

Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association

Minutes

Date: April 22, 2010	Time: 7:45 a.m.	Location: Heidelberg Room Branson
Called to order by: John Hark	Called to order time: 8:06	Recorder of Minutes: Diane Bosworth

Participants Present

John Hark	President	Denise Russell	Treasurer
Jonathan Ayres	Secretary	Tom White	Cooper County
Gretchen Keith	MEPA	Mike Daniels	Warren County
Larry Woods	Springfield/Greene Co	Teresa Tost	Ava/Douglas County
Mike Boos	City of Raymore EMA	Karen Eagleson	MERC

Administrative

- Introductions: John welcomed all members. Introduced all board members.

Treasurer Report

- In our membership account we have \$14,969.76. Our expenses for this part of the year have been only \$50. We have taken in with deposits \$2,925.89.
- In the Conference count, there is a balance of \$10,633.69. We did have some expenses incurred for this conference such as a banner, flyers.
- John asked for a motion to accept the treasurer report as read. Motion was made, motion seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

- 501 ©6 Status Report: We have battled for four years through two administrations fighting for our 501c6 status. We thought we were going to be able to say that we are completed with this today, but that will not happen.
- David: We have debated this over several years for the best outcome. Some of the core services that MEPA wants to bring to the membership. We looked at that the 501c6 status would benefit MEPA more than a 501c3. The 6 status allows us to battle legislation. As of about three weeks, we had the 501c6 status returned to us requesting signatures and financial papers. Our attorney expects for our status to be completed by May. We are dealing with an attorney and the IRS who do not seem to worry about getting this completed. The status allows us solicit a variety of services on your behalf. We will be able to lobby legislation.

Committee Reports

- MCEM (Certification) Committee: Last year, the MEPA board set one goal which was to accredit emergency managers across the state. We have 21 total EMDs credentialed with more applications coming in. Please visit the website to see the guidelines for a certified EMD. Introduced: Teresa Tost, Ron Tost, John Hark, Dennis Johnson, Mike Boos, George Beeler. The committee reviewed 15 applications that were approved on April 12. Mark Owen, Leslie Boatright, Chet Hunter, John Elmore, Shea Lane, Ty Davisson, Michael Coldwell, Mike O'Neal, Jonathan Ayers, Steve Moody, Denise Russell, John Christianson, George Albert, Gloria Michalski.
- Constitution Committee: We have been trying to update the constitution. I would like to, by show of hands, those that have been a member since last year that have seen the constitution with by-law changes. However, we are still not getting the word to the membership. I am here to say that this problem will improve.
- Legislative Committee: We have been tracking a lot of bills related to public safety. We are looking at SB462-spill bill. This bill pretty much died due to be undulated by letters. Through SB680, it has been submitted again. I say that we do not support this bill. We will continue to monitor its process. Right now we are looking at 27 bills and 6 pertain directly to emergency management. You can e-mail comments to me with
SB680
HB1314-tax deductions with storm shelters
HB1401-exempts tenants to paying rent if the residence gets destroyed
HB1654-fire bill. If you have special needs (oxygen) they must notify the fire personnel
HB1468-catastrophic fund.
SB790-exempts special needs from sunshine law.

E-mail: legislation@momepa.org

On the website there is a tab called, Shelter For Life, this has sample local ordinance language that allows you to pass verbiage for storm shelter home parks to get started at the local level.

- Website: Over the past year, we have worked to make the website more user friendly. We had a problem with the e-mail system for distribution. There are usually at least 2 updates per week. We have news stories regarding emergency management; training resources; public education documents; operational resources for emergency management; tips, tricks, etc.
We now have available where you can pay the membership dues on the website. You still have to print the form and mail it in.

- Election of Officers: The positions open for election are President, Troop H, I, D. John Hark has submitted for President, Jeff riddle for Troop E
John Hark Bio: Please see attached.
Are there any other nominations for the President position. None give. Motion made to close nomination. Motion seconded. Motion carried.
George Albert asked about John’s Bio stating that he ran two terms, which states in the by-laws that this is not allowed.
John stated that he did not run two terms consecutive.
Status was settled.
The President will continue to be John Hark.

Jeff Riddle Bio: Please see attached.
Asked for any other nominations for Troop E
Motion made that Jeff be elected. Motion was seconded
Jeff will be the rep for Troop E

Dennis Johnson BIO: Please see attached.
Asked for any other nominations for Troop H
Motion made that nominations cease. Motion was seconded.
Dennis is the rep for Troop H

The position “At Large” is still open as Bob Dopp has left the Franklin County. We will give him 30 days to either stay in this position or we can re-elect.

Amendments to Constitution: Motion made, motion seconded, and motion carried to accept the constitution as read.

- Discussion of Membership fees: 20 years ago, I had the membership fee raised from \$10 to \$15. I am now requesting that the fee be raised to \$20 by next year. We are trying to raise the funding for the certification program, looking for scholarships.
We are looking at expanding to the National level.

We have appointed a PIO for MEPA—Ryan Nichols. We want to hear things from you and your area. We want to work with Susie Stonner, PIO for SEMA.

Adjournment

Request motion to adjourn. Motion made, seconded, and motion carried at 8:58 a.m.