



**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Board Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino 1200-1310

Attendees: Roberta Armstrong, Aimee Adamek, Carrie Hale, Spenser Moreland, Terry Morton, Eric Roybal (new), Mary Walker, Verena Weissenborn, and Larry Zentner

Absent: Michaela Buenemann, Sean McGann (new) and David Price (new)

Other Attendees: Steve Sauer, Chief, and Patricia Seiser, Assistant Chief, Eddy County SAR

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Carrie Hale at 1207

Approval of agenda and minutes

- Approval of agenda. NA
- Approval of Board meeting minutes from March 12, 2016. NA

ESCAPE 2017 Proposal – Steve Sauer and Patricia Seiser

- **Proposed site: Eddy County Fire Services Training Center, Carlsbad, NM**
 - 1400 Commerce Drive
 - Educational and training facility = ESCAPE could use free of charge
 - At least 9 classrooms (Website lists: 3 large classroom (50 capacity); 2 smaller classrooms (25 capacity); conference room (10-15); and large bay spaces (150-300))
 - All classrooms have wireless internet, AV equipment, whiteboards
 - On-site camping available for ~50 and RV park is 1.5 mi away
 - Airport is 5 min away and could handle helicopter landing
 - Debris pile and agility area for K9 training
 - Training towers
 - Costs to NMSARC:
 - Shower trailer for campers
 - Catered lunch and dinner
 - Questions:
 - Unknown if alcohol restrictions exist on site
 - Unknown regarding liability insurance for attendees
 - **Action Items:**
 - **Steve and Patricia will provide**
 1. Details of the facilities, including photos
 2. Alcohol consumption rules
 3. AV support availability/cost,
 4. Site availability – April 20-24 or April 27-30 (the Thursday is for setup)

5. Info on local hotel availability and cost
 6. Catering options
- **NMSARC Board will** review and discuss all provided information and make a decision by May 1, 2016

ESCAPE 2016 General Update – Roberta Armstrong

- Potential \$3K overspent due to not meeting room night requirements
- The conference staff was great to work with and the facility donated a significant amount towards food and auction items
- Attendees liked the hotel, but thought it was too expensive; desire a change in venue
- **Action item: Roberta and Larry will investigate the use of a storage facility in ABQ for ESCAPE equipment and try to find one that will donate space.** Spenser motioned; Terry seconded

ESCAPE 2017 Location – Roberta Armstrong

- Ruidoso convention center was not available for our dates
- Las Cruces convention center possibility
 - Available late March or early May
 - Lunch \$20; dinner \$25
 - 2 ballrooms; 6 classrooms, \$14-18K; exhibit hall adds \$2K
- Ruidoso Bonita Park – may lack adequate facilities
- Any LEA or National Guard facility are available to us per RO
- Rio Rancho facility would be inadequate
- Carlsbad
 - Help reduce registration cost
 - More distant/remote
- **Action item: Roberta will follow-up with Steve and Patricia regarding Carlsbad site. Verena motioned to vote via email on ESCAPE 2017 location by May 1; Spenser seconded**

NMSARC Council Positions for 2016-2017 term

- Chair – Mary Walker willing to take this position
- Treasurer – Larry Zentner will continue in this position and possibly mentor David Price
- ESCAPE Co-Chair – Roberta would like to be co-chair for the 2017 meeting
- Other positions were not specifically addressed

Next Meeting: June 26, 2016. Valley High School from 1200-1400

- Agenda items need to include
 - Handling technology and social media interfaces
 - Speakers bureau – Larry proposes to merge with training content form on website
 - DPS liability insurance for SAR volunteers; SOP exists

Meeting Adjourned

- Roberta motioned; Verena seconded
- The meeting adjourned at 1310