

Steele County CAER Minutes

July 17, 2013

7:00 PM

Location:

Steele County EOC

Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Tom Karnauskas.

Attendees:

Tom Karnauskas, Mike Johnson, Iris Johnson, Chris Gannon, Dee Kirchner, JoAnn Eichten, Roger Wencil, Raymond Truelson, Jill Bondhus, Karen Fontaine

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of June 19, 2013 General Meeting were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was unchanged and had no expenses.

Old Business:

1. **Badges** – Badge making training will be setup for the new machine. Mike to set up a time. Trainees include Tom, CERT member, Mike & Iris so far.
2. **Training** – There were no training events.
3. **Chamber of Commerce Preparedness Conference** – No date for next year has been selected for the conference.
4. **Cots** – Mike will meet with Sharon Olsen and Iris at the armory on 8/23 to get cot dimension and discuss what to do with all the cots. Mike suggested adding a Wenger cart to the grant to move cots around on.
5. **Drill Planning** – will do this in Sept.

Member Reports:

- 1) **CAP** – Owatonna CAP had 2 cadets participate in National Activities. The last activity was Hawk Mountain Rescue Training. We currently have a cadet participating in the Regional Flight Academy in Mankato this week. We marched in the Old Fashioned Celebration in Blooming Prairie on July 4th and are gearing up for the Owatonna Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast on Aug 5th. Serving French toast breakfast from 7 – noon. Silent auction with great donations. RC Modelers, Owatonna Fire Dept, and Habitat for Humanity will be there. Habitat for Humanity will be selling raffle tickets for a storage shed. Plane rides will be offered by Langer Aviation for free.

- 2) **Races** – Tom reported that the field trip in June went well. The number of contacts was down due to band conditions. Set up at the fairgrounds did provide more exposure to the public. More people stopped to ask what was going on. With Mike Johnson’s support, Owatonna is donating some surplus equipment.
- 3) **Salvation Army** – They will be parking cars during the SCFF.
- 4) **Raymond Truelson** – Raymond shared that there is a lot of construction in town. He participated on Hwy 14 coalition. The city settled with Dow Chemical for dead trees.
- 5) **SCPH/MRC** – Karen shared there is planning going on with SCHHS supervisor about developing a Steele County Mental Health Response Team offering a Psych 1st Aid class.
- 6) **RSC911** – There are news publications in the Owatonna paper to educate public on Everbridge.
- 7) **Red Cross** – There was one house fire that we responded to. We are working on a grant for a trailer for cots at the armory.
- 8) **Emergency Manager** –
 - a) The new sirens are installed and tested. Four of the sirens have voice PA and prerecorded message ability. They are located at the fairgrounds, Lake Kolmier, downtown and at the water park.
 - b) MNWarn is a mutual aid agreement for public works equipment.
 - c) E Dispatch puts calls out over cell phones to responders.
 - d) Working on a grant for NOAA weather radios for public areas.
 - e) Will get a signup sheet out for fair volunteers to help signup people for Everbridge.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. Those interested joined Mike in the basement to get a tour of the new siren system.
- No meeting in August. Next meeting is Sept. 18th at 7 pm at the firehall.