

**New Mexico Emergency Services Council
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
May 5, 2007
Convention Center, Ruidoso, New Mexico**

Welcome - The meeting was convened by President, David Kenneke at 8:15 a.m. After welcoming the attendees, he mentioned that the team packets contained ballots for Board positions, some of which required correction.. The second name on the ballot, Gary Baldrige, needed to be changed to Gary Cascio. He stated that we have a near record attendance for an ESCAPE held in the southern part of the state. He then introduced Sue Williams, ESCAPE, chairperson.

ESCAPE Chair Report – Sue announced that all the registrants who provided e-mail addresses would be receiving a conference evaluation request online, so be on the lookout for it. Sue also stated that course evaluations would be provided and the results would be summarized and given to the instructors on an anonymous basis. She then announced some schedule changes and stated that room assignments would be posted. Sue stated that this was the greatest number of registrants on a Friday. She then announced there would be a drawing for a digital camera, a 50-50 raffle, a silent auction and that the vendor, Search Gear, was present.

Secretary's Report - Don Stone reviewed changes to the minutes of the 2006 General Meeting which were in the team packets. On a motion by Kurt Anderson, seconded by Robert Valdez, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Elane Flower-Maudlin, gave the Treasurer's Report. Balances prior to ESCAPE 2007 were: ESCAPE - \$10,054.75; General - \$4,494.40; Savings - \$8,284.37; Total - \$22,833.52. She will have a final accounting in July. On a motion by Kurt Anderson, seconded by Keith Schwarzer, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Board Elections - Dave announced that the election for member of the Board would now be held. There are six vacancies to be filled. Five were nominated prior to the meeting and are on the ballot. He then opened nominations from the floor. Doug Palmer nominated John Vandreese from PhilSAR. There being no further nominations from the floor, on a motion from Kurt Anderson, seconded by Keith Schwarzer, nominations were closed.

Membership Chair Report – Gail Zimmerman, reported that there are 40 member teams of about 70 in the state and three individual members, up from two. There are two start-up teams, Colorado Mounted and Eddy County, and maybe a new team from Cliff. She mentioned that if a team is not a member, applications are available on the Council's website.

Training Chair Report – Ross Holbrook thanked all the instructors who participated. He mentioned that the helicopter demonstration might be cancelled because of high winds. He also stated that, in the K-9 track, the Physical Therapy class would be scrubbed.

State SAR Resource Officer Report – James Newberry thanked the Board, especially ESCAPE Chair, Sue Williams. He reported that in 2006 there were 123 missions state-wide and to date in 2007, there have been 42. He thought that GPSs and cell phones were the reason for the drop in the number of missions. He said it is hard to stay motivated and urged teams to train hard. He then asked for a moment of silence for deceased SAR volunteers: Eric Brand, Gardner Johnson, Alan Mattison and John McGrath. Also, SAR horse, Hughie, and dogs Zoe and Rocket. James mentioned that the New Mexico National Guard has a recognized team, half in Rio Rancho and half in Las Cruces, totaling about 40 people.

Awards – James Newberry and Beck Atkinson presented the Ralph Dawdy award to Bob Cowan. Sue Williams presented plaques to those leaving the Board: Jason Flesher (2 years), Steve Crawford (4 years), Elane Flower (4 years), and Gail Zimmerman (2 years). She also presented a plaque to Barbara Zabriskie who ran the silent auction and 50-50 raffle and presented a card and bowl to the outgoing President for the past two years, Dave Kenneke.

Election Results – Dave Kenneke announced the results of the Board elections: Elected were Dave Baldrige, Gary Cascio, Brian Fuller, Tony Gaier, Richard Swartz, and Gail Zimmerman (reelected).

Thanks – Sue Williams thanked Steve Crawford for obtaining a sponsor, Daniels Insurance, for the Saturday morning break and Schlotzskys for the afternoon break. She also thanked Kurt Anderson for making the hangers for the banners.

Map Program – Bob Cowan pointed out that the Council purchased the printer and paper for the map program. He said there was \$2400 in the map account. Paper maps are \$2; waterproof are \$4. Postage is no longer charged. Most maps are NAD 27; newer ones are NAD 83. The proper grid is printed on the map. He has UTM overlays available.

Drawing for Gift Certificate – Dave Kenneke conducted a drawing for a gift certificate for a two-night stay at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, which was donated by the Inn. Attendees who registered early were eligible. The winner was Sharon Lurix.

Adjournment – On a motion by Steve Crawford, seconded by Robert Valdez, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Submitted by:



Don Stone, Secretary

Approved May 17, 2008