



**NMSARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Ruidoso, NM Convention Center**

8:00, May 11th, 2013

- I. Call to order, Welcome, and Introduction of Guests: Eric brought the meeting to order at 0822.
 - a. NMSP Major Umprovitch: Major Umprovitch spoke for a few minutes to the members of the council. He came to ESCAPE because he wanted to listen to the good things about SAR and also the concerns. He is very thankful for the service that SAR provides to the state of NM.
 - b. Resource Officer Bob Rodgers: Mr. Rodgers also spoke for a few minutes to the members of the council. He thanked the volunteers for who go out in the field and offered his continued support.
- II. Minutes from 2012 ESCAPE General Meeting: Kurt Anderson moved that we approve the minutes from last general meeting. Seconded by Jim Doyle, unanimously approved.
- III. Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report stated that the ESCAPE account has \$13,881.09 (not all bills are paid); ING Direct account \$5324.53; NMESC Checking Account \$5573.72; NMESC Savings \$1809.77.
- IV. Fallen Heroes:
 - Isaac Garcia--Atalaya SAR
 - Don Peterson--AMRC
 - Carlos Cox--AMRC
 - Anne Sullivan--Catron County SAR
 - Canine Axel, Handler Chuck Melvin--K9 SAR
 - Canine Luke, Handler Kimberly Kelly--K9 SAR
 - Wayne Fisher--White Mountain SAR
- V. Board Elections: The following were nominated: Spencer Moreland, Chris Sawyer, Jeff Averhoff, Lloyd Wright, David Phillips, Carrie Hale. It was moved by Bill Boedeker. and 2nd by Kurt Anderson to accept these nominees onto the board by attrition. Unanimously approved.
- VI. Committee Chair reports
 - a. ESCAPE & Introduction of Instructors: Karon thanked everyone for being at ESCAPE this year. She reported that there 129 participants that pre-registered + 18 walkins. There were 33 instructors. Those teams with the most members present this year were: 18 from White Mountain SAR members. 14 OMTRS, 11

from Cibola SAR. There were numerous sponsors that helped us fund ESCAPE this year. She gave a special thank you to Tony Davis and Carolyn Scarborough for all their help. She thanked the ESCAPE Track leads and many others who helped her put ESCAPE together. Eric gave Karon special recognition for her hard work.

- b. Training Report: No report was given at this meeting.
- c. PIO report: Eric states there are regular inquiries that come his way about NMSAR.
- d. Radio Communications
 - i. Repeaters: Joe reported that Tom Bemis has completed the construction of the first 4 repeats.
 - ii. Communications Committee: Joe reported that there was a suggestion from a SAR member to organize a committee to discuss portable repeaters, develop a model communication plan, recommend radio equipment plan for NMSARC teams, helping identify key members on each SAR team who are responsible for team radios and communication policy, asking teams to complete a questionnaire on communications related issues, and address communication-related training for teams at ESCAPE. It was discussed that this would benefit the SAR communication and would reflect well on NMSAR. Bob Rodgers also suggested the formation of this communications committee. This committee would be an advisory group to NMSARC members. The council at their last meeting moved to continue with the formation of this committee and at the next council meeting they will continue to work to form this committee. If any one is interested in being on the communications committee please see Joe.
 - iii. Narrow banding: License has been adjusted to cover all the frequencies
- d. Membership Chair Report: Nate reported that there are 36 members teams at this time.
- e. Mapping Program: Edwin reported that we print our own maps off the council website. It is simple and inexpensive to do this, so order maps.
- f. Website, FaceBook, Twitter: Eric reported that the website is going well and the Facebook page is also up and operating well.
- g. Treasurer's Report and proposed budget: Bob sent the following report: The proposed 2013 budget compared to 2012 is as follows: INCOME 2012 = \$30,830; 2013 = \$35,235. Including Membership Dues 2012 = \$2000, 2013 = \$1945; ESCAPE 2012 = \$20,000, 2013 = \$25,000; Merchandise 2012 = \$1800, 2013 = \$1250; Fundraising 2012 = \$7000, 2013 = \$7000; Interest 2012 = \$30, 2013 = \$40. EXPENSES 2012 \$30.830, 2013 = \$35,235. Including Mail Box Rental Fee, ESCAPE, Fuel Reimbursement, Insurance, Membership Letters,

Merchandise, Plaques, Postage, Publications, Regulatory Fees, Website Hosting, Website Maintenance.

VII. Business

- a. Newly Recognized Teams
 - i. East Mountain SAR
 - ii. NM Working K9s: Carolyn Scarborough who is a member of NM Working K9s spoke about this new team. She stated the K9 group was formed by 2 men with tracking dogs. There are members from all over the state that can be called to searches.
 - iii. Rt. 66 Flyers SAR: Jim Doyle was here to represent this new team. They are out of Albuquerque. They fly powered paragliders. They are able to launch and land in limited space and can fly low and slow. The paragliders are very portable with a 2 hour fuel supply. They work well in level opened ground.
- b. Outgoing Board Members: The outgoing board members this year are Eric Hjelmfelt, Cindy Oliver, Nate Lay, and Bob Cort.
- c. Ralph Dawdy Award: This year's Ralph Dawdy Award was given to Tony Gaier. Congratulations Tony.
- d. Tony Davis wanted to take a moment to thank White Mountain SAR for all their help with ESCAPE. He also wanted to council to know that there is a repeater up on Buck Mountain and that their SAR organization has been using that repeater but the repeater was sold and those who bought it do not allow amateur radio to use it. This is a safety issue to the area and he wanted to let others know that this may happen.

VIII. Meeting Adjourn: Robert Valdez moved that the meeting be adjourned at 0917.
Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Oliver, NMSARC Secretary