

**Agenda: New Mexico Search and Rescue Council**  
**Friday, December 10, 2010; 6pm**  
**State Police Office, Albuquerque, NM**

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

**Absent:** Pat Seiser

**I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6 pm. Phyllis introduced our visitors, Kurt Anderson and Peter Olson.

**II. Minutes from last meeting:** Approved minutes unanimously from discussion on board forum.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Bob gave treasurers report. In all accounts \$26,200.64. \$1500 was transferred from savings to checking to reimburse Tom for repeater. ESCAPE: \$15,756.03; ING Direct: \$5,249.20; NMESC: \$3,386.81, Savings: \$1808.60. Approx \$850 was given in donations. Eric moved to approve report. Gerry 2<sup>nd</sup>: approved unanimously.

**IV. Resource Officer's Report:** Peter is planning a policy and procedure manual. A concept draft was passed around for Board perusal. Peter is also looking for a volunteer to help with data entry up in Santa Fe.

**V. Committee Reports**

**A. Training Reports:** Search Techniques training in November has had positive feedback. There were 20 participants. There were a number of teams from around the state. The only suggestion was to consider offering navigation training before this training in order to utilize skills. Eric reports that winter essential training was also well done and attended. There were 16 participants, offering more positive feedback. January 27<sup>th</sup> is the Winter Essential Skills training at Philmont Scout Ranch. This will be an overnight training. It will be advertised that it is not necessary that participants spend the night out. The fee is possibly \$100 for room and board. The fee includes 2 nights, 5 meals, and equipment. February will offer a mock search in the northern part of the state. Navigation training is tentative for Las Cruces in March, possibly with helicopter training. Riverbank training is scheduled in late April in ABQ. SAR is always invited to CAP trainings. Tom reports 14 participants at a Communications Unit Leader training and it went well.

**B. ESCAPE Report (2011, 2012):** ESCAPE website has been updated. John posts weekly on the forum. It was voted unanimously in favor that John include 2 meals in the registration fee. The board in general committed to finding a guest speaker, finding vendors, sponsors, and donations.

**C. Membership Report:** Brian reported that membership is due in January so he is getting the packets out this week. The teams that are not members will get a mailed packets for membership. He has made up a list of all member email addresses.

**D. Newsletter / Public Relations:** Pat is absent. She is working hard on getting another newsletter out. Write articles for newsletter.

**E. Training Directory:** The directory link is on the website and will to be utilized more

**F. Website:** Work in progress. Members are trying to change time zone so the times are correct on calendar. Call glitches in to Phyllis and Eric.

**G. Fundraising: plans; ideas:** Nate reports that REI offers a \$5000 grant. The proposal must have a REI sponsor in order to apply. He will continue to work this.

**H. Field Certification Report:** 104 new field certifications test passed this year so far. More are scheduled.

**I. SAR Review Board Report; nominations:** Suggested that everyone read SAR Act and SAR Plan for clarification.

**J. Mapping:** Bob Cowan has printed out 3300 maps. The current balance is \$2893.42.

**VI. Old Business**

**B. Field Certification & Comms reports to SAR RB Committee:** Field Certification is exceeding state expectations as are Communication Trainings.

**C. Liaison reports:** Be in touch with teams

**D. St. John's donation / 10,000 Waves donation:** Will compile a list of what each initial recipient team received. Remainder will go to ESCAPE. It was moved by Eric and seconded by Bob that the St Johns equipment will be used for door prizes and silent auction items at ESCAPE. Approved unanimously.

**E. Attrition and ramifications**

**VII. New Business:**

**A. Board member actions:** Keep up professional attitudes and work

**B. Searcher Typing:** Tabled pending next meeting

**C. CD-1; ICS:** Resolved prior to the meeting

**D. Next board meeting date and location:** The next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in Socorro. The following meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in Ruidoso.

**VII. Adjourn:** It was moved by Bob and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John to adjourn. Unanimously approved.