

**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
June 27, 2009**

The meeting was held at the New Mexico State Lottery Office 4511 Osuna NE Albuquerque, NM

Attending: Tom Bemis, Joe Bigley, Gary Cascio, Steve Crawford, Brian Fuller, Tony Gaier, John Gallegos, Kitty Mason, Gerry Runte, Richard Swartz, Robert Valdez, Phyllis Wright, and Dave Baldrige. Absent: Gail Zimmerman

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Cascio at 11:07 a.m.

II. Minutes from Last Meeting: The minutes of the April 5, 2009, Board Meeting were approved by e-mail on April 20, 2009.

III. Introductions: Introductions of current and new board members

IV. Treasurer's Report: Richard presented the current account balances (ESCAPE account \$15,279.⁴¹, ING Direct \$5,187.²⁸, checking \$3,522.⁶¹, Savings \$3,306.⁶¹) and a list of all the transactions. Steve, Phyllis 2nd approved. A \$200 donation was received for mission 09-12-06. A donation of \$400 was received for the search for Donnie Roehrig.

V. Committee Reports

A. Training: Desert / Summer skills training will be August 21 and 22. Phyllis and John are organizing and planning the event. The location will be west of Las Cruces near the Corralitos Ranch. Further directions and information will be sent to the NMSAR forum. Steve has agreed to help plan the upcoming winter training.

B. ESCAPE: Richard presented a balance sheet of income and expenses for ESCAPE 2009. There were a total of 207 people that attended ESCAPE. The numbers indicated that there was a net loss of (\$7.42).

C. Membership: Nothing to report

D. Newsletter / Public Information Officer: Dave will be working on the newsletter.

E. Mapping Program: Nothing to report

F. Website:

G. Fundraising: Tony discussed some of the reasons that it will be difficult to obtain grants. One of the main items is the filing of a yearly tax form. NMSARC is not required to annually file a IRS and a State tax return. Richard will investigate finding a CPA to help file the necessary tax documents.

H. P.A.C.E.: No report.

- I. **SAR Review Board:** Steve reported that the last 6 or 8 years that the SAR review board has not been called for a meeting. The requirements of the SAR review board and their responsibilities were read to all the board members. Steve stated that one of the primary goals for NMSARC should push to have the SAR review board meet and resume their responsibilities. Gerry volunteered to work on pursuing and being the representative of NMSARC for the board.

VI. Old Business

- A. **Membership Fees:** Richard had assembled a list of other SAR organizations are charging for membership.
- B. **Website:** Gary will email a schematic of the web site to all the board members. One of the prime goals for the website is to try and correct the perception of SAR in New Mexico. The overall message needs to address some of the misconceptions and needs to be more aggressive. He asked for people to provide input and recommendations on what should be on the web site.

VII. New Business

- A. **Board Elections:** The following people were either nominated or nominated themselves for the following positions.
 - i. Chair: Gary, (Steve nominated, Tony 2nd)
 - ii. Vice-Chair: Tom (Robert , Tony 2nd)
 - iii. Secretary: Brian
 - iv. Treasurer: Richard
 - v. Membership: Phyllis
 - vi. Training: Kitty
 - vii. Newsletter/P.I.O.: Dave
 - viii. Fundraising: Joe
 - ix. ESCAPE: Tony
 - x. P.A.C.E.: John
 - xi. SAR Review Board: Gerry
 - xii. Mapping Program: Gary
 - xiii. Website: GaryMotion to accept Richard, Robert 2nd, approved unanimously
- B. **Goals and projects for the year:** Postponed for discussion later. Submit ideas via email to the secretary. Brian will then assemble into a list.
- C. **Letter to the media outlets concerning SAR in NM:** Dave gave a presentation on media relations.
- D. **Toss Bag Project:** Gary discussed the idea of assembling an emergency toss bag that can be located on a helicopter.
- E. **Conference Calling:** Richard's company (El Paso Electric) is donating the use of their conference calling service. Richard will send out instructions to all the board members.

F. NMSARC board meeting locations and schedule: Next board meeting will be conference call on August 15, 2009.

G. Thank You Letters: Gary read a couple of thank you letters from K-9 SAR

VIII. Adjourn: On a motion by Phyllis, (2nd Robert.), the meeting was adjourned at 13:01 p.m.

IX. Meeting Date: August 15, 2009, 2009 - 10:00AM

Submitted by:

Brian Fuller, Secretary