



NMSARC BOARD MEETING
1751 B Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, NM
13:00, June 15th, 2013

Present: Karon Avery, Max Gallegos, Dave Phillips, Lloyd Voights, Jeff Averhoff, Spenser Moreland, Bob Cort, Carrie Hale, Joe San Filippo, Bob Baker (SAR Review Board Rep).

Board members not present: Larry Zentner, Edwin Steimling, Chris Sawyer, Cindy Oliver, Eric Hjelmfelt, Nate Lay

I. Call to order: Karon Avery called the meeting to order at 13:12.

II. Minutes from last meeting: Jeff Averhoff motioned that we approve the minutes, 2nd by Joe San Filippo, unanimously approved.

III. Introductions

A. New and departing Board members: David Phillips, Jeff Averhoff, Lloyd Voights, Spenser Moreland, Carrie Hale introduced themselves as the new members. Only Bob Cort was present who will be departing from the board.

B. Guests: Tony Gaier and Linda McClendon

IV. Treasurer's report: Bob Cort passed out the ESCAPE transaction log dated August 2012 through June 2013. ESCAPE ended up costing \$817.00 this year. We are down in the primary account \$3,600 for the May tracking training, but Karon handed me the check from the state in payment. We forward funded \$4,087.88 for the repeaters to be sold to the NM State Police. We received a \$1,000 donation for a 1998 mission. As of the April meeting there was a motion and it was voted on that if the teams that were involved were not identified the monies would be deposited in the general account. Bob Rodgers did not have any records on file for this mission and was not able to provide information regarding the teams involved. The Annual Transaction log and Council Budget for the past two years have not been posted on the website as they should be. Bob will send these reports to Karon to have attached to the General Minutes on the NMSARC website. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Max Gallegos and 2nd by Jeff Averhoff, unanimously approved.

V. Committee reports

A. Training: Review of concept for 2014 training plan. Max Gallegos and Lloyd Voights are currently developing a plan in order to provide a budget request for training to DPS. Max, Lloyd, and Karon will be meeting with Bob Rodgers on July 18th to review the training plan and also get feedback from the RO on how he would like us to submit requests for reimbursement to ensure payment.

Areas of interest for training:

- BASIC Training Camp (quality training events to train individuals to receive NMSAR certification)
- Field Training Certification Program Review and revision
- Quarterly training events
- Table top training mission analysis for leaders and staff members
- Section Chief training (OPS, Plans, Logistics, Communications, etc)
- Mobile operation centers
- Multi Agency training
- Team building events
- Fire/FC staff training
- Water management (Water Rescue/Search)
- Water Safety
- Staff Training
- Practical Aspect of Radio Usage (Comms, Mission Radio Operators, Intro to HAM and SAR)

- MAP SAR
- ATV and 4x4 Safety Courses
- Horse team and Rescuer training
- Planning for shorter response time and stream line relationships to include cross training and to use clear language.

- B. ESCAPE:** Karon Avery reported that this year's event had 149 registered participants from 31 teams and 33 instructors. Attendance was down 42% from last year. Lloyd made comment that he had heard many complaints regarding the event being held on Mother's Day. Bob Baker commented that maybe we would want to move the event later as so those wanting to camp could. Tony Gaier suggested we add a question on the survey asking participants what dates would they prefer to have the event. Also, that by moving the event to later we could utilize the local colleges classrooms. Spenser Moreland will get in touch with Dan Hoff to find out who we would talk to about using NM Tech. David Phillips will be contacting the new owners of Glorietta Conference Center to see if that would be an option. Karon asked Jeff Averhoff whether the Equine Track would require participants to have their horses on site for trainings. He said they did not need to bring their animals, but he announced that his team has a contact for an 'Air Scent Equine' instructor and would find out if participants would need their horses for that class. Karon mentioned she had contacted EXPO NM, but they did not have the classroom capacity needed by the tracks. Jeff was going to contact the Albuquerque Convention Center to get a quote. Lloyd was going to talk to his contact at the National Guard as to whether they knew who we have to talk at the City to see if they would lease the old National Guard building. At present we do not know the status of Philmont. No information has been relayed by Chris Sawyer or Nate Lay due to their involvement with the fire south of Cimarron, NM. The group decided to make contacts and get information to be able to share with the community a location for next year's event by July 15th. Bob Cort reminded the group to ensure the location is booked by September. Joe asked what number should we pitch to those we are requesting quotes from and Karon answered anywhere from 150 to 200 participants. Joe also reminded us that low participation this year was partly due to a Tracking Training that was held the weekend before this year's event and next year we should remember to not schedule any state wide training around that same weekend. Once a location is confirmed another survey will be submitted to the SAR community asking for feedback pertaining to the kinds of training they would like to see at ESCAPE including any certifications.
- C. Membership:** Nate Lay did not supply a report and was not present.
- D. Mapping Program:** Bob Cowen still has adequate supplies. Karon has spoke to Michaela Buenemann who made contact with Tom Patterson of ESRI regarding bringing a MapSAR class to New Mexico. She will be arranging this class to be scheduled sometime in June 2014. The class will be free, but we will need to supply a classroom that will support use of student laptops for practicing using the software. Max Gallegos brought up Santa Fe GIS has offered low rate GIS mapping for SAR teams if they are in need of preplans. Karon will talk to Dick Wagner about uploading the map overlays for use by teams statewide.
- E. Facebook/Newsletter:** Edwin is not present to report. Joe stated that as per the April meeting we have transitioned away from the distribution of the website and post updates to the Facebook page. Gary Cascio has made Carrie and Karon Admins for the NM SAR Facebook page. They will contact Eric about getting Admin rights to the NMSARC Facebook page as well to post updates.
- F. Fundraising:** Larry is not here to report. Spenser mentioned restaurant participation for fundraising. Carrie mentioned having a pancake breakfast. Jeff mentioned some theaters will offer fundraisers and that maybe we could organize a marathon as a fundraiser. Max and Lloyd thought we could make 'SAR Games' and that would bring in sponsors and vendors that we could also use at ESCAPE. Lloyd recognized that SAR Games would help reduce cost of members to attend ESCAPE and would be a collection of challenging events open to the SAR Community and the public. It would serve as both fundraiser and public awareness of search and rescue in New Mexico. 'SAR Games' will be moved to new business on the next meeting's agenda. Carrie also brought up 'Geocache Dash' as an idea for a race.
- G. SAR Review Board:** Bob Baker announced the next Review Board meeting will be on July 26th at 0900 located at the DPS Headquarters. Bob gave the group a brief history of the SAR Act and their view on the proposed SAR Plan revisions. The SAR Review Board and Bob Rodgers decided that the SAR Act is still applicable looking at the basic philosophy presented. A committee was formed to look at the SAR Plan in order to update it to reflect current procedure and add verbiage into the SAR Plan that will ensure best practices. Karon had sent out the link at the beginning of June once the DPS website had the link available as so teams could review and comment on these revisions. Bob Baker was in agreement of the revisions made and the consensus of the Council was for the recommended revisions per the draft available. Bob did

