

**ASRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
24 FEB 96  
MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 1331 by Dave Carter.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Attendance:** (People in bold were present)

AMRG - Keith Conover  
AMRG - Charles Kollar  
MSAR - **Peter McCabe**  
MSAR - Darrel Hale  
SMRG - Gary Mechtal  
SMRG - Todd L'Herrou  
TSAR - Dave Carter  
TSAR - Kevin Reynolds

BRMRG - Audrey Wilson  
**BRMRG - Bob Koester**  
RSAR - Terri Anne Midgette - Proxy given to  
RSAR - Melody Midgette  
SWVaMRG - Kevin Brown  
SWVaMRG - Tony Bordeaux  
PVRG - Michael Vatalaro proxy to Teresa Drag  
PVRG - Karen Vandersall

**OTHERS** - Candi Capozzi-ASRC SEC/TSAR/RocSAR, Rob Christie-SMRG, Darren Chen-BRMRG, Mark Jones-TSAR/RocSAR, Fouad Sibli-SMRG.

**Minutes** (Candi Capozzi) - A motion was made for the minutes of Dec to be accepted with the following corrections: The mission mentioned was not a 9 day mission. No amount of time was given for correction. Peter McCabe was recertified as an Incident Staff person not an Incident Commander.  
**So moved by Todd L'Herrou, 2nd by Teresa Drag, motion passed.**

A motion was made for the minutes of Oct to be accepted with no corrections. **So Moved by Teresa Drag, 2nd by Gary Mechtal, motion passed.**

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**Training** (Peter McCabe) - The training committee has met and have made a list of motions to be considered in new business.

**Standards and Test**

The following groups have been asked to review the FTL test and standard; TSAR and MSAR  
The following groups have been asked to review the FTM test and standard; BRMRG, RSAR, AMRG, SMRG and PVRG  
Both sets of groups need to come back in a month to come back with a working plan.  
With this mornings group, I found that I will have to give some guidance as to what is needed for these committees to accomplish what is necessary.

**Treasures report** - Read by William Dixon

Dues are due. TSAR's will be sent within the week, PVRG is waiting for the university to issue check.  
RSAR check 102 for 66.00 was paid for 94 dues and 65.00 for 95 dues and no bill was given for 96 dues. Straighten out with Patrick later.

**Safety** - (William Dixon) Each group is supposed to be making contact with CIC and making their own arrangements. Last night as a result of our mission Elliston F company or dept rolled an entire fire truck down the side of the mountain. No injuries were reported at the time. Afterward we found out that one of the F company personnel went back to find his keys and it turns out that he was transported for bruises and a head laceration. Also a female Fire fighter with a dislocated shoulder.

**Chair's Report - (Dave Carter)**

**CAP/AFRCC**

Working one particular issue and that is working with the AFRCC. I received a call from LTC Hampton questioning particularly why they needed CAP.

We had met with staff and Winnie Pennington and Charlie Glass were going to meet with O-6 but he left and a new one came in and he does not know this.

CAP is proposing to take over the AFRCC and run it full time. CAP will hire CAP employees who would run it the way CAP understands. So you have to have your resources.

**DES**

-Talked with Winnie Pennington on where things are going with the state. She is working with the list from the 5 year plan. If you live near RSAR, TSAR, BRMRG be prepared to be called to participate in the planning.

-She also just hired a P44 to do what she used to do. To catch up on the piles of paperwork that have accumulated since she switched jobs.

-She needs rosters to put with MOU they must get in by March for it to be signed.

**Old Business**

**501(c)3 - (Dave Carter)** Patrick Turner and Dave Carter are both pursuing it guess we better talk to each other.

**ASRC Vision and Mission - (Dave Carter)** I had asked each of you to take the vision and mission handout from the last meeting to your home groups and discuss it and return today with ideas or be ready for a vote.

Teresa Drag - there was difficulty with the way it was worded.

Peter McCabe's group has a proposal.

-Original proposal passed out by Dave Carter last BOD:

**Mission:** The Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference provides, when requested, professional volunteers trained in ground search, ground search management, semi-technical rescue, technical rescue, and PSAR in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and occasionally in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

-M/SAR Proposal Draft

**Mission:** To save lives, Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference provides, (through its member groups,) accredited professional volunteer services in incident command management and (tactical) ground search and rescue operations to government (programs) *agencies* in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

words in parentheses were struck from context during discussion and words in italics were added.

Motion to accept modified version by Bob Koester, 2nd by Gary Mechtal **Yes 8 No 1 Abs 0, Motion passed**

**SARTA/ASRC MOU - Dave Carter** will sign for SARTA. However due to Dave's affiliation with SARTA someone other than he will have to sign for the ASRC. After discussion it was determined that Peter McCabe will sign for the ASRC.

-As soon as the slides are on Power Point, Dave will send out disks to each group.

**General Membership Meeting - SMRG** is hosting and it will be on SUNDAY the 28th at PATC Hq. Deadline of 2 weeks to confirm this.

Also the secretary needs a new roster from every group to do the mailing. Or it will be the representatives responsibility to notify his or her group.

**Problems with Dispatch - (Dave Carter)** Gary nicely highlighted that concern for me in the Ops meeting.

-Issue, specifically during the school year things work fine, however during breaks it does not work. I can't understand why the townies can't work out a rotation schedule. Does BRMRG have any solutions?

Bob Koester - I have 3 pages of recommendations that are to be implemented. Is Patch the only one who can train?

Patch should set up standards and others should be able to teach to those standards.

We need AO's... Peter work with Patch to establish training.

