



NMSARC Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 15, 2012

Location: Albuquerque, NM; REI

Present: , Larry Zetner, Cindy Oliver, John Gallegos, Nate Lay, Bob Cort, Eric Hjempfelt, Joe San Filippo

Absent: Tom Bemis; Pat Seizer; Brian Hamilton

Visitor: Una Smith, Bob Rodgers (Resource Officer)

I. Call to Order: Eric called the meeting to order at 1105.

II. Minutes from last meeting; Bob moved to approve the minutes, Nate 2nd, no discussions. Unanimously approved.

III. Chair Report: Brian absent

IV. Treasurer's Report: ESCAPE account--\$19198.73; ING Direct--\$5308.53; NMESC Checking--\$4682.21; Savings--\$1809.4. Nate motions to approve report, Joe 2nds, unanimously approved

V. Committee Reports

A. ESCAPE Report: John reports that we are ahead of schedule with organizing ESCAPE. Rooms need to be reserved ASAP. We also need to fill 80% of our room block at the hotel. Because of this, John is going to invite spouses to attend to enjoy Buffalo Thunder. The track leads are set. Bill Kauffman, communication track; Cindy Oliver, K9 track; TBD, technical track; TBD, management track; Bill Boedeker and Charles Rogers, Ham radio track; Tony Gaier, Basic track; John Gallegos, Advanced track. Secretary Gorden E. Eden, Jr. did confirm to be our keynote speaker. Tooth of Time Traders will be one of our vendors. John has contacted Search Gear, but has not heard back from them. There is a large room for the vendors and registration but

it cannot be secured. We will have to get security for the room for over night. John asked Nate to contact Tooth of Time Traders for donations, food and return merchandize that they cannot sell for our silent auction. Eric will contact a vender that makes liters. Durham Communications will also be at ESCAPE again and will respond to questions on how to change to narrow band, etc. Casa Mesita in Las Alamos provided a sizable donation for ESCAPE. they are also providing coffee break services during our breaks on Friday and Saturday. We will provide for them correspondence and advertising. The Federal Communication Commissioner has authorized a special amateur radio call sign for ESCAPE 2012. Special event station N5M will be operating during ESCAPE and a special QSL card will be sent to stations that contact N5M during ESCAPE 2012. Another sponsor "Zero Gravity Gymnastics-- will sponsor and provide gift certificates. John provided the press release for approval. Bob moves to approve the press release as amended, Nate 2nds, unanimously approved. John is sending out sponsors wanted email. The donations and acquisitions committee is, Barbara Zabriskie, Una Smith, Susan Sanderson, and Carrie Hale. Phyllis Wright will be in charge of recruiting various organizations around the state that support SAR on missions. Una Smith and Susan Sanderson as well as a few others are working on donations and merchandize for the silent auction. Each council member will provide three items each as has been done in the past. The logo design using Buffalo Thunder must be approved by the resort. The first draft of the logo design was not approved and so will go back for redesign. John asks Bob Rogers if it is OK to offer Field Certification at ESCAPE, Bob states that it is OK to do this. There are no more stipends for instructors, but the council is offering free registration to all instructors.

B. Training Report: Larry reports that individual teams are posting individual trainings on the website and other teams are collaborating with trainings. Larry is encouraging them to post these training on the website. Larry has asked information from Bob Rogers about reimbursing for upcoming trainings/mock searches such as the CAP mock search in the 21st and AOB training. Bob will have to get back to Larry about possible reimbursement. Eric reports that SFSAR is organizing a advanced tracking training in late April. It will be a 3 day

workshop with an outside trainer. On the the 28th, Brian is organizing "Utilizing Resources Training" in ABQ.

C. Membership Report: Applications were emailed out. The deadline is March 31st. Brian is absent with further report.

D. Newsletter / Public Relations: Joe reports that he will distribute the newsletter within a week of each board meeting. He is almost ready to finalize the next addition, but just needs to verify facts in order to publish it.

