

Agenda: New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Saturday, October 2, 2010
Permian Basic Training Center, Carlsbad, NM

In attendance: Phyllis Wright, Cindy Oliver, Tom Bemis, Robert Cort, Eric Hjelmfelt, John Gallegos, Nate Lay, Pat Seiser, David MacLauchlan, Gerry Runte, Brian Hamilton

Absent: John Gallegos

I. Call to Order Call to order 0956 by Phyllis. Tom presented with an award from the Park Service for 30 years of service to Carlsbad National Park. Congratulations, Tom.

II. Minutes from last meeting Robert moves to accept minutes, Gerry seconds, unanimously approved

III. Treasurer's Report ESCAPE \$18,045.65; ING Direct \$5249.20; NMESC \$1416.22; Savings \$ 4308.27; TOTAL Bank Accounts \$29,019.34. Pat moves to approve report, Eric seconds, unanimously approved

IV. Committee Reports

A. Training Reports Bosque training in September was very successful! Upcoming trainings include: 10/16/10--Mock search in City of Rocks, 11/13/1--Search techniques in Albuquerque, 12/4/10--Winter pack essentials, in Santa Fe, 1/29/1--Winter skills retreat in Philmont, 2/19/11--Team leader training in Socorro, 5/13/1--ESCAPE; 10/23 & 24--Communications Leader Training in Ft Stanton. CAP is also offering trainings we can attend.

To get a mission number, contact Peter Olsen. To get a mission number the training must include a mock search. Also to have a mission number, must have an Area Commander on site during training

B. ESCAPE Report (2011, 2012)

Medical Track Lead: Laura Mae Williams

Technical Track lead: Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad

Basic Track Lead: I have asked Tony Gaier. Awaiting Response

Intermediate/Advanced Track lead??

Radio Communications Lead: Tom?

K-9 Lead: Waiting response from Brian Hamilton and Cindy Oliver. Cindy will continue to look for K-9 training

Management Lead: John has asked Frankie Benoist. Awaiting reply

Still working on a key note/guest speaker. Nate and Bob will work on a couple of proposed names including Royal O'Robins and John Anderson. Phyllis will continue to work on John Krakaur. ESCAPE is offering \$500 plus expenses.

We may need to reserve Ghost Ranch now. Bob will look at cash flow to see if it is possible to put down a down payment at this time. Gerry suggests that John approach Ghost Ranch and have right of first refusal for the proposed dates and not pay the down payment until around June 1, 2011.

C. Membership Report: Brian compiled an email list of all teams. He is working on calling teams that he from whom he has not gotten a response to update contact list in order to have better communications. This update will be given to the team liaisons.

D. Newsletter / Public Relations: Pat reports that she is going to publish newsletter by mid October. She is looking for information from teams about interesting events in which they have been involved or interesting missions. The newsletter will be put out quarterly. *New Mexico SAR in the News* link will be made by our web manager, Dick, to celebrate SAR successes in the field.

E. Training Directory: Phyllis has designed a form for team members with expertise to fill out to become volunteer trainers. There will be an invitation to sign up as a volunteer trainer on the forum, but the form itself will be filled out on the web site. The forms will be automatically forwarded to David.

F. Website: Want to update website in order to make sure the email links go to the right places. Address who may make changes on calendar. One suggestion is to make "assistants" who can access the calendar to make changes. Eric will work with Dick as an assistant. Send changes to web site to Phyllis or Eric, and they will send changes to Dick. Eric will be the primary contact person, but copy changes to Phyllis as well.

G. Fundraising: plans; ideas: Nate reports that he has contacted REI, Walmart, Sams Club. They do not hand out \$ until the beginning of the year. He has contact info for Mtn hardware, Kelty, etc. We can put up banners, and advertise for them on the website. Please be in touch with Nate with possible contributors of either merchandise, or monetary contributors. Nate is working on the silent auction for ESCAPE.

H. Field Certification Report: John has put 7 exams on the calendar and he is training many new evaluators. John is now known as a representative for field certification instead of liaison. Teams can call John and John will send an evaluator to them. Please forward meeting dialog to him to help him address Field Cert. issues. Gerry suggests that it be a recommendation of the Council that those SAR members and teams that are members of NMSARC who show up for a search be field certified—eventually it be a requirement.

I. SAR Review Board Report: Gerry will articulate to review board the discussions NMSARC is having about field certification.

J. Mapping: Nothing to report at this time.

V. Old Business

A. Comms Committee positions and progress: Tom is taking care of most of comms by himself. He is going to work on standards and equipment with committee this month. Working on methods we can use around the state and understanding those methods. He is ordering the repeater this month.

B. Field Certification Committee progress and plans: Was covered early in the meeting

C. Liaison reports: Phyllis emphasizes that we continue to communicate with our liaisons and suggest that they invite Peter Olson to team meetings. Also, encourage teams to attend trainings and support them for field certifications

D. St. John's donation / 10,000 Waves donation: St John's donation will be tabled until next meeting. Tom moves that we give the 10,000 Waves donation to Linda McClendon, Nate seconded, unanimous in favor.

VI. New Business:

A. Board member communications: When someone emails, please respond within 5-7 days

B. Attrition and ramifications: Discussion about SAR community members who have resigned in the recent past.

C. Field Certification Liaison name change: Changed John's title from liaison to "representative."

D. Searcher Typing: This will be tabled for the next meeting.

E. Resource Directory: Addressed early in minutes

F. Mounted SAR Guidelines: Look at documents and get back to Phyllis if you endorse the guidelines and to offer any editing suggestions. Also send them to all mounted teams and get their suggestions/endorsement. Then they will be posted on the NMSAR website.

G. Next board meeting date and location: Either Friday December 3rd, Sunday December 5th, Friday December 10th, or Sunday December 12th. Cindy will email dates to board, please respond between 5-7 days

VII. Adjourn: Gerry moves to adjourn meeting, Brian seconds, unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Oliver
NMSARC Secretary