



**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2017 (7:05-8:07 pm)**

Attending:

David Price, Terry Ann Miller, Aimee Adamek, Jon Hitchcock, Terry Morton, Michaela Buenemann, Scott Voorhees, Ruth Neal

Absent:

Sean McGann, Eric Roybal, Grant Reigelman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by David Price at 7:05 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

(Taken out of order) (I had difficulty understanding some of what she said so someone else may be able to fill in the blanks.)

ESCAPE Presenter

Guest speaker Rebecca Penn from NMSU made a presentation regarding a project she is working on concerning how experienced and inexperienced people search. She wants to give a presentation at Escape this year. They will have I-tracker to improve trainings. It is a virtual reality simulation of a search. They would like to set up a booth at Escape. This is contingent on them being rewarded a grant to do so. They are also contacting other states to set up at conferences. She said they might not need Wi-Fi that will need an outlet and a place to set up. They would like people to run through the simulation. They can only do one person at a time which would take 45 to 60 minutes to run through it. Aimee said that there could be 130 to 150 people attending Escape and the less time it takes to run through the simulation more people are likely to do it. Aimee asked Rebecca to be in touch with her. The project can be announced in the forum and in materials at Escape. David Price said that we can announce it on the NMSAR mailing list. People living in Las Cruces will be able to go in and do the simulation on their own time. Aimee asked if the simulation could be done at home. Rebecca said that possibly in the future but not at this time.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

John Hitchcock moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting with his edits. Mary Ann seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws: Roberta is working on them. Aimee and Roberta incorporated and are waiting on a signature from Verena Weissenborn. The new chair and Scott can ratify the actions.

Frequency use letter: The Frequency Use under the communications area of the website was updated by Aimee. Terry Morton confirmed all is correct.

ESCAPE

Funding: Jon has sent an \$860.00 deposit for meals, classrooms and hall for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Aimee discussed state funding for Escape 2019 concerning ways to make it less expensive. In the meeting on August 20, 2017 Bob Rogers said that there were state venues that could be free or at a very low cost. We will explore possible venues for 2019.

There is a new policy which started in July now requiring SAR volunteers to take continuing education credits. There was discussion of having CE classes at Escape. Eric, Aimee and Bob Rogers will meet to discuss how to do that. There may be state funding for CE but it is too early to know.

Tony Geier, Pace coordinator is approved, or will be approved, by the state so persons taking his course can get CE credits. Michaela has been asked to teach some navigation classes, also for CE credit. Michaela has been teaching navigation courses which Bob feels is ready to be approved as an official state approved course.

TREASURERS REPORT Report by Jon Hitchcock

Jon emailed a series of reports before the meeting and he discussed them in detail and answered questions.

July Activity:

Income: Donation \$500.00, map sales \$894.00, NM training reimbursement \$6,750.00

Expenses: \$1,714.00 (maps)

Net revenue: \$6,430.00

Class Statement: The purpose is to take net revenue of \$8,707.00 and breaks it down to each category of functions of the organization.

Year to Date Activity: Jon had regrouped accounts. Escape revenue for 2017 is \$35,244.00. He has not yet regrouped expenditures. We are still ahead from a year ago with net revenue of \$8,708.00. The year to date class statement, part of the uncategorized expense was from 2016 Escape.

The statement shows a mapping loss of \$1,422, Michaela reported that those expenses are spent up front for materials and that sales will balance out the expenses.

Membership dues seem low, but most dues are paid in December. Dues of \$260.00 shown as paid at Escape should not be credited to Escape.

SAR teams received donations of \$1,522. by August. SAR will receive a \$10,000.00 donation from NFG Foundation/Katie Morgan for search which took place in Carson National Forest. It was suggested that the money be used to reduce costs to volunteers. Jon suggested that some part of the donations, possibly 25%, be kept by SAR to defray the costs of events and trainings. This idea to be discussed in the future.

Aimee asked about SAR team payments from family and friends of lost hikers and plan that the donations be distributed to teams that participated in the searches. Jon said that was Bob Rogers plan, but it had not yet been signed off. Dave suggested that the money should continue to go to the teams. The current plan is that money is split equally among teams which responded to the mission. There was a suggestion that this amount be weighted by number of respondents per team, but this may not reflect # of hours, or equipment sent.

MEMBERSHIP Report by Terry Ann Miller

Terry and Aimee met and Aimee put together all membership documents. In October Terry will send an email to all teams reminding them of dues. Discussed using Terry's home address for receiving dues and not the P.O. Box. Jon said he could send deposit slips to Terry so she could make deposits directly and send scans of checks to Jon. There was discussion of using Paypal for payment of dues. The Paypal fee would have to be added. Individuals can use their own Paypal accounts as long as they notate which team the payment is for.

TRAINING UPDATES Sean not present so no report

COMMUNICATIONS Report by Terry Morton

Several teams have contacted him about using our frequencies, the updated frequency use letter is on our website.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next meeting set for 11/6/17 at 7 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:07 p.m.