

**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
October 17, 2009**

The meeting was held at the NMSR Training Academy – Santa Fe, NM

Attending: Dave Baldrige, Joe Bigley, Gary Cascio, Brian Fuller, Tony Gaier, John Gallegos, Gerry Runte, Richard Swartz and Phyllis Wright. Absent: Tom Bemis and Kitty Mason

- I.** **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Cascio at 9:59.

- II.** **Minutes from Last Meeting:** The minutes of the August 8, 2009, Board Meeting were approved by e-mail on September 3, 2009.

- III.** **Treasurer's Report:** Richard presented the current account balances (ESCAPE account \$15,579.⁴¹, ING Direct \$5,208.⁵⁶, Checking \$3,053.⁴³, Savings \$3,307.¹⁷) and a list of all the transactions. Checks distributed to teams for the donation for mission 09-07-09. \$300 donation for ESCAPE was received. Annual report to IRS were filed. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Tony, Dave 2nd, approved unanimously.

- IV.** **Committee Reports**
 - A. Training:** Kitty emailed report about winter training to be held had Santa Fe Ski Basin starting January 8, 2010 and ending on Sunday January 10. Information will be posted on the web page soon.

 - B. ESCAPE:** (April 30-May 2, 2010) Looking for a track lead for the K-9 track in order to get the track organized in time for press. Dave volunteered to help organize the track. Discussed having K-9 search on the water and searches along shore. John volunteered to work on the technical track. Guest speaker Robert Koester is working on the fee for attending ESCAPE. Meals and meal plans are being worked out and the cost will be included on the registration forms.

 - C. Membership:** The list of member teams on the website is not current. Will be contacting all teams to get emails. Will be trying to have the team data into an electronic form whether that can be in excel or a database. The electronic form needs to be set up so it can be easily handed over to future board members. Discussed having the team database accessible on the council's webpage via secured access. Phyllis requested board members to submit reasons for teams joining NMSARC. New membership fees discussed by the board and the different options of prorating them. Richard made a motion that the annual fee be \$5 per person up to \$50. Motion withdrawn. Dave (2nd by John) made motion that the fee shall be tiered membership, dues \$5 per person for teams 10 and fewer, for teams 11-30 \$50, teams 31 or more shall be \$75. Total team membership will be determined by the number of members as reported to the state SAR resource officer. Motion approved unanimously.

 - D. Newsletter / Public Information Officer:** Dave will be working on the newsletter. Some board member bios and photos still need to be submitted. Articles to be

included in newsletter: Winter Training, ESCAPE, letter from the chair, memorial for Sgt Andy Tingwall, introduction to the interim resource officer. Dave has set a target deadline for the newsletter to get out within the next 2 weeks.

E. Mapping Program: Nothing to report.

F. Website: Nothing to report.

G. Fundraising: Nothing to report.

H. P.A.C.E.: Have contacted Frank Mulholland, PACE chair. Will post the upcoming Field Certification exams that will be held in the next couple of weeks. Richard will verify how many patches the state owes the council.

I. SAR Review Board: Gerry gave a summary of the SAR Review Board. The board had met on October 16, 2009 at SP Headquarters. The process started in July to become compliant with the state SAR act. A letter was sent to the Governor in August from NMSARC. The SAR review board agreed to submit a request to the Governor to assign a new chair to the SAR review board. A debrief of mission 09-01-05 was conducted in September by the State Police.

V. Old Business

A. Goals and Projects: Nothing to report

B. Toss Bag: Tom has emailed a list for recommended items for a SAR toss bag. The maximum size and weight will need to be determined and then the list of equipment will be used. Discussed possibly having drop bags in each district or with each Field Coordinator.

VI. New Business

A. Apparel: Gary presented some sample apparel items with the new logo. Gary will investigate some other ideas and the cost of apparel.

VII. Adjourn: On a motion by Richard, (2nd Phyllis), the meeting was adjourned at 13:04.

VIII. Meeting Date: December 5, 2009 - 10:00AM. Location will be determined.

Submitted by:

Brian Fuller, Secretary