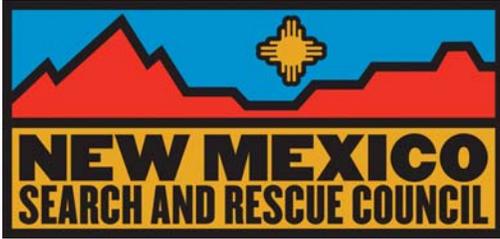


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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

May 1, 2010

Philmont Training Center – Cimarron, NM

1. **Welcome** – The meeting was convened by President, Gary Cascio at 8:13 a.m. After welcoming the attendees, he introduced the interim SAR Resource Officer, Inspector Michael Valverde. Mr. Cascio introduced Mike Anderson, Director of Philmont Training Center. Mr. Anderson welcomed NMSARC back to Philmont and presented some facts about BSA and Philmont Scout Ranch as well as some general announcements regarding the facility. Mr. Cascio then introduced the members of the 2009-2010 board of directors. Mr. Cascio thanked the 2010 ESCAPE Sponsors for their financial support. Mr. Cascio listed the vendors attending and encouraged everyone to visit them.
2. **Minutes from ESCAPE 2009** – Brian Fuller, Secretary, requested approval of the minutes of the 2009 General Meeting which were included in the team packets. On a motion made by Bill Boedeker and seconded by Mike Dugger, the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Richard Swartz, Treasurer reported the following balances: ESCAPE – 31,548.16; ING Direct - \$5,236.84; Checking - \$3,284.88; Savings - \$3308.03; Total - \$43,377.91. Mr. Swartz said that the ESCAPE account is large because the bills for ESCAPE will be paid soon. Mr. Swartz reviewed the items listed in the annual report. On a motion made by Al Webster and seconded Rick Weidenmann, the report was unanimously approved.
4. **Board Elections** – Brian announced that there were six vacancies and that seven candidates had been nominated prior to the meeting. Nominations were then opened up and received from the floor. Doug Palmer nominated Nate Lay to the board. No further nominations were made from the floor. The eight nominees gave a brief presentation about their background with SAR. The nominees were; Robert Cort – OMTRS, Brian Hamilton – MVSAR, Eric Hjelmfelt – SFSAR, Nate Lay – PSAR, David MacLauchlan – CAP, Cindy Oliver – SSD, Pat Seiser – ECSAR and Joanne Sprenger SMSAR.

Committee Reports

5. **ESCAPE 2010** – Tony Gaier, ESCAPE Chair thanked all of the instructors for their time and effort and helping to make ESCAPE a success. The early registration door prize winner (Garmin Etrex GPS) was Al Webster. Mr. Gaier announced that due to the weather, Saturday night dinner will be in the dining hall. Mr. Gaier thanked the sponsors and vendors and encouraged people to stop by the silent auction.
6. **Training** – Phyllis Wright, Training Chair provided a summary report of the trainings that have occurred over the last year. 2009 ESCAPE in Ruidoso had 215 people in attendance. Desert training occurred in August with over 60 people in attendance and 11 instructors. The winter training in February of this year had over 35 people in attendance for a mock search focusing on search, comms, navigation, med evac and more. Upcoming trainings include: K9 water search sponsored by Sandia Search Dogs on May 21 thru 23 at Caballo Lake. Cave training exercise is scheduled for June 19 and 20 at Fort Stanton and will include a cave rescue.

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7. **Publicity Chair Report** – Dave Baldrige gave a report on the new brochures that have been developed over the last year by the council. These include a general SAR brochure as well as the new donation brochure that will be used by Field Coordinators. Mr. Baldrige summarized that his contacts with media have reported that the overall relations with SAR during missions has been low. He also reported that an electronic reporting method is being reviewed to see if it would help in distributing information during an active SAR mission.
8. **Membership** – Phyllis Wright, Membership Chair reported that the Council has 40 member teams and two individual members. Each member team has a board liaison in case they need assistance. The new website has links for member teams that will take visitors to the team's web page. The new web page will have the ability to post one phone number for the team. Ms. Wright briefly discussed the council projects that are in the works, toss bag and radio repeater.
9. **Map Program** – Bob Cowen reported that the mapping program was started nearly five years ago. Plain paper maps cost \$2.00, waterproof maps cost \$4.00 and mission maps are free. Special maps can be produced and example is large scale avalanche maps. To date over 3,100 maps have been printed. There is approximately \$3,400 dollars in the account.
10. **Web Site** – Gary Cascio gave a brief presentation on the new web page. Mr. Cascio pointed out some of the features and how information can be easily found. A new feature is a mission map that includes approximate location and summaries. This database is being worked on and updated. Mission summaries and locations can be sent to the NMSARC board or to Brian Fuller to be included.
11. **2010-2011 Budget** – Richard Swartz presented the proposed budget for 2010-2011. On a motion made by Steve Crawford and seconded Rick Weidenmann, the budget was unanimously approved.
12. **SAR Review Board** – Gerry Runte gave a brief report on the current activities of the SAR Review Board. The board reconvened in October of 2009 after a many years of not meeting. Mr. Runte reviewed the overall function of the board as well as their role.
13. **ESCAPE 2011** – John Gallegos announced that ESCAPE 2011 will be held in the Ruidoso area. Final details are being worked out and will be announced soon. Mr. Gallegos asked for input from the membership on locations for ESCAPE. The needs include areas for classrooms, outdoor activities for K9 and horses, as well as a location that is not prohibitively expensive. Ideas and suggestions can be sent to any of the board members.
14. **Outgoing Board Members** – Gary presented plaques to the outgoing board members who completed their three year term on the board: Dave Baldrige, Gary Cascio, Brian Fuller, Tony Gaier and Richard Swartz.
15. **Ralph Dawdy Memorial Award** – Gary Cascio announced that the award, by unanimous decision of the committee and with the concurrence by the entire Board, goes to Bob Lathrop of Chaves County Search and Rescue. Tom Bemis presented a summary of Mr. Lathrop's SAR experience and background.
16. **Special Awards**
 - Inspector Mike Valverde and Beck Atkinson, AC recounted mission 08-02-05 and the efforts of SAR personnel during the mission. Certificates of recognition were presented to SAR members.
 - Gary Cascio presented a plaque to Tony Gaier for his work and dedication in planning for ESCAPE 2010. In Mr. Gaier's three year term on the board he voluntarily planned and organized ESCAPE 2008 and 2010.

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- Dave Baldrige presented Gary Cascio with this year's "Which End is Up" award. Mr. Baldrige recounted the efforts of Mr. Cascio in the entertainment of Tadc. It is through these efforts of throwing sticks and a rope ball for Tadc, which may require Gary to have shoulder surgery.
- 17. Voting Results** – Brian Fuller announced the voting results of the elections. The new board members are: Robert Cort – Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Brian Hamilton – Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue, Eric Hjelmfelt – Santa Fe Search and Rescue, Nate Lay – Philmont Search and Rescue, Cindy Oliver – Sandia Search Dogs, Pat Seiser – Eddy County Search and Rescue.
- 18. Resource Officer** – Inspector Michael Valverde discussed the role and position of the SAR Resource Officer. In addition he discussed the budget for SAR and some of the trainings that will be planned for the upcoming year.
- 19. Door Prizes** – Door prizes for ESCAPE were provided by a number of companies and vendors. The tickets were drawn and the items were distributed.
- 20. Adjourn** – On a motion made by Steve Crawford and seconded by Pat Seiser it was unanimously approved to adjourn at 10:01 a.m.

Submitted by:

Brian Fuller, Secretary