

**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
February 6, 2010**

The meeting was held at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge – San Antonio, NM

Attending: Dave Baldrige, Tom Bemis, Gary Cascio, Brian Fuller, Tony Gaier, John Gallegos, Gerry Runte and Phyllis Wright. Absent: Richard Swartz and Joe Bigley. Visitors: Dave Clark, Lt .Col. David MacLauchlan and 2nd Lt. Angela MacLauchlan

- I.** **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Cascio at 10:14.

- II.** **Minutes from Last Meeting:** The minutes of the December 17, 2009, Board Meeting had been approved by e-mail on January 6, 2010.

- III.** **Treasurer's Report:** Richard submitted a report via email. The current account balances are (ESCAPE account \$15,579.⁴¹, ING Direct \$5,228.⁵⁰, Checking \$2,761.⁴³, Savings \$3,307.⁶¹). Two web site management bills were paid and some team's annual dues were paid. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Tony, Phyllis 2nd, approved unanimously.

- IV.** **Committee Reports**
 - A. Training:** Winter training to be held at the Santa Fe Ski Basin was rescheduled to February 20, 2010. Steve is putting together the Information, schedule, release form and signup sheet will be posted on the web page soon. CAP may have their communications trailer at IB for assistance with communications. Phyllis received the training directory that Kitty had started. She will be further developing the directory. The directory will be posted on the web page with restricted access to member teams. Deborah Brandt and herbalist and nurse will be available to teach a class on edible desert plants, a tentative date is July 24 at Caballo Lake. The board discussed having the training wrapped into the 2010 summer training. Gary pointed out that the SAR guidelines indicate the policies for instructor reimbursement. Tom is working on a cave rescue training at Fort Stanton. Phyllis will work with Tom and will look at incorporating some above ground training topics and not have training at Caballo Lake in July. Phyllis discussed possibly having a boot camp scheduled for the fall up north. CAP is trying to coordinate more trainings with SAR teams across the state. This will enable a smooth working relationship in the event of a SAR mission. CAP is encouraged to attend trainings and functions such as ESCAPE.

 - B. ESCAPE:** (April 30-May 2, 2010) Tony has received about a dozen applications. Early registration deadline is set for March 31. The preliminary training tracks are being finalized and due on Feb 16 and will be posted. Carabineers will be in the packets given away. Vendors so far may be Search Gear and SW Antenna. The vendors will be located at the back of the main hall. Total square feet for vendors would be around 400 square feet with maybe an additional 500 square feet. The Saturday evening meal will be prepared and served by Philmont. The menu will be determined approximately 60 days out from ESCAPE. Any special meals need to be

specified on the application forms. Gary brought up having a list determined about tasks board members will be assigned during ESCAPE.

- C. Membership:** A total of 19 applications have been sent in so far this year. In the past the applications have trickled in up until May. The deadline for member teams for ESCAPE team registration will be held to the deadline. Gary recommended that the NMSARC dues deadline be posted on the calendar. Gary brought up that the teams listed on the web page should only be member teams with non-member teams listed on a separate page. Tony also suggested that non-member teams not have a hyperlink to their team's page.
- D. Newsletter / Public Relations:** Deadlines for next Newsletter will be March 1st. The last PIO class had approximately 10 members in attendance. There was a discussion regarding how to get PIOs more involved in missions. There will be additional trainings for the Field Coordinators on how to use and when to use PIOs. The public speaker's bureau is being set up and will be advertised on the forum and possibly have a round table discussion at ESCAPE.
- E. Mapping Program:** Tom will get a map count from Bob Cowan.
- F. Website:** Gary discussed the web layout and navigation menu for the web page. Board members are encouraged to review and provide any comments.
- G. Fundraising:** Nothing to report
- H. P.A.C.E.:** John discussed his conversation with the PACE Chairperson. A Field Certification exam will be in Las Cruces on March 20. An Evaluator training will be done during this session. Dave brought up trying to include more detailed and specific training in the Field Certification such as avalanche training. It was agreed that the Field Certification was simply an entry level study guide.
- I. SAR Review Board:** The board met on January 14, 2009 in the chief's conference room. A draft report on the investigation into the 606 mission was presented to the review board. A meeting will be held February 22 in which presentations will be made to the board. The revised report will be completed and made public on March 23. Then written public comments will be received by the SAR review board. After the April SAR review board meeting the final report will be submitted along with recommendations to the chief. Additional interviews are in the process of being completed now. A new chairman has been appointed to the SAR Review Board, attorney Kyle Harwood has been appointed by the Governor's Office.

V. Old Business

- A. None:**

VI. New Business

- A. Board Meeting Location and Schedule:** April 10, 2010 is the next meeting the location will be Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge – San Antonio, NM

- B. Radio Repeater:** Dave Clark gave a presentation on Radio Repeaters in New Mexico for SAR. Gary suggested that a committee be formed to investigate and identify the communications issues throughout the state. The committee will provide possible solutions and recommendations.
- C. Water Cadaver Seminar at Caballo Lake:** Dave explored the idea of having a cadaver in water training at ESCAPE but it did not work out. A training seminar is scheduled for May 22 thru 24. Dave would like to get a mission number so there would be insurance coverage for the training. Dave would need to contact Mike Valverde to request a mission number. Separate insurance maybe able to be purchased separately. A request was made to have the council pay for some of the training in order to help subsidize and have a stop-loss. Dave will meet with the NMSP Dive Team and Valverde in Santa Fe. A portion of the SAR Act was read that stated SAR related activities are coordinated and done by the NMSP Dive Team.
- D. Actionable Goals post-ESCAPE:** Postponed
- E. ESCAPE 2011:** The board discussed possible locations. Possible locations could be Inn of the Mountain Gods, City of Las Cruces Convention Center, or Ruidoso Convention Center. Gary will contact Richard about making calls to these locations to get the process and paperwork started.
- F. Ralph Dawdy Award:** Notice needs to be sent out by the chair asking for submissions. The committee will be the Gary, Tom Bemis and Tony Gaier.
- G. NASAR:** Tony suggested that we try and promote NASAR to have their annual conference in New Mexico. Some board members thought that they are planning 2011 to have their conference in Albuquerque. Tony will contact them to get more details.
- H. Board Vacancies:** There will be six positions vacant. It would be good to have 7 to 8 people run for the board. Board members are encouraged to find people to fill the vacancies. Gary will send a notice out on the forum requesting people submit their names and bios if they wish to be included on the ballot.

VII. Adjourn: On a motion by Tom, (2nd Phyllis), the meeting was adjourned at 14:03.

VIII. Meeting Date: April 10, 2010 - 10:00AM. Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge – San Antonio, NM

Submitted by:

Brian Fuller, Secretary