

New Mexico Search and Rescue Council Board Meeting 6/27/22

Attendance: Erik Nelson, David Price, Ron Nelson, Bob Howell, Dave Moffat, Larry Zentner, Rick Wiedenmann, Jon Hitchcock, Tyler Mobraten, Rebecca Penn

Called to order at 1908

Approved agenda at 1909

Approved previous minutes at 1909

David will upload minutes soon

Old Business

Equipment grant (Ron)

Will contact communications unit leaders around the state to gauge interest

General Meeting

Bob and Dave were elected to the board at the last general meeting (5/23)

Base Medical classes were offered to teams at no cost (David)

75 codes were sent out statewide

ESCAPE 2023 will be at Philmont next year

Larry interjects that Spenser Moreland and Mary Walker desire to help with ESCAPE next year, and that a member of AMRC may also be interested in helping with the medical and/or technical tracks

Treasurer's report (Jon)

Very little activity since June 13th (the last report)

G&A renewal of Quickbooks subscription and payment of postage for a \$1.36 for Larry to mail out patches that were requested

Donations have improved \$1,563

Quickbooks \$75

storage unit increased from \$36 to \$37 monthly since May

PO box rental \$232

Website management costs are higher than a year ago, paid in January for 2 years of service on Weebly

Map sales \$250

Membership dues \$1,538

Add a separate page on the website to list merchandise that's in the storage unit for sale (Larry)

Membership (Tyler)

Occasional inquiry from individuals wishing to join a team

5-6 teams did not renew council memberships this year

Most teams renew when they realize they won't have access to discounted rates for ESCAPE

Membership dues are down from last year

Training (Rick)

Nothing new to report, no inquiries about training

David will look into a reduced price WFA course through Base Medical

Rebecca is still working on finalizing the K9 training with the state Resource Officer

Rebecca mentions that Mary Walker is talking to Zoe Havlena and Marc Levesque about hosting the K9 training at NM Tech in Socorro, but are also investigating locations in Santa Fe and Albuquerque

The business offering the training will obtain a W-9 with the state so that they can be paid directly

Communications (Ron)

No updates

Mapping (David)

A few custom map orders have been placed

Admin (David)

A few requests for adds to the email forum and new NMSAR email addresses

Vic Villalobos from MVSAR has chased down the insurance that DPS provides to cover SAR volunteers (30k for medical, and 50k for death and dismemberment, which is split between multiple people during the mission)

The coverage could be increased to 100k for a cost of 1k/yr

The current coverage dates back to the 1990s and does not meet current needs

Larry will follow up with Bob Rodgers regarding DPS increasing the insurance coverage for SAR volunteers

During a recent mission, a SAR volunteer suffered a leg fracture and had to be airlifted and hospitalized for several days

Our GoToMeeting has been used by a couple of teams to facilitate their own meetings (David)

Ron brings up that the Council should send out an occasional update regarding activities

Board seats are served in 3 year terms, Officer elections are held yearly

Larry Zentner has been elected as Chair for the term of 2022-2023 (Jon motions, Rick seconds, unanimous)

Rebecca Penn has been elected as Vice Chair (Ron motions, Erik seconds, unanimous confirmation)

Erik Nelson has been re-elected to the position of Secretary (Jon motions, Rick seconds, unanimous)

Jon Hitchcock has been re-elected to the position of Treasurer (Rick motions, Erik seconds, unanimous)

Committees (not elected)

ESCAPE (currently Ruth Ann Neal) Jon raises that we should have a co-chair position to assist with ESCAPE, David responds that Spenser/Mary would likely fulfill that role, Larry states that a co-chair could help share the load, Dave Moffat states he will be playing an active role in ESCAPE, Dave Moffat will officially be designated the co-chair for ESCAPE

Mapping (currently David, and he will continue in this position)

Membership (Tyler and Rebecca, David is assisting in the background)

Communications (Ron and Erik will continue)

Training (Rick will remain in this position, Bob will join)

Training

Statewide exercises have been held by Marc Levesque in the South part of the state for the purpose of training new FCs

Rebecca has been helping organize trainings as well

A statewide exercise (with the official state number assigned) has been suggested to be planned and held in either the Fall of 2022 or Spring 2023

In 2020 there was a helicopter training planned that was canceled due to COVID, it would be good to plan another in the near future

The board would like to thank David Price for serving as Chair of the Council Board for the past 5 years

Next meeting will be August 29th at 7pm

Adjourned at 2009, motion by Jon, second by Ron

- Erik Nelson, New Mexico Search and Rescue Council Board Secretary

