



**New Mexico Search and Rescue Council
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2017 (17:05-21:26)**

In attendance: David Price, Aimee Adamek, Sean McGann, Terry Ann Miller, Ruth Neal, Jon Hitchcock, Terry Morton, Scott Voorhees, Eric Roybal.

Guests: Bob Rogers, Al Webster, Larry Zentner, another unknown guest.

Absent: Grant Reigelman, Michaela Buenemann

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by David Price.

Approval of the agenda: Eric Roybal motioned to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting, Terry Ann Miller seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Old business: David is still working on the bylaws and researching new projectors.

New business: Mission donations.

Bob Rogers gave a summary of how he expects donations in memory of a mission on the recommendation of DPS to be handled. DPS Policy SAR-03 is the written procedure. It states: "Field Coordinators or Area Commanders receiving unsolicited offers of donations will provide the person making the offer a brochure outlining the New Mexico SAR mission and a recommendation that donations be sent to the "New Mexico Emergency Service Council", also known as the "New Mexico Search and Rescue Council" for distribution to SAR teams participating in the search and rescue incident."

Bob stated that anyone who responds to a mission is considered a SAR team, and any team not getting paid by DPS to be at the mission is a volunteer. Bob stated that he would not accept an MOU that allowed donations to go to NMSARC member teams only.

Following Bob's summary the council discussed options and obtaining a written MOU with the state. The Council's concern is that there can be the situation whereby a state recognized resource is also a for-profit organization. Donations recommended to NMSARC by DPS would not necessarily go to non-profit groups or member teams of the Council under the RO's definition of team and volunteer.

Eric made a motion to present a written agreement found in the NMESC policies voted on by the teams at a general meeting in 1995 to Bob and negotiate from there. Terry Ann seconded Eric's motion. A roll call vote was taken on Eric's motion and all present approved and the motion passed.

ESCAPE:

Aimee presented the current financial information pertaining to ESCAPE and the registration fee was discussed, along with waivers. A budget was created based on conservative attendance numbers. The retail price for three days is \$155 and for Saturday and Sunday is \$120; however, with sponsorships and financial assistance from DPS, we can substantially reduce this cost. After reviewing all revenue and expenses, the council approved Aimee's suggested registration rates and confirmed the instructor policy be the same as in past years.

Terry Ann moved to adjourn, Ruth seconded. The motion passed with enthusiasm.

The next meeting will be scheduled by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.