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NEWSLETTER

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

A Group of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, Inc.

ASRC & BRMRG 24-Hour Emergency Phone:

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The Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group (BRMRG) is a volunteer, non-profit, public service organization providing a search and rescue capability and public outdoor safety education services in the central Virginia area. The services of the BRMRG, and that of other ASRC Groups, is available at any time through the above emergency phone number. The public is welcome at BRMRG meetings, which are presently held the first and third Monday nights of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in Newcomb Hall at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Inquiries should be directed to:

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1978-79 BRMRG Officers and Duty Assignments

Chairman Board of Directors	Chris Stubbs
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	John Walton
ASRC Board Delegates	Yorke Brown Brandon Deane
Secretary/Newsletter Editor	Keith Conover
Training Committee	
Chairman (Training Officer)	Brandon Deane
Emergency Medical Coordinator	Keith Conover
Vertical Rescue Coordinator	John Walton
Operations Committee	
Chairman (Operations Officer)	John Walton
Information Committee	
Chairman	Chris Stubbs
Finance Committee	
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NEWS AND NOTES

February 21-23 the BRMRG and its sister group from Washington, the Potomac Valley Search and Rescue Group (PVSARG) participated in a lost person search near Lynchburg, VA. Although the search was unsuccessful, it was one of the better-run search operations the region has seen. Our hosts, the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital, were most helpful, and turned over a good portion of the search strategy and operations to the ASRC. Yorke Brown of the BRMRG was Mission Coordinator, and any questions about the operation should be directed to him. As a result of the ASRC involvement, Yorke, along with Keith Conover from this group and Tom Vines from PVSARG, will be giving a seminar for the staff of the Training School on April 18.

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 wasappointed 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 neeting; 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)
- 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.