

**New Mexico Emergency Services Council
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
June 14, 2008**

The meeting was held at District 5 State Police Headquarters, 2501 Carlisle Blvd., Albuquerque.

Attending: Gail Zimmerman, Sue Williams, Don Stone, Richard Swartz, Dave Baldrige, Brian Fuller, Tony Gaier, Ross Holbrook, Robert Valdez, Keith Hayes, Dave McClard, Kitty Mason, and Phyllis Wright. Absent: Gary Cascio.

This was the transition meeting of the Board. Keith Hayes, Kitty Mason, Dave McClard, and Phyllis Wright are joining the Board. Sue Williams, Don Stone and Ross Holbrook are leaving.

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gail Zimmerman at 10:00 a.m.

II. Minutes from Last Meeting - The minutes of the April 12, 2008, Board meeting were approved by e-mail on April 23, 2008. The Board approved the minutes of the May 17, 2008, General Annual meeting. It was agreed to post the minutes on the website with the notation: "Subject to the approval of the General Membership".

III. Treasurer's Report - Richard distributed Account Balances as of 6/11/08 (Total: \$28,601.39); Transactions from 5/11/08 through 6/11/08 (Inflow: \$2827.00, Outflow: -\$2639.05, Net Total: \$187.95); and the Banking Summary from 6/1/07 thorough 5/31/08 (Income: \$18,641.16, Expenses: \$12,365.65, Increase: \$6,275.51). He stated there are still some final bills from ESCAPE. He pointed out that we need to do some fundraising since membership dues do not cover expenses. It was agreed that income from the sale of T-shirts and stickers should go to the General Account and income from the vests and silent auction should go into the ESCAPE Account. On a motion by Sue, seconded by Ross the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Training – There was a discussion concerning the location and time-frame for the next Boot Camp. Gail asked that Board members give it some thought and the subject was tabled until the next meeting.

B. ESCAPE – Tony reported that ESCAPE 2008 went well – no instructors cancelled; there were no schedule changes; and just a few suggestions. There were no instructor evaluations this year and it was agreed to discuss the matter at a meeting closer to ESCAPE 2009. The net gain from ESCAPE 2008 was \$6397. Dave B. reported that the OMI session went well and the instructor offered to give an all-day session at ESCAPE 2009. Also, Tom Bemis offered an all-day session on cave rescue. It was agreed that these would be good subjects to be offered on Friday. Gail suggested that Keith teach a class on weather.

C. Membership – Robert reported there are 35 paid team members and two individual members. He suggested raising the membership dues to \$35, but it was pointed out that this would require approval of the general membership. Kitty mentioned that Sacred Mountain SAR has folded and their equipment is stored with the CAP. She will inventory the equipment and

report back at the next meeting. Tony reported the Colorado K-9 team has requested seed-money. Gail pointed out that this requires a mission number and it may not be possible for an out-of-state team to obtain one. She will check with James Newberry.

D. Newsletter – Dave B. reported that he could not get the spring issue onto the website until May due to software problems. The next issue will be published in August with a July 31 deadline for input. The new Chair will write the “From the Chair” article. A report on ESCAPE 2008 will be included. Sue suggested that someone write a training article and that the OMI instructor be asked to write an article. Don suggested reporting on the Wolf Creek search if it takes place. Dave needs bios and photos for the new Board members.

E. Fundraising – Gail reported that Steve Van Kouteren has resigned as Fundraising Chair, but he will maintain contact with Patagonia.

F. Review Board – Ross reported that the Review Board still has not been appointed and has not met in over four years. He explained the functions of the Board for the new members.

G. Mapping Program – Gail reported that the mapping program is doing well.

H. Website – It was agreed to post some pictures from ESCAPE. A question arose as to when to remove information about ESCAPE 2008 and begin posting information about ESCAPE 2009. Issue tabled until a later meeting.

I. PACE – Gail reported that she has resigned as Chairperson. James Newberry will replace her. She volunteered to remain as the Council’s liaison.

V. Old Business

A. Next Year’s ESCAPE – Sue reported that reservations for ESCAPE 2009 have been made with the convention center and the hotel. A block of rooms and suites will be reserved until March 31. Tony reported that White Mountain SAR has offered to assist.

B. Decals – On a motion Robert, seconded by Ross, Gail’s suggested design was unanimously accepted. Gary will be asked to prepare some samples incorporating Gail’s suggestions.

C. By-Laws Change – The new Secretary will make the changes, then file with the State and arrange to have posted on the website.

D. State Police Attendance at ESCAPE – Dave B. asked if anything has been said to the State Police about their lack of attendance. Gail reported that invitations had been placed in the boxes of high-ranking officers at the Santa Fe headquarters. She suggested that a Board meeting be held in Santa Fe and higher-ranking officers be invited.

VI. New Business

A. Handouts to New Board Members – Gail distributed hard copies of the Policies, By-Laws and Officer/Chair Duties as well as a CD to the new Board members.

B. Election of Officers/Committee Chair Selections

Officers

- Σ Richard Swartz volunteered to remain Treasurer. There were no other nominations
- Σ Brian Fuller volunteered to become Secretary. There were no other nominations.
- Σ Gail Zimmerman stepped down as Chair/President and volunteered to be Vice Chair/Vice President. There were no other nominations.
- Σ Ross nominated Gary Cascio to be Chair/President. Dave B. seconded.
- Σ Richard nominated Tony Gaier for Chair/President. Tony declined.

On a motion by Ross, seconded by Kitty, nominations were closed. On a motion by Ross, seconded by Don, the above individuals were elected by acclamation.

Committee Chairs - The following volunteered and were selected to be committee chairs:

- Σ Fundraising – Tony Gaier
- Σ Membership – Robert Valdez and Dave McClard
- Σ Newsletter/PIO – Dave Baldrige
- Σ SAR Review Board Representative – Gail Zimmerman
- Σ PACE Liaison – Gail Zimmerman
- Σ ESCAPE 2009 – Phyllis Wright and Richard Swartz
- Σ Training – Kitty Mason

C. Future Meeting Dates:

- Σ August 16, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. Distr. 5 Hq., Albuquerque
- Σ October 25, 2008 – location to be determined
- Σ December 6, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. Distr. 5 Hq., Albuquerque

D. Other

Gail volunteered to update the Policies and Procedures. Board members should give their comments to her, she will update, then review the changes with the Board.

Dave B. will announce the dates of the Wolf Creek search on the SAR Forum if it occurs. He reported that James Newberry will issue a mission number.

VII. Adjourn

On a motion by Ross, seconded by Don, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Don Stone, Secretary

