

**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
April 10, 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, Richard Swartz and Phyllis Wright. Absent: Joe Bigley and Gerry Runte.

- I.** **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Cascio at 10:04.

- II.** **Minutes from Last Meeting:** The minutes of the February 6, 2010, Board Meeting had been approved by e-mail on February 15, 2010.

- III.** **Treasurer's Report:** The current account balances are (ESCAPE account \$19,402.¹⁰, ING Direct \$5,236.⁸⁴, Checking \$2,646.²⁷, Savings \$3,307.⁸¹). Richard received a number of registration checks and will be deposited next week. Donation was received for the Putnam Search 08-01-03. Since St. John's SAR does not exist the check will be voided and remain with NMSARC as a fee. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Tom, Dave 2nd, approved unanimously. Richard has completed the NM PRC report as well as the annual IRS tax form. Richard received a letter and donation from John Barton of Santa Fe. No mission occurred, donation will be considered for NMSARC a thank you letter will be sent.

- IV.** **Committee Reports**
 - A. Training:** Cave training has been formalized and will be held at Fort Stanton on June 19. White Mountain SAR will be setting up and running the Incident Base for the mission. It was agreed to be a cosponsor. Phyllis had talked with Deborah Brandt regarding the edible plant seminar. She will have a class sometime in the summer in the black range and that info will be passed along to NMSARC team members. Discussed the need for starting the planning phase for the summer training. The location of the summer training was discussed. Active field classes tend to draw more attendees versus classroom trainings. Training directory, discussion included trying to revitalize the organization of the directory so it can be a useful document for teams and planners of for use in planning for ESCAPE. K-9 cadaver water clinic, not able to get a mission number. State Police Dive team will be attending the event. The clinic is full with a number of participants being there to watch. Dave asked the council to provide stop-loss insurance and being a sponsor of the event. The board discussed the aspects of having the training and how it would apply to SAR in New Mexico. Gary suggested that possibly modifying the SOP to allow the donations to training events. By allowing donations to training events additional teams may in the future ask for funding and requiring the council to actively go into fund raising. Mock SAR Saturday April 17, City of Rocks State Park update.

 - B. ESCAPE:** (April 30-May 2, 2010) Board members are requested to be there at 6:00 PM to assist in setting up. Board will be using radio frequency 151.370 for communications. Menu is being finalized and will be sent out within the next week.

Registration cutoff date is April 15. At that point a new form will be on the web page. No additional food and lodging will be available. Currently there are approximately 121 people registered. All board members should be at the front desk on Friday morning. Items for sale will be patches, t-shirts, etc. The money from sales needs to be kept separate because registration fees. Gary suggested that council purchase a staff t-shirt for uniformity. Phyllis made motion to purchase the staff shirt to use during ESCAPE, Dave 2nd, approved. Board members need to send size and color to Gary. General merchandise shirts, the board determined to purchase 1/3 less than the same quantity as last year. Early registration tickets for the GPS will be placed in the individual packets. The other door prizes will be done from a general ticket number and people must be present to win. There are more than enough classrooms. There are 3 vendors, Search Gear, Decisions for Heros and Durango Kart. The insurance policy does not cover accidents of participants. The waivers will be posted on-line and people will be told download, print, and bring to registration. Horse trainers will have their own insurance. There are 6 to 7 minors that have registered and each will have their own chaperons. A waiver with parent's signature will be required. Tony will be assembling the individual welcome packets next weekend. Items that need to be included in the team packet must be to Tony by April 15. Gary will place an order for an additional 500 brochures.

- C. Membership:** Currently there are 40 member teams with approximately 686 members. There are 2 individual members. An idea is to provide a team page with team name, location, team size, areas of expertise, contact phone numbers, description, photos (limit), hyperlink to web site, team logo. Gary will coordinate and investigate to see if it is feasible.
- D. Newsletter / Public Relations:** The latest newsletter went out mid march. Speakers bureau application and donation brochure are in the process of being finalized.
- E. Mapping Program:** Tom reported that over 3,000 maps have been printed since the program was initiated. The account balance is currently \$3,391.44.
- F. Website:** The estimated budget for the new web site was originally estimated for around \$5,000. SAR members are encouraged to review, provide comments and any photos. The new site will have more interfaces so the board can add and change information as needed to reduce overall web maintenance cost.
- G. Fundraising:** Sponsors (3) Byrillium and (5) trillium sponsors. Grant request to Bear SAR, no response.
- H. P.A.C.E.:** The power point presentation that was given during an exam was not appropriate. The process of the field certification is set by the PACE committee and cannot be arbitrarily changed. There was a discussion regarding making it a requirement that all members teams must be field certified. NMSARC does not have the authority on operational basis during a mission. NMSARC could work with promoting this as a requirement by the state police. Tom will bring this up during the Area Commander conference.
- I. SAR Review Board:** Draft investigation report was released for public review and comment.

V. Old Business

- A. Toss Bag:** Tom had a discussion with state police helo would be hesitant to drop or lower gear to a subject. Having toss bags located around the state either at state police offices or with Field Coordinators.
- B. Radio Project:** Dave Clark gave a presentation at the last board meeting. Nothing had been decided on the communication network. It was determined that a committee needs to be set up to investigate and identify the radio repeaters needs and locations. Committee members, Tom.

VI. New Business

- A. Board Meeting Location and Schedule:** Date to be set up at ESCAPE after election.
- B. 2010-2011 Budget:** Richard presented a proposed budget that will be presented at the General Meeting at ESCAPE.
- C. ESCAPE 2011:** Richard presented information on the new Las Cruces Convention Center and the approximate costs. Discussed having ESCAPE at Ruidoso Convention Center with only one meal. Phyllis will contact Ruidoso Convention Center and the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Phyllis proposed people submitting information to the board email forum on Sunday April 18 with locations and ideas.
- D. Ralph Dawdy Award:** No submissions have been received. The deadline will be extended and an email will be sent to the forum.
- E. Board Members Plaques:** It was agreed to purchase the framed tiles for the outgoing board members.
- F. Board Vacancies:** There will be six positions vacant. So far we have three bios submitted. Bylaws require eleven members.

VII. Adjourn: On a motion by tony, (2nd Richard), the meeting was adjourned at 14:23.

VIII. Meeting Date: ESCAPE General meeting.

Submitted by:

Brian Fuller, Secretary