



**NMSARC Board Meeting
Saturday, March 14th, 2015 at 1200
Mountain View Regional Medical Center
Community Education Room
4311 E Lohman Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88011**

Present Board Members: Karon Avery, Larry Zentner, Carrie Hale, Roberta Armstrong, Edwin Steimling, Bob Baker, Michaela Buenemann

Not Present: Spenser Moreland, Lloyd Voights

I. Call to Order – By Karon Avery 1222

We have put together a committee for the Ralph Dawdy Award

In addition to committee leaders, Bob Rodgers and Bob Baker will be giving reports during the general meeting at ESCAPE. Board members are encouraged to have reports prepared and presentation materials submitted before ESCAPE

II. Minutes from the last board meeting

The meeting minutes will be approved via email. The minutes have been distributed.

III. Treasurer's Report

The board discussed the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year

IV. Committee Reports

a. SAR Review Board – Bob Baker

The last meeting was on January 30th, 2015 in Albuquerque.

The Sheriff and Police organization has disbanded. There is a new Sheriff's association in place and the review board is awaiting approval for a new member. There is a new recertification policy for Field Coordinators that has been approved. Chief Kassetas expressed a desire to increase the presence of SAR in the community. He also wants to recognize SAR volunteers.

There is now a Chief's Award for outstanding individuals or teams, with or without SAR team affiliation. Nominations can be submitted to Bob Rodgers to be voted on by a committee and sent to the chief for approval. The motivation behind this is to recognize the SAR community within DPS. The criteria for the award will be published to the DPS website.

Maj. Adrian Armijo has been promoted to Deputy Chief and is no longer with the SAR Review Board. There will be a new person appointed to the Special Operations Chair. Bob Rodgers addressed teams deploying outside of the proper

channels. There have been preliminary discussions for establishing a statewide medical director for search and rescue.

Maj. Armijo also discussed equipment insurance and coverage may now be provided on a case by case basis.

The next SAR review board meeting will be at ESCAPE.

b. Training – Lloyd Voights

A land navigation course is in the works for the northern portion of the state, and a tracking class is coming up after ESCAPE.

A meeting is coming up regarding SAR Games

c. Communications – Lloyd Voights

The communications report will be delivered at ESCAPE by Lloyd.

d. Membership – Roberta Armstrong

There are two teams that have yet to submit membership dues.

e. Mapping Program – Michaela Buenemann

\$1,730.7 is the current balance. There is a small order for Bob Rodgers and DPS that is currently being processed. There is \$600 in estimated expenses over the next three months.

f. ESCAPE 2015 – Carrie Hale

Carrie met with Felipe at the Convention Center. The scheduled draft was relayed to our contact. The menu will be narrowed down. We will have a press release in the coming weeks and we are hoping to drum up day pass registrations from the community.

The layout of the convention center is easy to navigate and Carrie is working on the information signs that will be posted in the concourse. On Saturday evening there will be another event occurring on the other end of the Convention Center. There will also be a cash bar on Friday evening from 1700 to 1900.

We will make a second down payment of \$4,800 to the Convention Center this week.

V. Location of next meeting will be determined at ESCAPE.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 1404

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin Steimling
NMSARC Secretary