

Appalachian Search and Rescue
General Membership Meeting
December 1, 1990
University of Virginia

The meeting was opened by Bob Koester at 1037.

Group Reports-

Allegheny MRG- No report

Blue Ridge MRG- Blue Ridge reports an active training class with approximately ten ready to take the FTM practical on December 2. They held two fund raisers which earned a total of \$450. They parked at Van Rippers music festival and held a movie festival. They have purchased four new Motorola. They used a state contract that matches funds spent with money set aside by the taxpayers for the Division of Emergency Medical Services. Report submitted by Jim MacMurray.

Explorer SAR-616- ESAR 616 meets three times monthly at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland. Their ASRC trained members include: 7 FTL's, 15 FTM's, and 15 CQ's (or COQ). In September, ESAR 616 agreed to sponsor ESAR 617 in College Park. In Operations, they now have USGS 7.5 minute topo maps for all of Maryland. They now have a permanent locker at the American Red Cross. They are refitting the ESAR bus to include a computer, generator, base radio antenna, and a cellular telephone so that it could operate as a division base. Jenny Goldberg is President and Peter McCabe is Advisor. Report submitted by Peter McCabe.

Richmond SAR- They have raised \$3600 toward a goal of \$5200 for an internal RSAR paging system. They have 24 new members. RSAR members gave Hug-A-Tree Presentations to approximately 400 children in Richmond Shopping Malls at Halloween. They were covered by the local NBC affiliate WWBT-12, providing ASRC exposure to thousands in the area. Details are being worked out for a soon to be mock search documentary by WWBT 12. RSAR will sponsor a state certified FTM course December 14, 15, and 16, and January 11, 12, and 13. Report submitted by Rick Moore.

Shenandoah MRG- No report

Southwest MRG- No report

Tidewater SARG- Their membership stands at 34, including 1 IC, 2 IS's, 10 FTL's, 13 FTM's, 3 CQ's, and five trainees. TSARG is currently has \$586.35. The date for the annual Romp-In-The-Swamp has been confirmed as April 20. Details will be sent out at a later time. Plan now to attend and

get swamped. They have established a separate committee to create a preplan for a response for a natural disaster such as hurricanes. Report submitted by Mark Eggeman.

Committee Reports-

ASTM- They are continuing their work. William Dixon is on Committee F-32. There are ten sub-committees from everything from equipment to terminology. Committee F-30 is working on publicizing the standardization of terminology. Report submitted by William Dixon

Medical- ASRC will be recertified by the VA EMS on December 12. Thanks for the photocopies of training certificates. Dr. Lindbeck has agreed to be our OMD. We now have five ASRC members that are released by Dr. Lindeck to operate as shock-trauma technicians. Report submitted by David Stooksbury.

Public Information Officer- The press kit is being developed. Please send in any information or ideas that you have to Pam Platt. We have been given a grant to develop a brochure to give to police, sheriffs, and the press that explains our organizations. Thank you's were read from the following searches: Spotsylvania, Albemarle, Richmond, and the Mannassass Search. Governor Douglas Wilder also sent a thank you letter. Report given by Pam Platt.

Training- The roster of ASRC Group training officers have been revised. An ASRC simulation was cooperatively planned and conducted in November with wilderness SAR units in Pennsylvania. To date work has not been started with regard to development of standardized evaluation procedures for the ASRC training and accreditation standards. Report given by Peter McCabe.

Virginia SAR- They are extremely close to being an incorporated body. They are revising standard operating procedures and are trying to identify sources of revenue. Report given by Bob Koester.

Pennsylvania SAR- PEMA (PA's equivalent to DES) reports to have twenty eight active groups.

Financial- as of December 1:

Total Assessts	\$3281.91
Money due in	\$ 90.00 AMRG
	\$ 45.00 BRMRG
Money due out	\$ 0.00

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Received:

Dues	\$ 275.00
Donations	\$2491.00

Paid out:

NASAR	\$ 50.00
ASTM	\$ 50.00
FCC	\$ 105.00
Treasury of VA	\$ 35.00
PSAR	\$ 25.00
Administration	\$ 10.45
Total	\$ 275.45

Mark Eggemand and Dianne Johnson will work on the tax ID number and tax exempt status. Ray Cole no longer wishes to be our registered agent. Bob Koester is to find a new volunteer. Reported by Gary Mechtel

Operations- Meeting will be held December 15 at Gary Mechtel's house. They are planning to discuss changes in the ops manual. They also plan to make decisions on policy with multiple searches, training, and natural disasters such as Hurricane Hugo. Report given by Gary Mechtel.

