

AL1 PT161 FC Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group minutes

PT111 April 2, 1991

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PT91 Called to order by Chairman Rich Worst at 8:10 PM (Thom Jones recently resigned as Chairman and Rich has become the new Chairman.)

Present: Keith Conover, M.D. (acting secretary); Rich Worst; Dan Murdoch (guest, Search 1); Marc Rosenthal; no quorum present.

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PT91 IP4,0 Informal discussion regarding poor attendance at business meetings, even though we have good attendance at training and missions. We will have officers deal with most business prior to the meeting, shorten the business portion of the meetings, and increase the training at meetings.

To improve attendance at meetings, we will also do these three new things:

1. Send out a schedule on a regular basis. (Jane Kuzniewski, our Training Coordinator, will submit a schedule to Keith Conover,, who will print it and mail it out.)

2. Make phone calls to all members a few days before the meeting.

3. Send out on Group pager 6 PM the Monday before~ each meeting. MDBO PT111 A new code for the pagers: 777 = meeting this Tuesday. MDNM PT91

(Secretary's note: according to our Bylaws, elections were to be held at the March meeting, but a quorum wasn't present so we didn't hold elections.)

MDBO Chairman's Report: MDNM The Chairman appointed Owen Gormley as Vice-Chairman until we elect new officers.

MDBO Operations: MDNM Mike Kuga and Rich Worst (and anyone interested) will get together some evening this month to purge and renew the OPS KIT; call Rich Worst for details.

MDBO Training: MDNM Marc Rosenthal as charged from the last meeting, brought a list of suggested training topics for meetings and for weekend sessions. He will call Jane will start assigning these topics to individuals. Plan is to have the first Tuesday evening meeting be more training and less business, and to have a Sunday Group training session every other month, in addition to ASRC training and other special events (GSAR, WEMT, ASRC and PSARC simulation, etc.) Dan Murdoch suggested a joint Search 1/AMRG Managing Search Operations (MSO) class over a three-day weekend (October 11-12-13). Dan Murdoch to coordinate; will be open to all PSARC members.

June 15 MDSU th MDNM ~ is the ``Ohio River Sweep'' cleanup; Search 1 would like some help from AMRG members for public safety standby; for contact Rich Worst for information.

Dogwood half-hundred Big Blue Trail run-walk is April 20 MDSU th MDNM; ASRC will be providing medical/SAR standby.

MDBU April 28th will be Search 1 training on flood and riverbank searches; AMRG members welcome. Call 728-1558 for information.

MDNM MDBO Information: MDNM no report.

MDBO Treasurer: MDNM \$210 received; the old Treasurer erroneously billed many people for \$35; new dues as per Chairman are: \$25 for new members, \$15 for yearly renewals; refunds available at next meeting.

MDBO ASRC Report: MDNM Next General Membership Meeting Saturday April 13 MDSU th MDNM with training (Hug-a-Tree instructor, vertical, management, Base Radio Operator). We owe \$45 in current ASRC dues and \$90 in past dues; Betty directed to pay this if accurate and if we have enough \$. We need better attendance at ASRC functions; our Group 36-month review requires us to attend a minimum number of ``Conference events'' with a minimum number of people.

MDBO PSARC Report: MDNM May 11 MDSU th MDNM is next PSARC meeting in Monaca or Beaver; notice will be coming out from Search 1 soon. Next state-wide meeting is at end of June. New officers for PSARC are: President is Peter McCabe of ASRC's ESAR post; Vice-President is Joe Thrash of Somerset Sheriff's SAR (814-445-4762/H); Secretary is Keith Conover of AMRG (412-561-3413/H); and Treasurer is still Greg Sassaman of DER (717-485-3065/H). Directors are Martha Ackroyd of Somerset SAR (814-926-2554/H), Ken Boyles of DER/SAVES (717-776-7949), and Ron Wisbith of Rescue 40 (412-843-5378/H). New address is Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council; P.O. Box 504; Somerset, PA 15501.

Martha Ackroyd has been appointed as PSARC Executive Officer in an attempt to streamline operations.

ⓂMDBO MRA Report:ⓂMDNM We need to send in dues and roster; Worst will take care of this. [Secretary/MRA East Region Chairman addendum: We need to recertify for MRA team status in the next several months. According to a recent vote of the ASRC, we will set up an Eastern Region of the MRA separate from the ASRC. We will accept team membership applications from outside the ASRC; teams need not join the ASRC to join the Eastern Region MRA. The ASRC as a whole will be a member team of the Eastern Region. Individual ASRC Groups will be able to test separately and receive separate MRA team status within the Region if they wish; this allows the Group to have its own vote on the Eastern Region board of directors. AMRG, RSAR, and ESAR have already tested separately in the past. All members of all ASRC Groups, except for the ``honorary'' category of Sustaining Members, will be MRA members and we will need to pay \$5/member dues to MRA. AMRG has already voted to allocate \$5 of each member's dues to MRA, but some other Groups have complained about the additional financial burden in the past. Since there was a question about whether all ASRC members had to pay MRA dues, and MRA clearly requires this, a vote of the ASRC Board of Directors to confirm this, or to revise our association with MRA, will be held at the June ASRC Board meeting. All interested people are invited to attend the Board meeting and to make their feelings known.]

Adjourned at 9:50 PM

The training program after the meeting was to review the SAROP and Operations Manual (and a few other items as needed) to ensure everyone present met the COQ training standards (Call-Out Qualified) and Dan Murdoch was to demonstrate the CASIE2 computer search planning program.

ⓂMDBO Note: The Search Module (Module III) of the Basic Member Training Course is now reprinted and available at meetings or by special arrangements with the Training Coordinator, Jane Kuzniewski. ⓂMDNM

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