



## **Minutes of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council (NMSARC) Board April 6, 2020**

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the NMSARC board was called to order at 7:07 p.m. on April 6, 2020 via teleconference by David Price.

### **Present**

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

### **ABSENT:**

Terry Miller  
Larry Zentner

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes for the January 6, 2020 and March 2, 2020 meetings were approved as submitted.

### **Old Business**

- ◆ Directors and Officers Insurance
  - This item was tabled pending receipt of additional price quotes.
  
- ◆ Board Recruitment
  - With two board members leaving because their terms will expire, the Council needs at least one additional person to volunteer to serve on the board until ESCAPE 2021. At that time, the person could run for election or step down.
  - Ruth Ann, whose term ends June 30, said she'll stay for at least another year.
  - David said that Tyler Mobraten of Socorro Search and Rescue might be interested in serving temporarily.
  
- ◆ ESCAPE 2021
  - Among the topics discussed were the following:
    - Philmont Ranch confirmed May 20-23 for ESCAPE 2021 and also has variety of dates available for ESCAPE 2022.

- Philmont will not refund the \$3,000 deposit for ESCAPE 2020, which was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But it can apply the funds toward the next ESCAPE scheduled there.
- Because Philmont has filed for bankruptcy protection, it would be better to schedule ESCAPE at Philmont in 2020 rather than 2021 to diminish the chances of forfeiting the deposit money due to the bankruptcy proceedings.
- The board will consider New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NM Tech) for ESCAPE 2022.

***Action Item: With no opposition and no abstentions, the board voted unanimously to hold ESCAPE 2021 at Philmont Ranch.***

Additional comments and discussion:

- Ruth Ann will contact NM Tech about ESCAPE 2022.
- Ruth Ann will need another person to help her organize future ESCAPES.
- If Tyler joins the board, he can be expected to work with Ruth Ann on ESCAPE.
- Those board members who received donations of items for the ESCAPE 2020 silent auction will return them to the donors.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Among the topics discussed were the following:

- PayPal held ESCAPE money for up to 10 days before registrants received their refunds.
- All PayPal refunds should have been issued as of the current date.
- There remains one outstanding \$75.00 registration fee that will be refunded when the registrant's address can be located.
- The Council received \$1,710 in ESCAPE 2020 sponsorships that will be returned.
- One individual who made a donation for ESCAPE requested that the Council keep the money to help offset any financial hardship from canceling ESCAPE.
- While PayPal will refund fees, it will not refund the service charge, which is \$54.90.
- The Council received an additional \$250 in donations.
- After all ESCAPE money is refunded to registrants, the Council will break even for this quarter. It will register a small loss by the end of the year.

### ◆ YTD financials as of March 31, 2020:

- Net Income = \$2,028.93
- ESCAPE = \$1,730.10
- G&A = (\$759.38)
- Mapping = \$43.71
- Membership = \$917.00
- SAR Teams = \$97.50
- Total Assets = \$49,309.92 (down \$2,958.58 from same time last year)
- Total Liabilities and Equity = \$49,309.92 (down \$2,958.58 from same time last year)

## **Membership Report**

There was no report and no discussion.

## **Training Report**

Among the topics discussed were:

- The statewide helicopter training scheduled for March 28 in Socorro was canceled early on in the COVID pandemic. It has been postponed indefinitely.

## **Communications Report**

There was no report and no discussion.

## **New Business**

- ◆ Ralph Dawdy Award:
  - Nine individuals were nominated by their respective teams for this annual award.
  - Terry, Larry and Jon will be on the committee to pick the winner.

## **Additional Comments/Discussion**

- ◆ Annual Meeting:
  - Dave will check the bylaws to see if an annual meeting is required to present reports to all NMSARC members.
  - At minimum, the Council should present a budget. This could be done by mail.
- ◆ Classes
  - In lieu of ESCAPE, the Council could sponsor presentations online.
  - This would require some initiative on the part of instructors.

## **Adjournment**

- ◆ There being no further business before the Council, the April 6, 2020 meeting of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. by David Price.

## **Next Meeting**

- ◆ The next NMSARC board meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

## **Minutes submitted by:**

Tamar Stieber, Board Secretary