Communications- The ASRC now has an itinerary and a business licence for radio use. Our airplane licence was renewed.

Board of Directors report--

- Written permission for non-ASRC groups must be received to use call sign when not on a search.
- Copy of minutes are to go to the BOD, Group leaders, and to IC's
- We are allowed to get VA Rescue Squad plates IF the car is registered in Virginia and if the registrant is an certified EMT with a first aid kit in the car at all times.
- Once again, the search press policy: unless you are the PIO or the IC, the one and only press response is "I am (your name), a member of the ASRC. All of your questions will be answered by the PIO."
- Operation Requirements Highlights: the ASRC's primary response is for a ground search and rescue in PA, VA, WV, MD, and NC. Our second is ground support and organization for Airplane searches. Third, above ground support and organization for cave rescues. Fourth, natural disaster aid. The first concern is the personal safety of our members. Air transportation is very unlikely.
- Groups cannot apply for ASRC fund to benefit their group only. All ASRC funds must benefit all groups.
- ESAR-616 is now officially a full group.
- Ernest Moore, Ed Sihler, and David Stookesbury are now registered Incident staff.
- Todd L'Herrou and David Stookesbury are now Incident

Commanders.

--The ASRC logo can be placed on pens.

--ASRC patches are allowed to be placed on parkas so long and the wearer is an active member.

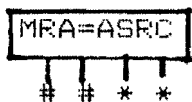
--Reported by Bob Koester

Old Business--

BOD-- Charles Chopin moved to accept the Board of Directors actions for the past years as stated in the approved minutes. Peter McCabe seconded and the motion carried.

MRA-- As it presently stands, ASRC is MRA which is the Easter Region. The Easter Region goes from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Ocean, from New York to the Gulf of Mexico. To be an official member of MRA, an organization must have five people MRA certified. This certification includes vertical rescues, semitech, high line, and other information. Notice the following Diagrams:

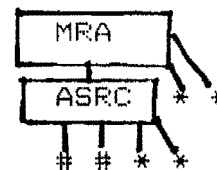
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3:



- Rescue group non-MRA certified

* - Rescue group MRA certified

Diagram 1 is the present situation; if you are a part of ASRC, then you are part of MRA. Diagram Two has MRA and the ASRC groups being two total separate entities with each group deciding if it wants to join the ASRC or the MRA or both. Diagram Three has the ASRC be a member of the MRA, with each group that is MRA certified having a vote in the MRA, with the ASRC's approval. Report made by Gary Mechtel

Greg Eggeman made a motion that (a) Diagram Three be accepted (b) all detail to be documented and approved by the BOD, (c) present this plan to the national MRA, and (d) draft MRA Eastern Regional Constitution. The motion was seconded by David Stooksbury and the motion carried.

New Business--

800 Number-- BRMRG handed out the policy for the 800 number which goes to the ASRC dispatch which is also the the BRMRG locker. A copy of the policy is connected to the minutes.

David Stooksbury made a motion that all groups report their mission related telephone bills to the February BOD meeting in order to determine the need for the ASRC to take over

the 800 number which BRMRG now pays for. Jim MacMurray seconded and the motion carried.

Pagers-- There should be no use of pagers on the BRMRG network except for mission purposes unless approved by David Stooksbury. Each group should have two pagers and each IC should have a pager.

Members at Large-- The subject of the uses of membership at large was brought up. Mark Eggeman tabled the discussion.

36 Month Review- By the next BOD meeting, each group that has existed for more than 36 months is requested to submit to reaccreditation as spelled out in the Ops Manual. Each group should: (1) have sixteen active member (6 FTL, 10 FTM) as well as the minimum equipment (2) conference participation where the group should have participated at 12 conference events with at least five members with in the past 36 months.

