

New Mexico Search and Rescue Council General Meeting Minutes 5/23/22

Attendance:

Teams:

Marc Levesque Mustang SAR
Mary Walker Sandia Search Dogs
Rebecca Penn Dona Ana County SAR
Guy Mackey Civil Air Patrol
Bruce Waggoner Catron Co SAR
Chuck Melvin Dolores K9 SAR Team
Shane Ruzinsky AMRC
Russ Imler Grant Co SAR
Rick Wiedenmann Eddy Co SAR
Aimee Adamek Atalaya SAR
Ben Yeamans Atalaya SAR
Nate Conroy LAAFB
Steve Howard LAFFB
Matt Holmes LAAFB
Bob Cort OMTRS
Nancy Sklavos-Gillett MCC
Wendee Brunish Pajarito K9
Tyler Mobraten Socorro SAR
Larry Zentner Cibola SAR
Ben Hall Cibola SAR
Ron Nelson Santa Fe SAR
Dave Moffat MVSAR

Board:

Erik Nelson
David Price
Larry Zentner
Jon Hitchcock
Ruth Neal
Ron Nelson
Rebecca Penn
Rick Wiedenmann

1910 Called to order

1913 Minutes approved with no objections

1915 Financials presented by Jon Hitchcock

Expenses: PayPal fees, PO box, Storage unit, GoTo meeting, & website hosting
Mapping revenues \$388
Membership dues \$1043

Question from Guy Mackey: Is there a guideline as to how long term investments are drawn down? [He is] a parish priest and they have strict guidelines about how this is done.

David: It is a cushion for two years of operating costs, and the \$20,000+ required to put on ESCAPE each year. We also try to keep other money set aside to fund other trainings as well.

Bob Cort (former board member) chimed in that the large cost of ESCAPE many years back was that ESCAPE relocated on short notice from Glorieta Conference center to Buffalo Thunder casino, due to the former closing within one month of when ESCAPE was to be held.

1922 Board candidate Dave Moffat of MVSAR recently retired to NM after a corporate career where he worked developing executive trainings, he has been put in touch with Spenser Moreland to develop tracks for ESCAPE next year.

1923 Board candidate Bob Howell (not present) has worked in IT and has SAR experience in logs, plans, and ops.

1927 Board member Larry Zentner will need to run for another term - nominated by Mary Walker and seconded by Bob Cort, re-elected to the board for another three year term.

1929 Rick Wiedenmann nominates both board candidates, seconded by Chuck Melvin.

1930 Unanimous election of both board Candidates.

1930 Al Webster won the Dawdy award for 2021, and nominations for the 2022 Dawdy award are open until the end of July.

1931 Rebecca Penn on proposed K9 training workshop by the Canine Behavior Consortium
Topic is increasing effectiveness of Canine training and handlers, the best way to reinforce the trained behaviors for a particular dog

1933 Jon Hitchcock question: How many people would attend this?

Rebecca: 20 dogs and handlers, with room for 10 audit spaces, Invitations would be extended to Council teams

Jon question: Is there a cost for the venue? Rebecca is searching for a classroom space capable of holding 35 people with internet access for presentations and adjacent outdoor space located in Albuquerque or Santa Fe.

Question from Erik Nelson: Could Law Enforcement K9 units attend and help pay for the training? Rebecca: Yes that's possible.

Larry question: Are you asking for the Council to front the \$13k and then DPS will reimburse the Council? Rebecca: We believed the original cost to be \$6,050 and we are working out the now increased cost, waiting on a current quote and will contact Bob Rodgers to discuss. We are evaluating the feasibility and affordability of the training going forward.

1938 Larry: Is the Resource Officer supportive of funding this training? Rebecca: He is, but not to the tune of the entirety of the \$13k. Rebecca will get back to the council with updates.

Ben Yeamans question: Are the 10 audit slots open to non-canine teams? Invitations will be sent to canine teams initially, and then the whole SAR community if there is interest in attending this seminar.

Ben: Are you asking the Council to pay for this training? Rebecca: No, we initially approached DPS and asked Bob for funding to cover this clinic. Due to the increase in cost we may have to cover a portion with fundraising.

1942 David: No ESCAPE has been held since 2019, in light of this we have secured funding to provide teams discounted access to Base Medical (online video courses produced by Dr. Tim Durkin, originally from New Mexico, now in Colorado) the normal cost is \$89 per person, and \$71 per person with a discount applied.

Jon Hitchcock: Is there a time frame for the Base Medical interest survey? David: June 6th

1945 ESCAPE 2023 will be held at Philmont Scout Ranch (Philmont has confirmed they will honor our previous deposit)

1946 Adjourned, Bob Cort moved, Rebecca Penn seconded, with none opposed

- Erik Nelson, NMSARC Secretary

