



NMSARC Board General Meeting Agenda
Saturday, April 17th, 2015 at 0800
Las Cruces Convention Center – Ballroom A Las Cruces, NM

- I. Call to order, welcome and introduction of guests. Karon Avery brought the meeting to order at 0804
 - a. Introductions of Board Members
 - i. Karon Avery – Cibola SAR
 - ii. Larry Zentner – CAP, NM SAR Support Team
 - iii. Carrie Hale – Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad
 - iv. Roberta Armstrong – Santa Fe SAR
 - v. Michaela Buenemann – DACSAR, OMTRS
 - vi. Bob Baker – NM SAR Review Board
 - vii. Spenser Moreland – Cibola SAR, Socorro SAR
 - viii. Lloyd Voights – CAP
 - ix. Edwin Steimling – SAR Taos
 - b. Introduction of Guests
 - i. Bob Rodgers – NM SAR Resource Officer
 - ii. Chris Boyer – NASAR Director
 - iii. Susannah Charlson – Author, Guest Speaker

- II. Minutes from ESCAPE 2014 – Edwin Steimling
 - a. Motion to accept by Brenda Wiedenmann
 - b. Motion seconded by Al Webster
 - c. 14 in Favor, none opposed

- III. Bob Rodgers State Resource Officer
 - a. We have an 90 SAR incidents in 2014
 - b. Looking ahead in SAR:
 - SAR Field Coordinator, Section Chief, and Field Cert Recertification.
 - Chief's Award – For someone outstanding in Search and Rescue – Nominations will be continuously accepted. They will be given at ESCAPE or a DPS event in order to increase the presence of SAR in the Department of Public Safety.

- IV. Treasurer's report – Larry Zentner
Larry Z. presented the budget to the council member teams and explained the Council's adoption of a zero budget. Account totals were presented. Members with questions were encouraged to find Larry and discuss their concerns after the meeting

- V. SAR Review Board – Bob Baker
 - a. Duane Clark is no longer the Sheriff's Association representative. Major Adrian Armijo has been promoted to deputy chief, Captain Miguel Aguilar has taken his place. Sec. Greg Fouratt has been confirmed as Cabin Secretary for DPS.
 - b. The SAR review board has brought two new teams into NM SAR – UNM Reach and Treat in Albuquerque, as well as Taos Amateur Radio Club. In addition, 4 new Field Coordinators were approved: Al Webster in district 1, Richard Goldstein in district 1, Rick Overmier in district 3 and Rick Buhite in district 6.
 - c. Reviewed and approved SOP's for team recognition by the state and policies for Field Coordinators.

- d. Worked on expanding insurance coverage for volunteers – including limited liability for equipment.
- e. Began to work towards state-wide medical direction: Bob noted this is a long road with significant challenges.

VI. Committee reports:

- a. ESCAPE – Carrie Hale
 - a. We have almost 150 participants
 - b. We have had a large number of sponsors. Mesilla Valley worked very hard to track down sponsorships for ESCAPE.
 - c. Chris Boyer from NASAR is here and will be speaking at lunch
 - d. Susannah Charlson will be the keynote speaker
- b. Membership – Roberta Armstrong
 - a. 37 membership renewals with 1 team yet to renew,
 - b. We have added Taos Amateur Radio club
 - c. Teams are encouraged to look at the membership page to confirm team information
 - d. Working to update information for Team contacts
- c. Mapping Program – Michaela Buenemann
 - a. We have made 85 maps since August 2014.
 - b. Michaela presented an example of the amount of information that can be added to custom maps.
 - c. There was an initial start-up cost of \$660.
 - d. Contact Tony Gaier, Michaela Buenemann, or the NMSARC website to find more information about ordering standard and custom maps.
- d. Training – Lloyd Voights
 - a. The council is looking to provide more training opportunities for teams near their locations.
 - b. All FC's section chiefs, Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
 - a. May 16-17 Kirtland Air Force Base
 - c. July there is a week long course in Albuquerque from the National Search and Rescue School, managed by the US Coast Guard
 - a. Inland SAR planning course
- d. Communications Committee – Lloyd Voights
 - a. The communications committee has submitted a plan to Bob Rodgers to establish standards for SAR communications in New Mexico.
- e. SAR Games
 - a. Still in the planning stage – The Olympics of Search and Rescue
 - i. This is an opportunity for teams to show what resources they have and the services they can provide.

VI. Fallen Heroes Recognized:

- a. Ross Holbrook from Hot Springs Desert Crawlers 4x4 SAR team out of Truth or Consequences.

VII. Announcement regarding a member of the SAR community: David Hale Travis of White Mountain SAR has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. There will be a recognition ceremony on May 9th at Sacred Grounds Coffee House in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

VIII. Ralph Dawdy Memorial Award and Service Awards

- a. Special recognition for contributions to ATV Track, Canine Track, and sponsorships
 - i. Shannon Murray – For sponsorship procurement and creation of the 2015 ESCAPE logo.
 - ii. Phyllis Wright - For contributions in bringing sponsors and continued support of ESCAPE
 - iii. Barbara Zabriskie – For volunteering and work with sponsorships and the silent auction
- b. Ralph Dawdy award:
 - i. Robert Cort and James Stockton nominated Uli Blan for her contributions to the Search and Rescue Community. Uli is the recipient of the 2015 Ralph Dawdy Memorial Award.

- c. Departing Board Members: Karon Avery and Edwin Steimling
- IX. Board Elections
 - a. Nominations:
 - Mary Walker – Sandia Search Dogs – Nominated by Cindy Oliver
 - i. Motion to accept: Brian Foote – DACSAR
 - ii. Second: Mason Briggs AMRC
 - iii. 18 votes in favor, none opposing
- X. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Kurt Anderson

The meeting was adjourned at 0945

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin Steimling