

APPALACHIAN SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE, INC.

MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 1992  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Charlottesville, Virginia

Meeting started 1015

Reports

Chairman

Proposals given to chairman

1. Raise group dues from \$45 to \$100.
2. Have membership dues for each active member of the ASRC, around \$1 to \$2.
3. Change the ASRC uniform standard to allow the use of rockers.
4. Establish goals and objectives for the next year.
5. Change the Articles of Incorporation
6. Change the composition of the ASRC Board of directors, to include group chairmen.
7. A registered agent needs to be added, due to the incorporation laws. This needs to be a lawyer or director of the organization.

Communications

Elron is looking for someone to take over his position as Communications officer.

National SAR standards

William is looking for someone to represent the ASRC in the ASTM.

All other reports were saved for the general membership meeting, except group officers.

AMRG

not present

ESAR

not present

BRMRG

Chairman	Charles Chopin
Training Officer	Chris Ingle
ASRC BOD Representative	Lisa Hannon
ASRC BOD Representative	Bob Koester

RSAR

Chairman	Mark Pennington
Training Officer	Mark Pennington*
ASRC BOD Representative	Dennis Jordon
ASRC BOD Representative	Kevin Dawe

\*Mark is training officer until Maribeth Lukowski becomes a FTL.

SMRG

Chairman	Amy Rue
Training Officer	Jenny Burmester
ASRC BOD Representative	Gary Mechtal

ASRC BOD Representative	William Dixon
SWVaMRG	
Chairman	Todd Berman
Training Officer	John Punches
ASRC BOD Representative	John Casey
ASRC BOD Representative	John Punches
TSAR	
Chairman	Dave Carter
Training Officer	Earl Evans
ASRC BOD Representative	Dave Carter
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## Old Business

### Grants

It has been requested that the ASRC submit a combined grant request in the future. This because the ASRC is considered to be one organization. In the application the groups can request things separately. Since the ASRC is not a member of a council, it is believed that it can bypass submitting a grant request to a council and submit the request directly. It was suggested that we go ahead with the request.

Step 1: John Punches has agreed to talk with Carol Marrow, RSAF grant coordinator, by the next meeting.

TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT BOD MEETING.

### By-law-changes

- \* In order to amend the by-laws there must be 2/3 of the active membership present or represented by proxy.

### Articles of Incorporation

Mark Pennington said that we will have to reincorporate if we vote to amend the articles of incorporation. This will mean a filing fee of \$77. It was agreed that the changes needed to be made and the fee would have to be paid.

### Year-end reports

Received SWVaMRG's year-end reports which was due at the last meeting (see attachments). We only have reports from BRMRG and SWVaMRG.

## New Business

### Pagers

The ASRC pager net is currently functional. ESAR, TSAR, RSAR, SMRG, and BRMRG all have at least one pager on the ASRC net. These groups also have their own pager net on the new pager format, except ESAR. On the old pager format, BRMRG dropped its local net, but kept its statewide net. The statewide net on the old format, will be used as BRMRG's group pager net.

### Pager Codes

BRMRG proposed that the ASRC control the pin numbers for the ICs and ISSs. After a short discussion it was decided that:

The groups will control the pin numbers for their members, but if they are used on the ASRC net the pin would be preceded by the group pin.

#### Letter to the Chair

The chairman received a letter requesting that Ruth Carter attain the level of Incident Staff. This was put to discussion and then passed.

Ruth Carter is now Incident Staff.

#### ASRC Board meetings to move

There was a motion to move the ASRC BOD meetings to Richmond. The highlights of discussion were:

- \*Having the meetings in the Shenandoah National Park allows a closer connection with park services.
- \*The traveling distance for some groups would be shorter; while it only notably increases for AMRG (we were unsure about ESAR). It was noted that AMRG might not be able to attend the meetings if their traveling distance increased. It was suggested that they elect someone from Virginia to represent them at the Board meetings.
- \*If the meetings were moved to Richmond, they would be held at the DES headquarters. This might allow more input with DES.

The motion was passed, the next ASRC BOD meeting will be in Richmond at DES headquarters.

\*Mark Pennington will schedule a room for us until the end of the year.

\*Bob Koester will write a letter to the Park service, thanking them for the use of their facilities.

#### Simulation

Botetourt Mounted Search and Rescue Unit is hosting a simulation on June 5th, 6th, and 7th. Everyone is invited to participate. For more information see attachment.

#### Scheduling conflict

The next ASRC BOD meeting is scheduled for June 6, the same weekend as the Botetourt Simulation. There were two motions:

1. Move the meeting to the simulation site. The motion was voted on and it failed.
2. Move the meeting date to June 13, 1992. The motion was voted on and passed.

The next ASRC BOD meeting will be on June 13, 1992.

#### Elections

The new officers of the ASRC are:

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>David Carter</u>
<u>Vice-chair</u>	<u>John Panches</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Patrick Turner</u>
<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Bruce Hemmer</u>

**Scheduling conflict, again**

Our new Chairman cannot make the meeting on June 13, 1992, due to a military commitment. Through discussion, it was decided that our chair should not miss his first meeting. There was a motion to move the meeting to May 30, 1992; and it was passed.

The next ASRC BOD meeting will be on May 30, 1992.

**MSO Course Offering**

TSAR? is offering a MSO course, scheduled for the 1st, 2nd, 22nd and 23rd of August. This course will use the new practical search operations format.

**Old chair's end of the year report**

The ASRC has made progress towards its goals from the past year. Articles of Incorporation were reviewed by a Pro-bono lawyer; so there only was a filing fee of \$120. The training is becoming standardized. There is a written FTL test that is being approved. Communication has been improved with all the Incident Commanders and Incident Staff receiving the minutes. He would like to see that all IC's group chairs and group delegates receive a notebook that has a copy of the MOU; Ops manual; Articles of incorporation; By-laws; list of delegates, Ics, training officers, and when groups come up for their 36 month review.

**Secretaries note**

Rosters were received from SWVaMRG, RSAR, TSAR, and BRMRG. Training schedules were received from RSAR, TSAR, and SMRG. If any one needs a copy of these please contact the new secretary Bruce Hemmer.

Meeting was adjourned at 1225.