meet with a team who had concerns regarding the language in the SAR Plan. He went on to explain this team felt that with the current verbiage they would not get called out, Bob assured them that that was not the case. The verbiage allowed for those emergency resources that have been called to the scene as the first responders would be able to initiate a mission (become the mission initiator) and contact DPS which would shorten the chain of command. Some teams view this as control leaving the state and going to the city or county, but it actually does not. Max agree that if the fire department is responding that they know this will need SAR resources then they will call to get those resources on site, he has seen this in District 1. Bob Baker did mention that they would be discussing at the new SAR Review Board meeting the question of whether these other agencies should be field certified.

VI. Old Business:

- A. **Repeater project:** Joe spoke with Tom Bemis who reported that all four mobile repeaters are ready to be shipped/sold to the state. Each unit cost \$1,024.47 and that per the previous quote to the state would be sold for \$2,000. Joe would contact Bob Rodgers to see if he wants another quote or invoice since the state will not be able to purchase these repeaters until after July 1st (new fiscal year).
- B. **Communications Committee:** Joe reported that this committee is still in the creation stages and that they have ten members so far, but are developing and determining roles at this time. He would contact the Board with updates. Bob Rodgers requested this committee be formed as a multi-agency model with a goal to improving communications and be consistent throughout the state.

VII. New Business:

A. Board Elections:

Chair	Karon Avery
Vice Chair	Max Gallegos
Treasurer	Larry Zentner
Membership	Carrie Hale
Training	Lloyd Voights/Max Gallegos
PIO	Carrie Hale
Secretary	Edwin Steimling
ESCAPE	Jeff Averhoff/Dave Phillips/Chris Sawyer
Communications/Repeaters	Joe San Filippo
Fundraising	Spenser Moreland
Newsletter/Facebook	Carrie Hale/Edwin Steimling/Joe San Filippo
Mapping Program	Edwin Steimling/Karon Avery
Training Directory	Larry Zentner
Speakers Bureau	Larry Zentner

- B. **NMSAR Survey:** Karon presented the listing of survey questions asking for feedback. She has added the question Tony suggested regarding ESCAPE dates. Survey will be distributed via SAR forum and also will be posted on the NM SAR Facebook page and the NMSARC Facebook page once Carrie get Admin rights.
- C. **NMSARC PIO Discussion:** Eric is not present. Carrie will work to improve Council relations with teams across the state. The council will purchase a media listing that will be in Carrie's possession. Once she has the Membership information she will reach out to NMSARC member teams and offer media contacts in their area. The teams will be able to use these contacts to broadcast upcoming team events (fundraisers, public awareness pieces on the team). This will support networking and offer benefit for being a NMSARC member. Carrie will also work on coordinating with PIOs around the state to ensure they are utilized.
- D. **Next Board Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on August 17, 2013 in Las Cruces. Location will be determined

VIII. Adjourn: It was moved by Bob Cort at 16:30 and 2nd by Joe San Fillipo for the meeting to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karon Avery, Chair
Carrie Hale, PIO, Membership Chair
Lloyd Voights, Training Chair