

**New Mexico Emergency Services Council  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
August 16, 2008**

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

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

- I.**     **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Cascio at 10:03 a.m.
- II.**     **Minutes from Last Meeting** - The minutes of the June 14, 2008, Board meeting were approved by e-mail on July 18, 2008.
- III.**    **Treasurer's Report** - Richard distributed Account Balances as of 8/15/08 (Total: \$27,489.10); Transactions from 6/12/08 through 8/15/08 (Inflow: \$211.86.00, Outflow: -\$809.63, Net Total: -\$597.77); and the Account Balances as of 8/15/08 are ESCAPE \$15,298.57, ING \$5,090.30, NMESC Checking \$3,795.00 and Savings \$3,304.73. There was a deposit adjustment of \$455.00, due to a miscalculation. The bank charged a fee on the ESCAPE account because of the number of checks written, the ESCAPE account is a low volume account. A motion was made by Gail, seconded by Robert, the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.
- IV.**    **Committee Reports**
- A. **Training** – Kitty was not present to make a report.
- B. **E.S.C.A.P.E.** – Phyllis reported that the process is being started. The files will be transferred from Tony to Phyllis. Dave B. reported that REI is very interested in being a vendor at the next ESCAPE. Dave will keep in contact with REI. It was agreed that vendors at ESCAPE should have equipment and gear to sell on site. Vendors should not just be there to hand out coupons. Tony will be coordinating the vendors for ESCAPE 09.
- C. **Membership** – Robert reported that there is a new team, Moriarty Nazarene Search and Rescue. Brian is their team liaison. A list of team liaisons was handed out at the meeting. The liaison list will be posted on the web page. Gary asked that the list be generated electronically for ease of posting to the web page.
- D. **Newsletter** – Dave B. reported that he is waiting on articles. The new Chair will write the "From the Chair" article. Dave needs bios and photos for the new Board members. A report and summary of ESCAPE 2008 will be included in the newsletter. Dave is going to have the OMI write a training article. A summary of the conclusion to the Wolf Creek search will be included in the newsletter. Public relations will be added as a Committee report on future agendas. Discussion ensued regarding the overall education of the public by NMESC. It was agreed to develop a basic fact sheet on Search and Rescue in New Mexico. This fact sheet can be given to the field coordinators to hand out to the media. Gary also requested that press releases be developed throughout the year and try to get more media involved. If news videos and or articles are published regarding SAR missions, we should get permission to post the articles on the web page.

- E. **Mapping Program** – Gary stated that there was nothing new to report.
- F. **Website** – Gary reported the desire to overhaul and up-date the web page. Ideas for updating the web page were discussed. An idea is to have more in-depth mission summaries posted onto the web page. Listing upcoming trainings on a month to month basis would be helpful. Gary will talk with Dick Wagner on having that posted. It was reported that a lot of spam is being received through the NMESC email address. Keith suggested setting up a PPH for when emails are sent to board members.
- G. **Fundraising** – Tony discussed the overall duties and responsibilities of the fundraising chair. Ideas were discussed on additional vendors for ESCAPE. A possible fundraising is to sell advertising on the web page. It was agreed that the advertising should not be obnoxious with pop-ups. Gary was going to look into more information on possible revenue and advertising rates.
- H. **PACE** – Gail stated that the committee has nothing to report.
- I. **SAR Review Board** – An email was received from the Governor’s office asking for the name of the board member who is to be the representative for the SAR review board. No meeting has been scheduled.

**V. Old Business**

- A. **Reimbursements** – A question was asked about the reimbursement forms on the NMESC web page and if the forms are current ones that are to be used. The forms on the web page will be verified.
- B. **Website** – A discussion was had regarding what information to have posted on the web page. This information would cover the process on how to have a SAR mission started.

**VI. New Business**

- A. **Lobbying the Legislature** – Gary discussed the budget for SAR that will be proposed to DPS. The state no longer has satellite phones for use on SAR missions. Colorado’s SAR policy and fees were discussed. Possibilities were discussed on how to raise funds for SAR. Keith was going to look into possible areas for fees.
- B. **ESCAPE (2010)** – Possible locations for a permanent place was discussed for ESCAPE. An ideal location would be something that is more central in the state. Possible locations would be college campuses, hotels, or convention centers. Philmont Scout Ranch has expressed interest in having ESCAPE return to their location.
- C. **Email List Servers for FCs, SCs and General Membership List Server.** – Gary reported that an email group was set up on Yahoo Group for the Field Coordinators and Section Chiefs. This email group was set up to replace the list server that Tom Russo was maintaining. NMESC is hosting the Yahoo Group. The current general state SAR email forum is being hosted at NM Tech. It was discussed as to whether to have a general SAR email forum on Yahoo Groups. It was agreed to leave the existing general email forum in place.

- D. **Electronic Files** – Gary requested that all board members should maintain electronic files of documents.
- E. **Selling FC Patches and Car Stickers** – A request was made to have the NMESC council be in charge of selling the FC patches. It was agreed that the selling and distribution of the patches should not be a part of NMESC
- F. **Public Relations** – See News Letter committee report in these minutes.
- G. **\$5,000 Kerchen/George donation** – A donation was made to the Colorado K-9 team, because of their involvement in the search at Wolf Creek. The team has decided to invest the donation and the interest earned from the donation will be divided between Colorado SARCON and New Mexico ESCAPE training events. Every other year NMESC will receive money to help fund the K-9 track. A thank you letter will be sent out.
- H. **Future Meeting Dates:**
1. October 25, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. District. 5 Headquarters, Albuquerque
  2. December 6, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. possibly in Socorro. Robert will contact the Captain at Socorro.
  3. 2009 meeting dates will be set up at the December meeting.
- I. **By-Laws and State SAR Plan** – Gary encouraged people to read the by-laws and state SAR plan.
- J. **Team Typing:** Phyllis asked about the team typing and where it is used and or required. Gail stated that the team typing is asked for by the state on the annual team information sheet.
- K. **NMESC Name** – Gary brought up the idea of changing the name of the council so that it more represents and is correlated to search and rescue. The by-laws state that the alternate name is New Mexico Search and Rescue Council. Phyllis made a motion to use NMSAR Council instead of NMESC, second by Richard. The motion was approved unanimously.
- VII. Adjourn** On a motion by Robert, seconded by Tony, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Submitted by:



Brian Fuller, Secretary