

**Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group**  
**Monthly Meeting Notes**  
**May 3, 2011**

**1. Chair report/ General Announcements**

Ben McCandless introduced himself as the new Executive Director. The Board meeting took place directly before the meeting.

**2. Visitor's Welcome-** The visitors were welcomed

**3. External Organizations ASRC/PSARC/MRA)**

a. ASRC- The upcoming AGM is this weekend. The WV Full Scale Exercise will start Friday. The AGM itself will be Sunday morning. The proxy's of the member's not attending were taken.

b. PSARC- The SAREX will start on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

c. MRA- The Regional training was held last month in the Adirondacks. The annual meeting will be held the last week in June.

1. Allegheny/Region 13- Henderson is the acting head of the EMA.

d. PEMA- N/A

e. Outreach- April 28<sup>th</sup>- Don will hold a 12 hour class for a rural firefighters group in North Butler County. Anyone who can help, should contact him.

May 13<sup>th</sup>- A class will be held in Pittsburgh for Americorp.

**4. Committee Reports**

**Membership**

a. Carol Mitchell was voted in as a new member pending her clearances.

**Operations**

a. Callouts- 1. There was a callout on the March 21<sup>st</sup> for two missing kayakers. They were found shortly after the callout.

2. On March 23rd, there was a callout in Jackson Twp in Butler County. She was found as we were in the process of gathering information.

3. AirSAR put us on standby on March 26<sup>th</sup> for a missing subject in Clarion. Five minutes after the initial call, the stand down call came.

b. AMRG was on medical standby at the request of the Explorer's Club for their spring clean up on Mt Washington.

**5. Training Report/ Presentations**

a. Certificates were handed out for various certifications.

b. The training officer is in the process of transferring records to one Web based systems.

c. There are a number of FTM's and FTL's that will need to recertify in November.

d. 4/8- the WV Full Scale Exercise will be taking place.

e. 4/10- The AGM is scheduled

- f. 4/16- Team grid training. Place TBA
- g. 4/28- PA SAR-Ex
- h. There is a National Inland SAR school taking place locally. We do not have a date yet.

**Marketing-**

- a. Paul Jung and Michael Mallory have joined the marketing committee.

**Finance**

- a. The checking account has \$4070.00.
- b. The savings account has \$10106.00.

**5. Current Officers**

- a. Commander: Chris Ruch  
Operations Officer: Joe Ray  
Training Officer: Ken Chiacchia  
ASRC Rep: Ken Chiacchia  
Rebecca Hostetter  
MRA Rep: Chris Ruch  
PSARC: Joe Ray  
Rebecca Hostetter

b. Dale Lersch has asked to step down as a member of the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in servings on the Board should contact one of the Board of Directors.

**5. Other Business**

- a. The training calendar has been switched to a Google site. You can now subscribe to the site for alerts.

**6. For The Good of the Order.**

- a. The team is asking anyone who has an old FTM or FTL book that they are not using to consider returning them to the team in order to form a library of resources. Joe is heading up this project.