

**New Mexico Emergency Services Council
Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2008**

The meeting was held at the Glorieta Life Center, Glorieta, NM.

Attending: Gail Zimmerman, Sue Williams, Don Stone, Richard Swartz, Gary Cascio, Brian Fuller, Tony Gaier, Dave Baldrige, Robert Valdez. Absent Ross Holbrook.

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gail Zimmerman at 11:00 a.m.

II. Minutes from Last Meeting - The minutes of the February 9, 2008 meeting were approved via e-mail on March 12, 2008. No additional comments were offered.

III. Treasurer's Report - Richard distributed a balance sheet and activity report. Balances were: ESCAPE - \$10,690.47, ING money market account - \$ 5,037.96, NMESC checking account - \$4,212.86, and Wells Fargo savings account - \$3,302.98. Total - \$22,344.27. On a motion by Sue, seconded by Tony, the reports were approved.

Richard also reported that a \$50 donation was received from Richard and Judith Opsall (Mission 08-01-05) and a \$500 donation from Otto Burgmeier (Mission 08-05-01).

IV. Committee Reports

A. Training – Tony reported that Cibola SAR is planning a multi-team mock search around October. A mission number will be requested.

B. ESCAPE – Tony distributed an updated budget and reported he has 41 ESCAPE registrations and that 78 had registered for housing at Glorieta.. He said he thinks we will meet the minimum financial responsibility. He reported we are short two projectors. Sue will try to borrow them from the Dona Ana Community College. On a motion by Richard, seconded by David, it was agreed that if Sue is not successful in borrowing the projectors, Tony is authorized to purchase two projectors and one spare bulb, not to exceed \$2,000. Barbara Zabrieski has agreed to run the silent auction again. Brian reported that the ATV training is in doubt because he cannot reach his contact at the National Guard. Gail suggested going up the chain-of-command. Richard reported that Southwest Antennas is the only vendor lined-up to-date. Dave will check with REI; Gary will check with A-1 Communications. It was agreed that vendors would pay their own expenses and be encouraged to donate an item for the silent auction.

C. Membership – Robert distributed a list of teams that have paid their 2008 dues. Twenty-nine teams and one individual member have registered to-date. Richard pointed out that the members' page of the website is not current. Gary will update it. Gail reminded the Board that all member as well as non-member teams should have liaisons and the liaisons should contact their teams.

D. Newsletter – Dave reported that all articles are in but two Board Members' bios have yet to be submitted. He will distribute a draft next week.

E. Mapping Program – Gary will e-mail a report to the Board. [Subsequent to the meeting, he reported that since the map program began on 9/27/2005, 2392 maps have been printed; 619 on waterproof paper and 1,773 on plain paper. Current balance is \$2,865.17. There is enough paper and ink on hand to print another 500 maps.]

F. Website (Ads) – Dave will contact REI. Gail pointed out ads should be outdoor-related. Gary will check into revenue issues.

G. Fundraising – Gail reported for Steve Van Kouteren that there is a small probability that Patagonia will make a contribution, but a decision will not be made until May 1. She also suggested that a website ad be offered in return for a donation.

H. PACE – Gail reported that the Committee is considering a suggestion regarding the map and compass section of the Study Guide; otherwise there is nothing new to report.

I. SAR Review Board – No report due to Ross' absence.

V. Old Business

A. Reimbursement (Mileage for ESCAPE) – Gail will prepare a notice and instructions concerning reimbursement for mileage to be available at ESCAPE.

B. Logo – Items to Sell, Etc – Website – Gary demonstrated a sample T-shirt. A limited number will be sold at ESCAPE and will be available on Gary's web-based store. On a motion by Sue, seconded by Dave, it was unanimously agreed to order 35 shirts for sale at ESCAPE. Gary will look into pricing.

C. Press Release – Media Event – Dave reported that the KOAT-TV media event was a success. Gail suggested that some boilerplate be placed on the website to which teams could add their own information. Dave will draft the boilerplate and also will contact KOAT-TV for permission to put clips of the media event on the Council website.

D. Contact Info (SP, 911, etc.) – Gary will work with Resource Officer, James Newberry, concerning the training of 911 operators to refer callers to the State Police.

E. A/V Equipment – This item is covered above at "IV. B. ESCAPE".

VI. New Business

A. Raffle Item – It was agreed to hold a 50-50 raffle but not to raffle an item.

B. Next Year's ESCAPE Location – It was agreed that ESCAPE 2009 will be held at Ruidoso or Glorieta. Sue will check on Ruidoso. Tony reported that Glorieta is available.

C. Membership Stuff on Web – This item is covered above at “IV. C. Membership”.

D. State Budget – Gail distributed a proposed SAR budget prepared by the Area Commanders. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the lack of sufficient funds for the SAR Office. Gary, with the assistance of Robert and Brian, will study options for increasing state funding for SAR as well as looking into the Colorado system.

E. Colorado SAR Mission – Dave reported that he has been in contact with Colorado officials regarding a planned search in July for the two Albuquerque snowboarders missing at Wolf Creek. They are interested in involving New Mexico teams and staffing command structure positions. It was agreed that Colorado officials need to make an official request to the Resource Officer. Gail will contact James Newberry to determine if they have, and Dave will check with the Mineral County, CO Sheriff. It was also agreed that it is not the Council's function to coordinate the New Mexico resources. Several Colorado officials plan to attend ESCAPE and they will be given the opportunity to make a presentation Friday night but it will be made clear that this is not state sanctioned unless approved by the Resource Officer.

F. Other – Gail reported that there will be five openings on the Board. Robert has agreed to run again. One other person has been nominated to-date.

There are two nominations for the Dawdy Award. Gail will e-mail the selection committee's recommendation to the Board for approval.

Sue recommended that the by-laws be changed to permit a Board Member to serve no more than one consecutive three-year term. She will e-mail proposed language to the Board for approval. The proposed change will be presented to the membership at the ESCAPE General Meeting. [Note: Subsequent to the meeting, on a motion by Don, seconded by Gail, the Board approved Sue's proposal and the language she prepared.]

VII. Adjourn – On a motion by Brian, seconded by Robert, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by:



Don Stone, Secretary
Approved April 23, 2008