



**NMSARC Board General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 16, 2016
Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino – Pueblo Ballroom**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Carrie Hale at 0806

Introductions to NMSARC Board

Members:

1. Carrie Hale – Chair, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad
2. Mary Walker – Vice Chair/Secretary, Sandia Search Dogs
3. Larry Zentner – Treasurer, CAP, NM SAR Support Team
4. Michaela Buenemann – Dona Ana County SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad
5. Aimee Adamek - Atalaya SAR
6. Spenser Moreland – Cibola SAR
7. Terry Morton – Santa Fe Search and Rescue Group, NM Working K9s

Guests

1. Bob Rodgers – NM State Resource Officer
2. Bob Baker – SAR Review Board member
3. Bryan Enberg - NASAR

Minutes from ESCAPE 2015 – Prepared by Edwin Steimling; presented by Mary Walker

- Vote was postponed as meeting minutes were missing from team packets

Treasurer’s Report – Larry Zentner

- NMSARC is solvent with no financial concerns
- All required federal and state forms are filed and up-to-date
- Financial reports will be moved to website under archived documents
- FY 2016 Budget presented with zero balance. It was noted that significant donations have been received from families of SAR mission subjects

Bob Rodgers, NM State Resource Officer

- There were 116 SAR incidents in 2015; up from the 90 in 2014
- Of 155 total subjects: 113 found in good health; 20 injured; 18 deceased; 4 unable to be located; aircraft used on 34 SAR incidents
- All teams are encouraged to conduct trainings in areas where individuals were unable to be located
- Future plans:
 - New curriculum for all section chief positions is now finalized
 - All section chiefs will need to take new courses before end of 2017
 - Pursuing state guidelines for individual teams’ certification

- Strong desire to increase collaboration and communication with NMSARC Board
 - Would like to see a larger emphasis on trainings
- Recognized Tony Gaier – New Co-Chair for PACE committee for field certifications

Bryan Enberg – NASAR representative

- Described NASAR focus as “SAR” higher education and advocacy organization
- Described training opportunities offered by NASAR

ESCAPE 2016 Report – Roberta Armstrong

- 139 full registrants plus 35 instructors and 15 day pass registrants
- Vendors – Search Gear and Rescue Tactic & Training
- Many valuable sponsors were recognized including businesses and individual SAR teams
- Herb Kincey – lunch speaker
- Paul French from AdventureSmart – dinner speaker

Training – Larry Zentner

- NMSARC Board trying to improve training opportunities for SAR teams
- Formalize organizational calendar to coordinate joint SAR exercises
- Establish a training library

Mapping Program – Michaela Buenemann

- Provided an update on costs, numbers, and capability. Future plans – add GIS

Membership – Aimee Adamek

- 38 current member teams; one new (NM Badlands SAR) and one dropped out (San Miquel County SAR)
- UNM Reach and Treat is newly certified team and being encourage to join NMSARC

Speaker’s Bureau – Larry Zentner

- Concept: ID subject matter experts who are willing to speak to other teams
 - Need identification of subject matter experts
 - Need teams to make requests
- Underutilized because individuals and teams were not aware of its existence
- Larry Zentner will take initiative to move this forward

Public Relations – Carrie Hale, Aimee Adamek, and Roberta Armstrong

- Facebook and Website are primary mechanisms of public information
- New website unveiling! Hope to be launched in May

Bob Baker, SAR Review Board

- NM SAR Plan has been brought up to date
- SAR Act regulatory provisions being reviewed
 - On-going discussions and planning regarding field certifications and recertifications
 - Policies, procedures, and processes being aligned with the NM Administrative Code
 - Liability insurance regarding transport in airplanes for SAR missions, medical director for NM SAR are items of continued discussion

- Personnel actions
 - Chief's award – Awarded to Gary Williams in 2015
 - Former DPS Secretary Gregory Fouratt has left the Board and been replaced by new DPS Secretary Scott Weaver
 - Sherriff Marco Lucero Los Alamos county
 - Frankie Benoist (SAR community representative) resigned resulting in current vacancy
 - 10-12 applications being reviewed
 - Major John Gravel, CAP renewed membership
- Next meeting: July 19, 2016 in Ruidoso

Ralph Dawdy Memorial Award and Service Awards

- **Ralph Dawdy Award**
 - Three nominations were received. Sandia Search Dogs nominated the award winner, Dave Baldrige, for his commitment and dedication to NM and K9 search and rescue
- **Departing Board Members recognized**
 - Thanks to Carrie Hale and Spenser Moreland

Board Elections

- Formal election for interim serving members: Aimee Adamek, Michaela Buenemann, Terry Morton, and Verena Wissenborn
- Nominations:
 - Eric Roybal, Santa Fe Sherriff's Posse
 - Sean McGann, Mountain Canine Corp
- Eric Hjelmfelt, Sante Fe SAR Motion to accept the slate of all candidates, Second by Cibola SAR
- 22 votes in favor, none opposed

The meeting was adjourned at 1000 with the understanding that additional items of business would be completed immediately prior to dinner speaker

Call to Order: Reconvened meeting was called to order by Carrie Hale at 1830

- Show of hands of one representative from each team was requested
 - 25 team representatives were present which was sufficient for quorum

Election of new candidate to NMSARC Board

- David Price, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad was nominated by his team
- Motion to approve by Atalya SAR, Second by Cibola SAR
- 25 voted in favor, none opposed

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- Motion to approve by Santa Fe SAR, Second by Socorro SAR
- 25 voted in favor, none opposed

Revision of Bylaws – Mary Walker

- Typographical error was noted on definition of fiscal year: Correction – July 1 to June 30

- Discussion of definition of quorum. Agreed to revise definition of quorum to majority of all board members
- Motion to approve bylaws as amended above by Cibola SAR, Second by Mesilla Valley SAR
- 23 voted in favor, none opposed, 2 abstained

Meeting was adjourn at 1845

Respectively submitted
Mary K. Walker