E. Training Directory: Nate sent out information on the training directory to the forum and has gotten a few replies. He would like suggestions on how to post the data on the website for teams to utilize the information. He is also looking for the older applications. It was suggested to talk to Dick Wagner to see if there is a data base that may be holding the information on the website.

F. Website/Facebook: There was discussion about the cost and layout of the webpage. It was suggested that most information/changes be sent to Eric or Brian. The newsletter and minutes can be sent directly to the web master. Now many are posting to the Facebook page. Everyone on the council can post on Facebook. Fans can post to the Facebook "wall."

G. SAR Review Board (update): Appointments have been made: Steven Crawford is Council Rep; Frankie Benoist is SAR member Rep; Stock Colt is Member of public Rep and is the Chairman; John Gravel is CAP Rep; The Sheriff Assoc. has not been appointed. Also at each meeting, will be either the resource officer, Chief of State Police or the Secretary of DPS.

H. Mapping: Eric asks Joe to place an article in the newsletter an article about mapping.

VI. Old Business

A. SAR License plate: Gerry will continue to do research on this. We have had to start the project anew.

B. COSAR Cards Info: Little has been done on this since the last meeting. Joe will make an effort to continue to work on this.

C. Hug-a-Tree Program: Larry has permission to teach this program. REI is interested in partnering with SAR to present the Hug-a Tree Program. Want to blend survival with Leave No Trace. Larry will pursue teaching this through REI

D. Mapping Overlays to Website: Tom was to present on this, he is not present at this meeting today. Bob Cowan will be able to do overlays in the near future with the equipment that we already have. Eric will get information about this for the next newsletter.

VII. New Business

A. Speakers Bureau/Community Outreach: Eric reports that there are opportunities to talk to outside agencies such as schools, churches, Elks clubs, etc. This will be table until Brian is back.

B. Board Member Recruitment/Retention/Motivation: Pat Seizer has been unable to meet commits to the board. Pat has missed 3 consecutive meetings. In accordance with the bi-laws it states that if a member misses 2 consecutive meeting, they will be removed. She has stated that she will be sending in a letter of resignation. Pending the arrival of a letter of resignation on February 1st. Joe moves for her removal, Bob 2nds. No discussion, Unanimously approved. We will post that there are 2 openings at present and that there will be 4 openings at ESCAPE. Cindy is going to post the openings on the SAR Forum

C. State Budget Concerns: Eric reports on this issue. Rhonda King, from Santa Fe asked for funding for SAR when Secretary Eden presented to the representatives provide accounting for

how \$ was spent this last year. There were 4 SAR members at the meeting. Secretary Eden, the Chief and deputy chief of SP met shortly with these members. There is now a report that there is an addition \$20,000 or so for SAR budget. Bob Rogers, the Resource Officer, states that this will take care of trainings, equipment, and insurance. He states that SAR is not in crisis but would like for council to look at additional monies. He also states that we now will be able to get reimbursements for searches and trainings. He is still getting more information about this issue.

- D. Council Committees: This will be tabled this until the next meeting since Brian is not here.
- E. Liaison Teams: Please contact them about board openings and ESCAPE.
- F. Repeaters: Need money up front to provide parts. Bob Rogers said we can do one per quarter. Eric proposes that we work on this via email with Tom to get his input and to see where he is on this project. We authorized up to \$2000 to buy parts for Tom to start building the repeaters for the state.
- G. IDs: Bob Rogers reports that there is equipment for individual IDs for SAR members. The program will be introduced at ESCAPE.
- H. Minors in SAR: Bob Rogers reports that they will soon be able to allow minors to participate in SAR missions. He is developing the guidelines.
- I. Next Meeting Location/Date: The next meeting will be April 7 or 8 at Buffalo Thunder.

VIII. Adjourn: It was moved by to adjourn by Joe, 2nd by Cindy. No discussion Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 1253.