**Uniform Items - Magazine issue - patch** has no patent or trademark it was perfectly legal and the issue is closed...dead.

**Standards of Conduct - Will leave that for the new board to deal with.**

**Medical Report - (Rob Christie)**

Still working on Infectious Control

-What do we consider minimum medical training

-Medical license wise, we can cross borders with SAR missions only, not for anything else.

-Forms - While there is no way to enforce use of the form that we put out. If we don't use them worker's comp is more likely to be denied.

Problem is getting participation from the groups. Group Training officers and Operations officers must attend 50% of BOD meetings. Everyone seems to support this in concept, but some groups officers who are real close don't show up. Take this information back to your groups.

**New Business**

**IS nominations**

Jeff Lunglerhoffer	BRMRG	Yes 9	No 0	Abs 1	<b>Motion Passed</b>
Mary Hardy	BRMRG	Yes 9	No 0	Abs 1	<b>Motion Passed</b>
Dave Zader	SWVaMRG	Question of whether or not GTO had approved action. Vote taken.			
		Yes 9	No 0	Abs 1	<b>Motion Passed, contingent of GTO approval</b>

Notification was sent out to expiring IS/IC personnel, the following responded are up for renewal.

Bill Fisher	IS	Yes 8	No 0	Abs 2	<b>Motion Passed</b>
Gary Mechtal	IC	Yes 9	No 0	Abs 0	<b>Motion Passed</b>
William Dixon	IC	Yes 9	No 0	Abs 0	<b>Motion Passed</b>
Amy Rue	IS (was on inactive status)	Yes 9	No 0	Abs 1	<b>Motion Passed</b>

Deming Herbert IC is out of the country. Motion made to suspend any action until April. So moved by Peter McCabe, 2nd by Teresa Drag. **Yes 10 No 0 Abs 0 Motion Passed**

The following personnel have not been heard from: Mark Pennington, Greg Shea, George Sweat, Chris Engle, Robert Elron, Andrew Marsh, James Poole, Kevin Dawe.

James Poole and Mark Pennington. Motion was made to suspend all action till April. So Moved by Dave Carter, 2nd Teresa Drag. **Yes 10 No 0 Abs 0 Motion Passed**

The following personnel will drop down one training level: Greg Shea and George Sweat to IS. Robert Elron and Chris Engle to FTL.

Nomination for Peter McCabe to IC - So Moved by Dave Carter, 2nd by Gary Mechtal. Discussion was held and a motion was made to table motion. So moved by William Dixon, 2nd by Teresa Drag. **Yes 2 No 0 Abs 5 Motion Failed**

Vote taken on original motion. **Yes 3 No 0 Abs 7 Motion Failed.**

**PA Medical Requirements Recently Imposed by Keith Conover - (Rob Christie)** I'm not prepared to brief issue. Medical group is discussing full scope and issues. (Bob Koester) - issue is it came out as Pennsylvania policy via E-Mail. Letter stated OMD policy and groups and groups need wilderness EMT. (RC) This is not policy because is not signed, I did not bring a copy. (Dave Carter) - This is self serving and really not an issue!

**Changes to Operations Manual**

When you are alerting officer put out the 101 page before calling DES so others know that you have the call.

**Motions from Training Committee (Peter McCabe) Each number represents a motion**

1. Members of ASRC Groups may arrange for their FTM or FTL written tests to be taken with other ASRC groups with the knowledge of their home Group's Training Officer. [It is understood that some Groups may have additional requirements for FTM and FTL, in addition to practical field evaluations, that must be satisfied in the Member's home Group.] So moved by Peter McCabe, 2nd by Gary Mechtal **Yes 10 No 0 Abs 0 Motion Passed**

2. In addition to MSO, candidates for initial IS certification will successfully pass either a Practical Search Operations (PSO) course (from SARTA) or a Search Operations Symposium (SOS) course (offered through the ASRC Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group) *or equivalent*.

So moved by Peter McCabe, 2nd by Teresa Drag **Yes 8 No 0 Abs 2 Motion Passed** Words in parenthesis except for acronyms were struck from motion. Words in italics were added.

3. Candidates for initial IS certification will be required to have participation as a base staff member in incident command operations in a minimum of two ASRC missions.

After much discussion as to how closely this motion already matches what was in Item 6A6 of training manual. Motion was withdrawn.

A new motion was put out: to change Item 6A6 of the training manual to read 2 instead of 1. **Yes 1 No 7 Abs 2 Motion Failed.**

A new motion was put out: Serve as a member of base staff on two ASRC incidents. **Yes 3 No 4 Abs 3 Motion Failed.**

4. Incident Staff in the recertification process need to provide a written record of their IS participation during their last certification period. Those persons without the required IS mission experience may retest with the ASRC IS test and the MSO written test, or they may choose to be reduced to FLT status.

After much discussion a motion was made to table motion. So motioned by Todd H'Lerrou, 2nd by Kevin Reynolds.

**Yes 2 No 6 Abs 2 Motion Failed.**

After motion failed to be tabled, motion was withdrawn by Peter McCabe.

5. [To be added to section b2]. Incident Staff persons whose ASRC certification expires while they are on inactive status, need to successfully pass (the ASRC IS test and the Managing the Search Operations (MSO) written) *PSO or SOS* test to be recertified. So motioned by Peter McCabe, 2nd by Todd H'Lerrou.

After much discussion, **motion was withdrawn** due to later hour and motion was still in need of rewrite.

#### **Announcements for the Good of the Order**

SAR council meeting April 27th.

Motion for meeting to be adjourned by Teresa Drag, 2nd by all  
**Meeting Adjourned 1713**