

PSARC Meeting 12/14/96

### **Old Business**

Need to form a nominating committee. We don't really know who all of the positions are and when they come up for a rotation in the election process. Request for the officers to stay a little after the meeting to form a nominating committee. The organization needs to have a secretary. There is currently not one. The nominating committee will meet during the meeting today to come up with a list of candidates.

The balloting process needs to be brought forward to be sure that everyone knows how it will work. There is to be a slate of officers and a ballot that is to be mailed to the teams. The secretary brings the ballots to the meeting and counts the ballots. The positions to be filled are Vice President, Secretary, One director.

As ballots are sent to the teams, a form will be sent that is the dues form. When the ballots are returned, dues should be returned with the ballot. Only services that are paid up will have their ballots counted. They are being sent with the ballots this year only.

Treasurer report - Steve Houck:

\$2545.44 in accounts. \$177.27 for a banner. A bill came through for the Public Safety room. The bill has not been paid. Steve to find out what happened to the bill.

Two new teams:

Laurel Highlands Search and Rescue - Johnstown PA

US Search and Rescue - Hollysday burg.

Bushkill S & R -

Who keeps the official rooster of the teams. The Secretary should be the keeper of this information.

DCNR -

They have a program that used some of the SAR council programs and have written a training and testing procedure. They are working on a voluntary testing program. Used the SAR council standards and created something that is testable. They have a FTM test in place already. They are working on FTL. They will work on Canine and IS tests.. It takes about an 1.5 hours to take the test.

Training is available through the Fire Academe. And other organizations.

DCNR will let the Council know about meetings of the statewide task force on search and rescue. They will offer to have the council participate in the meetings.

A note about the standards. They are to be reviewed every three years. There is no need to make changes. They only requirement is that they are reviewed. The council does in fact have the standards.

### **New business:**

A little philosophy - Martha

Do some more training and education. Martha has talked to a couple of

Martha propose that Vickie Coup and Ron Said be appointed to a training activities committee. Use some of the council funds to be able to front money for flights... Get early rates... Do this to reduce the total cost of class. Charge for the training to recover the money. Get some people in to do training for the

member groups of the organization. The committee job is to come up with some topics for training and get input from the groups to see what type of training they would like to have.

Ron Sadd from Laurel Highlands Search & Rescue works in the press. We should be able to do a better job of PR with Ron's help. - rsadd@redrose.net

Meeting dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Sat March, June, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in Dec. Sept will be the nominating meeting. Elections announced in December meeting. Meeting will continue to be held in State Collage.

Feb 22, 23, 24 there is a training with Rescue 40. Raccoon state park

Wilderness EMT: 1, 2, 14, 15, 16 1997. Lancaster PA. Contact Jim Hill.

Sept 19, 2, 21 in Lancaster county. There will be another training. Mailing will be coming out from West. Ron asked for help in getting together lists of instructors.

There is some question on the direction of the EPLO program. Teams need to get the most recent information to Ken Boyles.

John Miller - What is going on in NJ. The NJ State Police has started a push to organize SAR in the state. Each county in the north of the state will need to appoint two SAR managers from the county. If there is an operation in the state, the managers are called to run the search. The groups in NJ feel that a NJ State wide council is a good idea. They are going to build a set of teams for a resource list. The teams must have training standards in place. The State Police are endorsing this plan. They are also going to provide some help (facilities, copying...).

Proposal passed out by GPSAR.

Nominating Committee:

VP - Jay Cook, John Miller

Sec - Peter McCabe

Director - Tom Hershack,