



The Mountain Rescue Group is now the sponsor of Explorer Post 51, which will be a post devoted to search and rescue. The first meeting will be on Monday night, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Newcomb Hall. Group members are welcome to attend. Betty Thomas, Brandon Deane, and Keith Conover will be the principal advisors to the post.

On April 9, Yorke and Brandon will be traveling to Wake Forest, NC to give a seminar on mountain rescue to the local rescue squad.

Task Force I, Virginia Wing, Civil Air Patrol recently held a Mission Coordinator's clinic which covered lost person search. The capability of the ASRC and the BRMRG in particular were stressed. One member of Wing staff suggested that the ASRC or BRMRG and Virginia Wing should work towards a written cooperative agreement.

IRS weekend, that is, 15-16 April, is the date for the annual Virginia Wing, CAP Conference. This year, it will be held at Newcomb Hall, and the BRMRG has been requested to assist with the Ground Search and Rescue seminar, and with a mountain rescue demonstration.

John Walton is the head of a subcommittee of the Training Committee dealing with vertical rescue training. John's group will meet and set forth a vertical rescue training program for this spring.

#### MEETING SUMMARIES

##### 17 Jan 78 (General Meeting)

1. There was a general discussion about the purpose and conduct of meetings. The following resolutions were adopted:

- a. Decisions on matters of Group policy rest with the membership of the Group.
- b. Questions pertaining to Group policy shall be deliberated in the meetings.
- c. The Chairman shall conduct Group meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order; however, the Chairman may simplify procedures with the consent of the membership.

2. The Group agreed that our major effort for the next few months should be towards improving our public relations; however, a continuing education program for EMTs and the Paramedic program will also be major activities, as UVA Hospital EMS will provide assistance with these.

Priorities for PR efforts were established:

- a. Reach County Sheriffs in nearby counties directly, and others by mail;
- b. Reach the public through the media (this might be tied to a public outdoor safety education program)
- c. Reach the outdoor public through outfitters, etc.

3. Mountain Rescue Association membership was briefly discussed; the BRMRG presently meets MRA standards, and application for membership for the entire ASRC will be made in the near future.

4. The Group voted to accept sponsorship of an explorer post, to appoint a recording secretary at the next meeting, and to change the meeting night to Monday.

##### 20 Feb 78 (General Meeting)

1. The Chairman noted that the budget was due, and requested information and guidance for the budget proposal for the 1978-79 school year. Details are available from the Finance Committee.

2. Chris Stubbs read aloud a statement of the duties and authority of the Information Committee; it was passed unanimously. It will be published in a later newsletter.

3. Chris Stubbs was appointed project officer for determining the availability of topographic maps through members of the House of Representatives, and Keith Conover was appointed as recording secretary and Newsletter editor.
4. The following were voted into trainee membership: Susan Aylward, Keith Campbell, Debbie Deane, Randy Gore, George McCabe, Donald Parkhurst, David Perlmutter, Lynn Pottenger, Mike Silverstein, and Kirk Tanner. The following were voted in as Associates: Burt Tarkington and Bob Smiley.
5. The following nominations were made: for ASRC Delegates: Bill Clem, Don Thomason, Yorke Brown, and Brandon Deane. for the BRMRG Board: Chris Stubbs, John Walton, Brandon Deane, and Paul Duboisson.
6. The following procedures were established for voting:
  - a. A maximum of 5 minutes of discussion per nominee.
  - b. Vote would be by secret ballot; no telephone votes would be accepted.
  - c. The voting on new members would precede the vote for new officers.
  - d. Written ballots would be accepted until the end of the meeting; proxy votes would be accepted.

#### 6 March 78 (General Meeting)

1. The names of those passing the certification test as Trainees were read into the record: Don Thomason, Dave Morrow, John Walton, Paul Duboisson. All were voted into Basic Membership.
2. Elections for officers were held, with the following results:  
ASRC Delegates: Yorke Brown, Brandon Deane. BRMRG Board: Paul duboisson, Chris Stubbs, John Walton.
3. Yorke made a motion to count the votes immediately; after some discussion, it was passed, with the results as given in (2.) above.

#### SCHEDULE

##### MARCH

- 25 or 26 BRMRG simulated mission
- 27 (M) Explorer Post 51 meeting 1930, Newcomb Hall
- 28 (T) Monticello Squadron, CAP meeting 1930, JAG School (Open House)
- ##### APRIL
- 1 (Sat) Man-tracking
- 3 (M) BRMRG Meeting, 1930, Newcomb Hall
- 8-9(S-S) CAP SAR exercise with possible BRMRG involvement.
- 15-16 CAP Virginia Wing Conference, Newcomb Hall
- 17 (M) BRMRG Meeting 1930, Newcomb Hall
- 15 (Sat) Orienteering, Prince William Forest Park
- 22 (Sat) ASRC Simulation.

Call the Training Officer for details.