

MEPA meeting  
March 25, 2008

John Hark  
Karen Eagleston  
Ron Tost  
Ronald Reynolds  
Jonathan Ayres  
Phil Beeler  
Rhonda Wiley

Bob Crump  
Theresa Tost  
Dawn Warren  
Michael Daniels  
Michael Boos  
Dennis Johnson

In the MEPA account, the balance as of yesterday was \$8114.66. We have 115 new memberships that were paid by grants with an additional 32. The MEPA account, which was conference money left over from the last conference contains \$12,476.68.

Update for the 5013c (Susan):

Treasurer's report was accepted by all members.

Nominating committee:

As of the 19<sup>th</sup>, we have 1 bio.

He is no longer an EMD.

David Compton is running for \_\_\_\_\_.

Want to put it in the by-laws that if the person does not attend a certain amount of meetings, they can not be a board member.

I make a motion that Ryan Carter be removed as Vice President.

Has Ryan been in contact with Susan relaying his reasons for being a no-show.

John: If he has, then Susan has not relayed it to us.

Dawn: Let us just call him.

Karen: In the by-laws, it states that you have to be an EMD or an assistant.

Michael: Accept the motion to accept Ryan verbal resignation.

Motion was seconded.

All in favor and so moved.

John: Troop B is open, Troup C—Mike Daniels has submitted his bio. Troup F and G is Theresa Tost. Troup H-has received a bio. Troop I \_\_\_\_\_

There should be a secret ballot for a vice president.

How did the appointments get staggered?

Karen: We did that so there were 2 and 2. Then last year because of people leaving, people who were replaced, which placed them on an off scale.

Discussion of the election of members and replacements. The president's position is the only one that is technically open for election. The by-laws were read by Dawn Warren to clarify the election process of a member. The vice president's position will be voted on by secret ballot. Troop B C H.

Troop G: Will be Teresa Tost.

Troop E: Is open.

David Compton is our new Vice President.

If we have anyone who is interested, they can pay for the previous year, which will make them current.

John: That is not in the by-laws.

Jonathan: I have not heard any complaints. The bulletin board is still not being used. The word is not being put out about the board. I am still missing pictures with bios for people.

Karen: I will suggest that you get their picture while they are here.

Dawn: Can we list that under #5 with general membership.

Karen: We will have a working meeting at 1:00 until 4:00 so we can make the changes in the constitution, which have to be publicized before the meeting on Saturday.

MSBA: We will have a booth set up at this conference which is August 14-15, 08 at the Hilton. Anyone who can attend to help with the booth would be appreciated.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ron: There has been a mix up on the booth, but this has been fixed and we sincerely apologize for this. I would like to see MEPA and SEMA to move forward and work out their differences.

Dennis: I will be glad to work with SEMA.

Dawn: Emergency Managers credentialing. I think it is important to develop committees now so that you have a chance to work it out and handle the credentialing.

I also have the Hazmat alliance that needs a committee.

I think that it would be good that each board member took a committee (Dawn listed the 6 new committees). The board member then can reach out to the general membership to start the committee.

We are getting an emergency managers MOU\*\*\*\*

Jon: Some of the Emergency managers are not as active or savvy as other. I think it would be best to get a consensus on this matter. Need to get coordination between the EM and the region, then you will get the best out of that region.

John: We need to know who are membership is first because of how many irons in the fire we have. Once the new membership is established, then we can start the process.

Dawn: That is what I put in the draft, but I do not want anyone to take offense to that.

Karen: Do we want to table this until after the election?

All: Agreed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Booth Schedule: I did not do a sheet as done in the past because no one follows it anyway. Asked everyone to look at the conference agenda to see when they were free, and that is when they will work the booth.

We have Wednesday and Thursday all day.

We will need someone to man the booth at 7:30 to 8:30 in the morning tomorrow. Karen and Dennis will be there.

Lunch—11:30 to 1:00 will be John, Bill, and Mike.

Then 1:00 to 2:30 will be Jonathan and Teresa.

2:30 to 4:30 will be Karen.

4:30 to 6:00 will be Mike B, Ron and Teresa.

Thursday: 7:00--Ron and Teresa will man the booth.

The general membership meeting will be at 8:00

Booth at 9:00 to 10:00 Phil and John.

From 10:00 to 11:30 Jonathan and Mike D.  
Working lunch.

From 1:00 to 3:00 Karen, Dennis, Mike B.

Karen will tear down.

Jonathan suggested that we tear down at 2:00.

#### Lifetime Membership Award

I suggest that we go ahead and make a decision of whom we want. Then invite that person to the workshop in June.

We have three nomination: Harold Ward-Camden County. Tim Mosier-Pettis County. Gene Muldane, Monet

When we talked about the business about the plaque, we agreed to do 2 people, but last year we only did 1. So I suggest that we go ahead and recognize all 3 gentleman.

The by-laws was read regarding the award by Mike Daniels.

Mike made a motion to recognize all.

Second.

All agreed.

The presentations will be presented in June.

John: Read a message that in order to serve on the board, he must resign as a life-long member.

Dawn: Read the letter from Director Reynolds of his nominees: Director Reynolds, Dawn Warren, and Debbie Cheshire.

#### LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The national weather service has created this workshop and Steve has helped develop it.

I need someone to help with the menu.

Discussion regarding the presentation. A time slot will be made for credentialing.

Asked if the board wanted to have a give-away. Discussed the cost of it:

The item costs \$5. The maximum dollar amount is \$1500.

Mike motioned for yes.

John: Seconded. Also we need to get an agenda together and start pushing this.

Karen: Handed out information sheets that she had available now to be at the booth.

All agreed.

Date and time of next meeting

Will be decided Thursday.

Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.