



**NMSARC Board General Meeting  
Saturday, April 1, 2017  
Las Cruces Convention Center – Ballroom 1**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mary Walker at 08:05 am

**Introductions to NMSARC Board Members:**

1. Mary Walker – Chair
2. David Price – Vice Chair
3. Verena Weissenborn - Secretary
4. Larry Zentner – Treasurer
5. Roberta Armstrong – ESCAPE/Fundraising
6. Michaela Buenemann – Mapping Program
7. Aimee Adamek - Membership
8. Terry Morton – Communications & Repeaters
9. Sean McGann - Training

**Minutes from ESCAPE 2016 – Prepared by Mary Walker; presented by Mary Walker**

- Approval of meeting minutes from ESCAPE 2016. Bob Cort moved to approve; Marty Soffran seconded. 28 voted in favor, none opposed, none abstained

**Treasurer’s Report – Larry Zentner**

- NMSARC is solvent with no financial concerns
- All required federal and state forms are filed and up-to-date
- FY 2016 Budget presented with zero balance
- Significant donations have been received from families of SAR mission subjects

**ESCAPE 2017 Report – Roberta Armstrong**

- Just prior to conference we had 173 full registrations plus 44 day pass registrations, and various other combinations; numbers are considerably up from the previous year
- Vendor –Rescue Tactic & Training
- Many valuable sponsors were recognized including businesses and individual SAR teams
- Bob Rodgers & Bob Baker – lunch speakers
- Bob Koester – dinner speaker
- Silent auction to be held through Saturday afternoon as well as 50:50 raffle
- ESCAPE 2018 tentatively to take place at Glorieta Camps, likely with late April time frame

**Training – Sean McGann**

- NMSARC Board assisting with reimbursement of training activities by the DPS

- Funds change from year to year
- In past year, approximately \$5,000 spent by NMSARC and subsequently reimbursed by DPS
- Training activities are multi-team and have included events such as Rowe Mesa Mock Search, Blackhawk Training in Taos, GPS & Land Navigation Course, and K9 Live Find Air Scent in Albuquerque
- Applications for trainings can be submitted on the new NMSARC website
  - The overall process is still under development
  - Sean McGann may also be contacted directly via phone or e-mail

### **Mapping Program – Michaela Buenemann**

- Provided an update on costs, numbers, and capability
- Mapping table set up in ESCAPE Exhibit Hall
- Additional resources available on the NMSARC website

### **Membership – Aimee Adamek**

- 39 current member teams; two teams did not renew
- Three new teams were added: UNM Reach & Treat based in Albuquerque, Mustang SAR based in Silver City, Southern NM Mounted SAR based in Las Cruces

### **Website – Aimee Adamek**

- New website launched June 1, 2016
- New features such as online ESCAPE conference registration, event submission
- Mission reports are uploaded as they become available
- Trainings and events are regularly updated; teams are encouraged to submit new training events

### **Fallen Heroes – Mary Walker**

- Kurt Parkinson, San Miguel County SAR
- Anita Winona – Luna County SAR
- K9 Atika – K9 SAR
- K9 Selah – Grant County SAR

### **Ralph Dawdy Memorial Award and Service Awards – Mary Walker, David Price**

- **Ralph Dawdy Award**
  - Laura Tracey, daughter of Ralph Dawdy, was in attendance and introduced
  - Three nominations were received. Matt Coulombe from NM Mounted SAR was chosen as the award winner, for his commitment and dedication to search and rescue in New Mexico
- **Departing Board Members recognized**
  - Thanks to Larry Zentner, Roberta Armstrong, Mary Walker, and Verena Weissenborn

### **Bylaws Changes – Verena Weissenborn, Larry Zentner**

- Proposed bylaws changes per request of Wells Fargo related to signatory card and signatures on checks
- Bylaws changes provided to member teams 30 days in advance and provided in their team conference packets – Revision of Section 3. Signatories:

- *A. Signatories for Council financial accounts shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, ESCAPE Chair, and Treasurer as a minimum: more board members may be added as required.*
- *B. Only one signature is required for banking, checking, and savings account signature card authorizations.*
- *C. Any transaction amount below \$1,000.00n requires approval of one board member as a minimum.*
- *D. Any transaction amount at or over \$1,000.00 requires approval of two board members as a minimum.*
- Approval of bylaws changes. Bob Cort moved to approve; Jon Hitchcock seconded. After continued discussion, Jon Hitchcock called the question to vote: 25 voted in favor. 19 voted in favor of approval of the bylaws changes as written on page 5 of distributed packet, 3 opposed, none abstained

### **Membership Dues Update – Aimee Adamek**

- Recommending membership categories to be adjusted based on size of team to make dues more fair and provide modest increase for NMSARC operating expenses.
  - Proposed dues structure beginning in 2018:
    - *Individual membership (no team affiliation): \$25*
    - *Agency membership; Use categories below*
    - *Teams 1-9 members: \$25*
    - *Teams 10-19 members: \$50*
    - *Teams 20-29 members: \$70*
    - *Teams 30-39 members: \$90*
    - *Teams 40-49 members: \$110*
    - *Teams 50-59 members: \$130*
    - *Teams 60 or more members: \$150*
- Team size based on numbers submitted by teams on their application form
- Approval of membership dues changes. Vic Villalobos moved to approve; Phyllis Wright seconded. 24 voted in favor, 1 opposed, none abstained

### **Proposed Forum Guidelines – Roberta Armstrong**

- There have been no official usage guidelines in place for the NMSAR-Forum
- Proposed rules were distributed to member teams in conference packets
- No concerns or questions from membership; rules will be made active ASAP

### **Board Elections – Verena Weissenborn**

- A total of five board membership positions to be filled
- Nominations:
  - Terry Ann Miller – Pajarito K9 SAR, New Mexico Working K9s
  - Jon Hitchcock – Civil Air Patrol
  - Jenna White – Cibola SAR and UNM Reach and Treat
  - Scott Voorhees – Santa Fe Sheriff’s Posse
  - Grant Reigelman – Philmont SAR
  - Ruth Ann Neal – Mountain K9 Corp (added to the ballot at the general meeting)
- Voting ballots were collected from the membership representatives present:
  - Terry Ann Miller received 21 votes

- Jon Hitchcock received 27 votes
- Jenna White received 26 votes
- Scott Voorhees received 26 votes
- Grant Reigelman received 15 votes
- Ruth Ann Neal received 10 votes

Bob Cort moved to adjourn; Nancy Sklavos-Gillett seconded. 28 voted in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:40 am.

Respectively submitted  
Verena Weissenborn