



NMSARC General Meeting Minutes
Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino Convention Center
Pueblo Ballroom
Pojoaque, NM
0800 April 26, 2014

1. Call to order, welcome and introduction of guests. Karon Avery brought the meeting to order at 0804
 - a. Introductions of Board Members:
 - i. Karon Avery – Cibola SAR
 - ii. Larry Zentner - CAP, NM SAR Support Team
 - iii. Carrie Hale – Organ Mtn Technical Rescue Squad
 - iv. Spenser Moreland – Socorro SAR, Cibola SAR
 - v. Edwin Steimling – SAR Taos
 - b. Introduction of Guests:
 - i. Bob Rodgers – NM SAR Resource Officer
 - ii. Pete Kassetas – NM State Police Chief
 - iii. Howard Paul – National Assoc. of Search and Rescue
 - iv. Members of NM SAR Review Board present
 1. Stock Colt, Chairman
 2. Bob Baker – NMSARC Rep, Cibola SAR, NM SAR Support Team
2. **Secretary – Edwin Steimling**
 - a. Minutes from ESCAPE 2013
 - i. Motion to accept by Dan Hoff, Socorro SAR
 - ii. 2nd Art Romo, NM SAR Support Team
3. **Treasurer’s Report – Larry Zentner**
 - a. Larry Zentner explained the accounts and the new information about the Wells Fargo credit card system.
 - i. Wells Fargo Accts:
 1. ESCAPE: \$15,625.67
 2. NMSARC: \$14,824.98
 3. Savings: \$1,810.91
 - ii. Capital One Acct: \$5,348.53
 - b. The treasurer stated that the Council is taking a loss by using this venue.
 - c. No comments from the community
4. **NM SAR Resource Officer Bob Rodgers**

- a. Welcomed Chief Pete Kassetas
- b. Mr. Rodgers thanked the SAR community for their continued dedication
- c. The Resource Officer reported the statistics of 2013's SAR Missions
- d. Noted the locations of Radio Repeaters purchased from the NM SAR Council
- e. Numbers of active Field Certifications: 2014: 4
2013: 87
2012: 143
- f. Costs
 - i. Trainings: FY13 – \$32,403
FY14 - \$9,615.26 (to date)
 - ii. Missions: FY13 – \$16,164.23
FY14 – \$24,931.54
- g. Trainings left in the year:
 - i. Basic SAR Tracking – May 2014
 - ii. FC Recertification – May 2014
 - iii. Section Chief – Summer/Fall 2014
 - iv. Safety/PIO – Summer/Fall 2014
- h. Other Initiatives
 - i. Basic Certification Criteria
 - ii. Section Chief Curriculum
 - iii. Basic Field Certification Recertification
 - iv. K-9 NMSAR Certification/Evaluation

5. Committee Reports:

- a. ESCAPE - Carrie Hale and Spenser Moreland**
 - i. A special thank you to Karon Avery for her service to make ESCAPE happen.
 - ii. This year's attendance stats are as follows:
 - a. 30 instructors on hand
 - b. 137 participants
 - c. 6 members from NM SAR Review Board
 - d. 3 vendors
 - e. 22 guests joining SAR volunteer registrants.
 - iii. We will continue to offer the Day Pass for next year's event based on the success from this year.
 - iv. The following stats are team attendance:
 - 1. OMTRS brought 17 members
 - 2. Santa Fe SAR 16 members
 - 3. Cibola SAR and Socorro SAR 12 members each
 - v. Silent Auction will be closing at 7:00
 - vi. We have three vendors this year: Search Gear, Conterra Inc, Durango Safety and Rescue
 - vii. There are several static displays and Howard Paul of NASAR will have a table for volunteers to stop by and say hello.

b. Speaker's Bureau – Larry Zentner

- i. Larry explained the intent of the Speaker's Bureau and invited the assembly to offer their trainings to other teams in the State.
- ii. Any 'Guest Speakers' who have a training they would like to offer are encouraged to contact Larry in order to broker trainings.

