

Agenda for meeting: Broad Brook

2/7/07

Called to order at 19:10

Recap minutes are being emailed out – please let us know if you are not getting them. We also sent out the alpha page, again let us know if you need to be added to this group.

Equipment:

- We need to complete updating our inventory list for Service 119.
- Under water communication system is back from repairs.
- S-119 had the exhaust issue fixed.

Participation agreements:

- We received Station 7 and 543 tonight. We are still missing a few departments.
- If we do not have them in by 3/1 you will not be allowed to dive or go out on the water (boat or ice).
- TN may not tone a department if they do not have any active members.
- TN and host departments are expecting us to tighten up our policies to cut back on non-dive team members freelancing and showing up at calls without training or insurance.

The website is back up – please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Recap of last Mtg./Drill in Ashford: Mtg. night we went over some rope rigging and knots. At the drill there was no ice, but we still had a good drill. We did find the mannequin, but threw it back in for the last diver. Unfortunately the last diver had an equipment issue and could not dive, so it's still out there. On the positive side we did have 5 divers in the water, most got at least 20 minutes of bottom time. Comm system was also tested.

February Drill: Meet here at 0800 – drill will be at the reservoir (East Windsor Park). Estimated to be 10 to 15 feet deep. Known hazards include a spillway at one end of the pond, and mooring chains going up to the rafts. Plan is to cut 2 holes, have divers go in one and try to find the second. We also plan on practicing with the Rescue Alive ice sled, and the ice picket system. New members and members of host department are encouraged to help us set up the rope systems.

Both the Hartford Courant and Channel 3 have indicated they might be at our drill this Sunday to do a story on ice safety.

New Equipment: Ellington announced they are placing a John Deere gator in service and this will be available to the dive team if we need assistance moving equipment in and out of remote areas. It is not set up for moving people, but it would work great at moving gear such as at Bigelow State Park. This will be kept on a trailer and ready for quick response.

We are working at getting our ID tag system bag on track. The member who had volunteered to do this in the past has been tied up and we are looking at other possible arrangements. Chief Turner mentioned the possibility of using the CROG tag system, which we will look into.

Next month is in Somers (mtg 3/7, drill 3/11) – Still open dates for later in the year if any dept is interested.

Meeting adjourned and we moved right into an ice training presentation by Norm Meikle. (If interested in a copy of the handouts, please email johnroache@comcast.net – they were too big to send to everyone all at once.)