



## **Minutes of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council (NMSARC) Board March 2, 2020**

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the NMSARC board was called to order at 7:07 p.m. on March 2, 2020 via teleconference by David Price.

### **Present**

Jon Hitchcock  
Terry Ann Miller  
Ruth Ann Neal  
Erik Nelson  
Ron Nelson  
David Price  
Tamar Stieber

### **Absent**

Larry Zentner

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes for the January 6, 2020 meeting was tabled until the next board meeting.

### **Old Business**

- ◆ Directors and Officers Insurance
  - Discussion about directors' and officers' insurance for the board was again tabled pending receipt of additional quotes from insurance carriers.
  
- ◆ ESCAPE
  - Among the topics discussed were:
    - registrations are coming in nicely;
    - a notice will be sent to alert people that early registration will soon close;
    - the menu at Philmont Scout Ranch;
    - sponsors have thus far donated a total of \$910;
    - the Department of Public Safety will pay all facility charges;

- NMSARC has budgeted \$1,100 for the keynote speaker, to include transportation, lodging and a stipend;
- Aimee Adamek will print the name tags;
- a tentative classroom schedule was released;
- Philmont has corrals for horses at \$10 per day;
- at least six people from the SAR Review Board will attend ESCAPE;
- several board members have collected items for the silent auction;
- the March 28 helicopter training can serve as a collection point for auction items;
- it would be good to have all auction items by April 10;
- perhaps a volunteer to help with the silent auction;
- a volunteer could also help with registration;
- whether the Wi-Fi system at Philmont is sufficient;
- the Council should consider borrowing or buying a cellular hotspot;
- when board members will arrive and what their specific duties will be; and
- the board will hold a short meeting on the last day of ESCAPE to greet the new board members and get them up to speed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- ◆ YTD financials:
  - Net Income = \$14,092.48
  - ESCAPE = \$13,833.04
  - G&A = \$-701.27
  - Mapping = \$43.71
  - Membership = \$917
  - Total Assets = \$61,205.47
  - Total Liabilities = \$61,205.47
- ◆ Among other topics discussed were:
  - PayPal fees total \$132.88 thus far.
  - A woman whose father was assisted during a SAR mission donated \$50.
  - THE NMSARC website has three domain names.
  - The Council earned \$45 in map sales, for a net loss of \$5.00.
- ◆ Questions/Comments:
  - The balance sheet shows the budget well ahead of where it was at the same time last year: \$6,000 compared to \$2,700.
  - At 89 people to date, ESCAPE registration is much lower than expected.

### **Membership Report**

Among the topics discussed were:

- the membership chair will resign from the board when her term expires at the end of June. She will be training a new person for the position;
- no one uses the team liaison program, so it will be disbanded and removed from the website;
- in addition to the webmaster, the ESCAPE chair has administrative access to the Council website to check registration data;

- the training chair requested administrative access to the website; and
- whether the current web program is adequate for the Council's needs.

## **Training Report**

Among the topics discussed were:

- updates on the March 28 helicopter training;
- how to confirm that helicopter training registrants are field-certified;
- whether to get a mission number for the helicopter training so attendees can be reimbursed for mileage; and
- a request from a member team for a comms training session, including ham radio certification.

## **Communications Report**

Among the topics discussed were:

- that the Communications Committee met with the frequency coordinator for interoperability and the following issues came up:
  - Public Safety Interoperability Commission repeaters should be an asset for SAR;
  - some SAR personnel have availed themselves of repeaters for personal use, then sued on First Amendment grounds after their privileges were terminated for that abuse; now the coordinator is reluctant to enter into agreements with SAR teams; and
  - the coordinator will not tolerate use of radios that are not CFR Part 90 certified.

## **New Business**

- ◆ New Council Members:
  - There was discussion about recruiting new members for the Council, particularly with the imminent departure of two current member—the chairs of the ESCAPE and Membership committees—whose terms expire on June 30 and who will be stepping down from the Board.
  - The Treasurer's term also expires in June, but he has agreed to remain.
  - Perhaps some new Council members should be designated as ESCAPE assistants to lighten the load on the ESCAPE chair.
  - The new ESCAPE chair should shadow the outgoing chair at ESCAPE and soak up as much knowledge as possible.
  - Individuals can help with board functions and responsibilities without being members.
  - The board could advertise for new members to handle specific duties.
- ◆ ESCAPE 2021:
  - The Council needs to start planning for next year's conference.

- Ruidoso is high on the list of venues for 2021, particularly since it bumped NMSARC at the last minute in 2019 for a far larger, and far more profitable, gathering of bikers.

### **Adjournment**

- ◆ There being no further business before the council, the NMSARC board meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. by David Price.

### **Next Meeting**

- ◆ The next NMSARC board meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

### **Minutes submitted by:**

Tamar Stieber, Board Secretary