c. Training Report - Spenser Moreland on behalf of Lloyd Voights

- i. Spenser provided information regarding the numbers of people who have completed trainings in 2013, highlighting the number of new members in the SAR community.
- ii. Question: Al Webster, Santa Fe SAR asked what time period the numbers were focused on. These numbers are from ESCAPE 2013 to ESCAPE 2014

d. Public Information Officer - Carrie Hale

- i. Carrie recognized Dave Baldrige for his help in making press releases happen.
- ii. It was noted the importance of public information for the SAR Community in order to increase awareness of the Teams as a community resource. This increases membership inquiries as well as awareness for the financial needs these teams have in the state.
- iii. The council encourages teams to take advantage of the PIO to promote Trainings, Fundraisers and Mission reports

e. Communications Committee - Bill Boedeker

- i. Bill presented a report from the Communications Committee.
- ii. The specified members of the committee are Don Hinson (Chairman), Bill Boedeker, Tom Bemis, Lloyd Voights, and Glenn Mauger.
- iii. The Committee wants to formalize the communications aspect of Search and Rescue
- iv. Goals: Infrastructure, New and Emerging Technology, Standardization, and Training.
- v. Bill highlighted the difference between the FEMA and New Mexico SAR Communications Team Leader requirements.

f. Membership – Karon Avery

- i. We have 39 NMSARC Member Teams and one going to join in the next month (Oklahoma Mounted SAR).

g. Mapping Program – Karon Avery

- i. Thanked the past Council Board Members (Gary Cascio, Phyllis Wright, Brian Fuller, and Richard Swartz) who assisted in producing information regarding the initial MOU for the program and offered advice regarding its conception.
- ii. The mapping program has been suspended until further notice since the passing of Bob Cowan.

- iii. Due to the lack of personnel and time constraints the Los Alamos Civil Defense SAR organization has chosen to not continue participation at this time.
- iv. Richard Browning shared paperwork regarding the program to share with interested parties to get an idea of time and effort required.

h. Public Relations – Carrie Hale

- i. Carrie Hale reported the status of the NMSARC website, Facebook page and the twitter page also run by the council.
- ii. The floor was opened up to questions

i. NM SAR Review Board representative – Bob Baker

- i. Bob explained the purpose of the NM SAR Review Board as well as his position on the board. He also detailed the members of the Board as well as their backgrounds.
- ii. Mr. Baker mentioned the revisions of the SAR Plan and thanked the membership for their input.
- iii. The final revisions of the SAR Plan will be distributed in the coming weeks. There will be a three-week comment period.
- iv. DET 1 from Alamogordo was approved on 25 April 2014 by the SAR Review Board. This team will be listed in the Resource Directory.
- v. The Review Board will be looking into the criteria of eligible SAR teams.
- vi. Insurance for equipment is in the process of being investigated by Major Armijo
- vii. The next SAR Review board meeting will be in Albuquerque on July 25th, 2014.
- viii. The following will occur in Santa Fe on October 24th, 2014

6. Fallen Heroes Recognized:

- a. Ted Liversidge
- b. Bob Cowan
- c. Ric Himbrook

7. Ralph Dawdy Memorial Award:

- a. Karon Avery presented the 2014 Ralph Dawdy Memorial award to Chuck Baker of Catron County Search and Rescue for his continued dedication to all that is SAR in District 11. Congratulations Chuck!

8. New Business:

- a. The Council proposed a change to the verbiage in the NM SAR Council By-Laws Article V, Section 4, Part B - from 'no more than **one** consecutive term' to 'no more than **two** consecutive terms'. The proposed change was due to the chronic resignations over the past six years of Board Members not fulfilling their term requirements. An email was sent a month prior to this meeting for member team Officers to discuss. The Board Member interested in continuing for a second term

would need to go through the same voting process and either be nominated or submit a letter/SAR resume of interest.

- i. Discussion
 1. Una Smith of the Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club opposed this change.
- ii. Motion to approve by Dan Hoff, Socorro SAR
- iii. Motion seconded by Al Webster, Santa Fe SAR
- iv. The vote was cast:
 1. 20 Teams voted in favor
 2. 1 Team voted against

9. Board Elections:

- a. Nominations:
 - i. Larry Zentner nominated by Gary Williams, NM SAR Support Team
 - ii. Roberta Armstrong nominated by Steve Crawford, Santa Fe SAR
- b. Voting Results:
 - i. 23 Ballots have been cast
 - ii. Larry Zentner received 23 votes
 - iii. Roberta Armstrong received 22 votes

10. NASAR Presentation courtesy of Howard Paul, PIO of NASAR

- a. Resources and Services
 - i. The function of NASAR as a voice for Search and Rescue on the National Level
 - ii. The classes offered by NASAR
 - iii. The NASAR Annual Conference – New Jersey June 5-7 2014, cosponsored by Mountain rescue associates.
 - iv. www.nasar.org

11. The meeting was adjourned

- a. Eric Hjelmfelt moved to close at 1000.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edwin Steimling, Secretary