



**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2017 (7:08-8:10)**

In attendance: David Price, Aimee Adamek, Jon Hitchcock, Sean McGann, Terry Ann Miller, Terry Morton, Eric Roybal, Ruth Neal, Scott Voorhees

Absent: Grant Reigelman, Michaela Buenemann

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM by David Price.

First order of business was approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Terry Morton moved to accept them, seconded by Terry Ann Miller, however not all members had received the minutes to review them so the motion was tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

David will go through the bylaws and check for any revisions. He will also order projectors. Aimee found the inventory list. There are four projectors and she recommended getting two more. David said that the projectors are in the storage unit.

Escape: Report by Aimee Adamek

Aimee, Eric Roybal and Bob Rogers wrote a letter to the Department of Public Safety requesting \$4,000.00 for Escape. She is waiting to hear from DPS which seemed ready to fund. If funding is not received the Escape fees will be the same as last year. If funding is received fees will be lower. Aimee is updating the web site regarding forms, etc. She is making a list for sponsors which she will add to the web site. She asked the council to let her know if they have a connection with a business that might contribute. On 1/1/18 we should start soliciting donations.

Last Friday Aimee, Eric, Terry Miller, Spenser, Tony Gaier (lead instructors for ESCAPE) met in Albuquerque to review comments from last year's Escape. There were many comments. They are looking at outline and trying to improve on it. They have some good ideas and will keep working on it.

Aimee asked everyone to go to the website for resources. She has revised the donor form and will put it on the site. The biggest help will be getting sponsors and silent auction items.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report by Jon Hitchcock

There was a lot of activity for the third quarter, July through September. Cash and investments totaled at \$52,124 at Sep 30. There were \$11,000 in donations were received during the quarter. Year-to-date, donations total \$14,306 from three searches that will be allocated among the teams that participated. Donations will be distributed to teams via Wells Fargo bill pay as soon as team addresses are verified. Terry Ann asked to be informed when the checks go out so that the teams receiving them can be notified that they are coming.

In other activity, there was a reimbursement from the state for \$6,750 for training that was paid in the second quarter. Jon is now caught up and will be able to distribute monthly statements in the future.

Jon reported that, with the financials now up to date, he will start working on the 2018 budget. Since Escape is our major revenue source, he needs input from Aimee on her vision for 2018 Escape. Aimee will have a spreadsheet for the next meeting showing what the numbers will be at different registration fee amounts for purposes of discussion.

Jon asked about notifying teams about the Inland SAR Training which is a five day course in July.

Lastly, Jon reminded the Board that we need updated bylaws because Capital One is asking for them in order to get the account updated. This is the only account that is left to be accessed from the transition. David said he would get to it. Changes that were approved at Escape can be finalized in the bylaws but no new changes can be added.

MEMBERSHIP:

Terry Ann sent emails to each team with membership packages. She has had replies from three saying they are getting things done to send in.

TRAININGS:

No updates

COMMUNICATIONS:

Terry Morton has found portable repeaters that will help with searches and suggests we get more.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Cibola County Sheriff and Pecos Valley. Terry Morton moved to approve Cibola, Terry Ann seconded, motion to approve Cibola passed. Eric had concerns about the name of the Pecos Valley SAR because there are several other agencies using the name Pecos Valley and it could lead to confusion. He suggested inserting another word in the name to avoid confusion.

Terry Morton said it was not in our purview to object to or change names. Jon moved to approve Pecos Valley and Terry Morton seconded. The motion passed.

There was a discussion of the fees paid for their applications and it was decided that the fees would apply to the 2018 fees because they were approved so late in the year. Everyone agreed. They will be notified.

Aimee suggested a December meeting to discuss registration fees for Escape. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2017 at 7p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ruth, seconded by Jon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.