

## ***New Mexico Search and Rescue Council***

April 29, 2019

Called to order 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: David, Aimee, Terry, Erik, Ron, Ruth Ann, Jon

Guest: Zak Kline

Printer – Michaela not printing maps. Opting to not purchase printer. Cost to pay for printing waterproof map about \$7.50. Cost to print ourselves about 6.45 plus cost of printer. David going to contact council member who owns print shop to see if we can get a deal to print maps.

Zak – Had two items of business regarding DPS policies. Wanted to talk about how we go about accomplishing a policy change.

Policy – rules are guidelines

Item 1. Zak was concerned not enough information being shared to Point of Contact for teams in the field, on a recent mission.

Council suggested Zach contact the SAR review board – look at policy

Item 2. Mission not called off before Bernalillo helicopter arrived. 10-12 other people called and left standing around parking lot. Helicopter flew to lower tram and then had to fly back to offload and then returned to lower tram.

Agencies can respond to emergency. IC should be in control of choices. MOU in place if search becomes SAR mission. Safety of team members is priority. Bob willing to investigate further. Zak pursuing more information and will get back to us and Bob.

ESCAPE General report –

1 – 191 registrations to date, includes instructors (not all will be there the whole time, several just coming in to present and then will leave). Hoping for 21 more registrations by Sunday. Think 215 is a good #. May 5<sup>th</sup> is last day for online registration.

2 – CPR and Helicopter

Sign-ups going fine – there is still space available. If classes not full it is ok. Can sign up at ESCAPE.

Budget for cash sponsors was \$2K. Currently received \$2.2K

Only 3 cancellations (only 1 last year).

Last email out was for course descriptions.

One more final email to registrants with logistics (map of campus, meals, etc.)

Printing materials middle of next week. \$1K budget but think it might be more than that.

May 11<sup>th</sup> – will package materials (Aimee and Ruth Ann)

ESCAPE – set up Thursday (Aimee and Ruth Ann - others welcome) – should not be as complicated. NM Tech already has rooms setup

Silent Auction – only have about 20 things logged. Items usually come in late.

K-9 attendees – Chuck pinging them to see what class levels – most basic.

Ham Class – Ron printing materials for class. Will coordinate with Socorro Amateur Radio Assoc.

Have only had a few responses so far – will pulse again.

Email went out to instructors. Asking about concerns/needs. Remind them that they need to allow time for people to transition to next classes (don't go over time limit)

PowerPoint slides for General Meeting – postpone for now – will discuss one on one with those turning in slides.

*Jon joins meeting*

Ruth Ann purchased rechargeable LED dog collars – added to check out. Will sell for \$6 / reimburse Ruth Ann \$2 for each one sold

Terry – K-9 – will reach out for K-9 donations. Just do the ones she has relations to. Have them send items directly to her. Fill out online donation form for Silent Auction.

Waived 25 individual registrations – budgeted for 22, includes 4-6 instructors that are just there for an hour or two.

David – a few people will be there Thursday – arrival about 1 for setup.

K-9's – Ok to be on athletic field for Friday evening dinner

Several hotels are K-9 friendly.

K-9s can be in SAC, but not in general classrooms, suggest they keep in cars. Aimee to draft logistics email for K-9s. Will send to Terry and Ruth Ann for comments.

Council Elections –

Received 3 applications

Larry, Tamar and Maria.

Individuals can volunteer at ESCAPE. Encourage others to apply

Dawdy award –subcommittee of Aimee, Scott and Erik recommended Carrie Hale. With Organ Mountain. Served on board many years, planned ESCAPE, IC now

Will put picture up on website of winner after announced (take down last year's at that point) – keep winner up for one year.

Dawdy award – did receive nomination for couple's award, currently only award to individuals. Board has opted to keep it only for individuals. Couples would have unfair advantage.

### ***Jon – Treasurer Report***

Cash on hand = \$53.9K

Combined registrations and sponsor \$s = about \$10,977

Last mail Monday a week ago but had not arrived when he left. Will process/deposit next Monday

*Jon left meeting*

### ***Membership – 2 new applications.***

1 – individual. Lawrence Koren

Active in S&R through Bernalillo County (helicopter and plane pilot)

(is there written guidance to qualify as an individual member?)

Seems involved.

Terry – thinks he would be a good addition, sees this as a stepping stone for him

He is with the Bernalillo Sheriff's Department. Does volunteer work hours, responds to searches, involved in training.

Vote – Terry motions, Aimee seconds, vote yes, no opposed, no abstentions. Motion passes.

## 2 - Team.

Tres Rios SAR has sent an application to the SRB.

DPS policy is most requirements for teams are waived for the first year. SRB has not voted yet.

Consider teams on way to be voted in by SAR – make provisional? At renewal discuss if they can continue.

Tres Rios SAR has 45 members now – paid membership for 20. It is a newly forming team with members from other teams. (Badlands K-9 part of it).

Squishy on definition on members. Agency people play along with them, members listed are viable. They are having meetings/trainings on regular basis. Note to review member #s– check in if they are to renew at the end of the year.

Aimee – motions to approve, Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>, no opposed and no abstentions, approved.

Aimee to add both to website

Paperwork for memberships – Aimee and Terry to wait until after ESCAPE to process, other stuff to be updated later.

Ron/Erik –

Station license was updated to remove wideband designators and contact point changed to Ron – should come through in about 2 weeks.

### ***New Business –***

\$53K in savings, how to spend? Trainings/small equipment grants? Aimee says to not forget cost of ESCAPE. Could maybe use \$4 or \$5K. Good to have 1-1 ½ years operating income in bank. ESCAPE cost = about \$15K. \$30K good place to be.

Can family members pay for meals? Option is yes- \$27/\$37 charge – send Aimee an email.

### ***Next meeting –***

Sunday a.m. of ESCAPE between 7 and 7:30 with new board members

Ron – wanted to make sure that minutes from prior meeting had his corrections – Aimee sent latest minutes to him to update.

Erik – bill passed – equipment damaged or lost on mission will be reimbursed – will see how it plays out.

Motion to adjourn – Aimee

Adjourned 8:26 pm