

**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
May 2, 2009  
Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso NM**

**Welcome** – The meeting was convened by President, Gary Cascio at 8:04 a.m. After welcoming the attendees, he then made some routine announcements. Gary also explained

**Minutes from ESCAPE 2008** – Brian Fuller, Secretary, requested approval of the minutes of the 2008 General Meeting which were included in the team packets. On a duly made and seconded motion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Richard Swartz, Treasurer and Membership Co-Chair reported the following balances: ESCAPE – 15,750.55; ING Direct - \$5,176.52; Checking - \$2,912.52; Savings - \$3,306.61; Total - \$27,146.20. On a duly made and seconded motion, the report was unanimously approved.

**Board Elections** – Brian announced that there were four vacancies and that five candidates had been nominated prior to the meeting. He then requested nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. The five nominees presented a summary of their qualifications. Ballots were distributed and the following were elected to three-year terms: Tome Bemis, Eddy County SAR; Joe Bigley, Colorado Mounted SAR; John Gallegos, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue; Gerry Runte, Santa Fe SAR.

### **Committee Reports**

**ESCAPE** – Phyllis introduced the instructors of ESCAPE. She listed the sponsors of the breaks as well as all the vendors that attended ESCAPE.

**Training** – Kitty gave a report on the winter skills training that occurred near Grants. She announced an upcoming desert skills training that will be this summer near Las Cruces. The plan for the 2010 winter skills training is to expand the training and have more advanced training. Kitty also explained the training directory that is being assembled to provide SAR teams with resources on people that are available to provide training.

**Publicity** – Dave Baldrige gave a report on the new brochure for the use by teams, PIOs and Incident Commanders. Dave also said that NMSARC would be making a presentation at the New Mexico Broadcasters annual meeting in September.

**Membership** – Robert Valdez, Membership Co-Chair reported that the Council has 38 member teams and two individual members.

**Mapping Program** – Bob Cowen reported that the mapping program was started three and one-half years ago. Plain paper maps cost \$2.00, waterproof maps cost \$4.00

and mission maps are free. To-date 1893 regular maps and 690 water proof maps have been printed.

**Web Site** – Gary Cascio requested the people visit the web site for information and posts to the calendar. Over this next year the website will be revised and any input is welcome.

**Proposed Budget** – Richard Swartz presented the proposed budget for 2009-2010. Gary presented a proposal to update the website. Steve Crawford presented the idea for a capital project of radio repeaters that could be deployed to missions. The budget included discussion regarding a proposed increase in the team membership fees. The membership suggested that new fee structure be based upon the number of team members. It was determined that the board can determine the fee structure. On a duly made and seconded motion, the budget was unanimously approved.

**ESCAPE 2009** – Tony announced that ESCAPE 2010 will be held at the Philmont Scout Ranch April 30 thru May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Philmont has recently finished upgrades to the facilities.

**Outgoing Board Members** – Gary presented plaques to the outgoing Board members: Gail Zimmerman and Robert Valdez

**Ralph Dawdy Memorial Award** – Gary announced that the award, by unanimous decision of the committee and with the concurrence by the entire Board, goes to Paul and Linda McClendon of Santa Fe SAR.

**Which End is Up Award** – Gary presented this award to Robert Valdez when he became one of the subjects of a SAR mission #09-07-02. Robert gave a briefing of the mission and events.

**Resource Officer** – James Newberry gave a short presentation on the statistics of the previous year's SAR missions, hours and number of personnel used.

**Adjourn** – On a motion duly made and seconded it was agreed to adjourn at 10:05 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Brian Fuller, Secretary