Gary Mechtel made the motion that in the 18 month probationary period, the Conference should support the group by holding available meetings so they can meet their deficiency. Jim MacMurray seconded and the motion carried.

Dianne Johnson made the motion that the BOD consider some criteria for attendance at the BOD meetings as part of the 36 month Review. Mark Eggeman seconded the motion and it carried.

Peter McCabe made the motion that the BOD consider some criteria for attendance at Committee meeting as part of the 36 month Review. Mark Eggeman tabled the discussion.

Lobbying- Since we are become a tax exempt organization, the ASRC or its groups cannot lobby on our own behalf, but it is pointed out that each person is a citizen and can write their personal representatives.

Other Business--

TSARG-- Gary Mechtel made the motion that the BOD be allocated the ability to certify TSARG as a full certified group pending proper certification. Jim MacMurray seconded the motion and it carried.

ASTM-- William Dixon made the motion that the ASRC pay fifty dollars dues to ASTM. David Stooksbury seconded the motion and it carried.

K-9 Alert-- William Dixon asked Rick Moore as representative from RSAR about the affiliation with K-9 Alert. Rick Moore responded that there was no official

affiliation. Gary Mechtel stated there was a need for a policy. Mark Eggeman tabled the motion.

Members were reminded to wear Blaze Orange.

The meeting closed at 1335.

Report typed by Patrick Turner.

The following people attended the General Membership Meeting:

BRMRG:

John Atwell
Camille Birmingham
Charles Chopin
William Dixon (SMRG)
Bob Koester
James MacMurray
Joel MacMurray
Pam Platt
David Stooksbury
Patrick Turner
James Vann

ESAR 616:

Shannon Barreth
Matt Bond
Nathan Bucks
Otto Gillespie
Megan Gralia
John Golding
Angela Letsch
Feter McCabe
Trevor Meeks
David Rosenberg
Erik Su (ESAR 617)

RSAR:

Rick Moore

TSARG:

Earl Evans
Dianne Johnson
Mark Eggeman

SMRG:

Gene Harrison (AMRG)
Gary Mechtel

The following people were represented by proxy:

James MacMurray held proxies for: Chris Ingle, Marc Zolidis, Kevin Coyne, and Beth Coyne.

Charles Chopin held a proxy for Amanda Bergner.

David Stooksbury held a proxy for Cady Soukup.



BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

P.O. BOX 440

NEWCOMB STATION

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22904

To: Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference General Membership
Re: Policy for use of BRMRG Toll Free Telephone Number

The purpose of the Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group's toll free telephone number is to reduce the expenses of collect calls from Search Bases to ASRC Dispatch at the BRMRG Locker during search and rescue missions. To this end, the following policy has been instituted for its use:

- 1) Calls from Base to Dispatch. The 800 number may be used whenever Base needs to call ASRC Dispatch. This number should replace the need for collect calls from base to dispatch. Collect calls should only be made in the event that the toll free number fails to operate satisfactorily.
- 2) Calls from Overhead Team or Quick Response Team en route to search. If an Overhead or Quick Response team is en route to search and needs to contact ASRC Dispatch, the toll free number may be used. These contacts may include but are not limited to requiring further directions, inquiring about SAR resources available, and updating Dispatch regarding ETA on scene.

The 800 number should not be used for the following:

- 1) Hourly check-in by teams en route to search. The hourly check-in to make sure the search is still on should be performed by calling Virginia D.E.S. E.O.C. at 1-800-468-8892. The Emergency Operating Center will forward status information to ASRC Dispatch as necessary. In addition, E.O.C. should have necessary directions to Search Base. (ASRC Dispatch Officer should call and advise E.O.C. of directions as necessary.)
- 2) Calls from Group Dispatchers to ASRC Dispatch. In the past, calls from group dispatchers to ASRC Dispatch have been the responsibility of the individual group. This practice should not change simply because the new number has been installed.
- 3) Any use outside of SAR Missions. Regardless of the circumstances, this number is for MISSION USE ONLY.

Note: In the event of an EMERGENCY which necessitates contacting the BRMRG Locker during a Mission, the 800 number should be used in preference to collect calls. Misuse of the 800 number will result in the individual being assessed a handling fee of \$5.00 in addition to the cost of the call.

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