down to the Board meeting. Although there was much participation by non-board people, I think it was a good, productive session. Thanks for your support of the new committee structure.

I know you've been working on ASRC training for as long as I can remember, and hope the training committee will take an active role under you. I feel that bringing the Groups closer should be one of our main objectives. I can think of no better way than joint training. Joint sessions would also clear up the misconceptions that seem to plague both Groups. I'd really like to see a tentative ASRC training schedule at the next Board meeting.

A specific area that needs work is the Mission Staff/Mission Coordinator training program. It should be given top priority in the ASRC training scheme.

The medical training is another point of concern. A recommendation to the Board at the next meeting would give us something concrete to discuss.

In terms of ongoing efforts, the assessment of the ASRC's training in general and maintaining records of training functions should be continual projects. I'm sure you can count on the support of the people here in muggy Central Virginia to assist you as much as possible. Keith in particular should be of use to you as the BRMRG Training Officer and Training Committee Chairman.

For your information, the BRMRG has scheduled an Auxiliary Member training session for the 16th of June. It will be our first attempt at building a manpower pool down here. We'll let you know how it turns out. There is a possibility that Mike Cline, the OEES Training Officer, may come up for it.

The University of Virginia Police have requested us to train them in vertical techniques, and we'll begin that on the 5th of June.

I hope to make the June PVSARG meeting, maybe even on time, so perhaps I'll see you then. Please do consider the motion of the optional uniforms for action at the next Board meeting. Also the change of the mailing address change. I hope I'll see you the first week in June, but please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,