

Steele County CAER Minutes

March 20, 2013

7:00 PM

Location:

Steele County EOC

Introductions:

Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Tom Karnauskas.

Attendees:

Karen Fountaine, Tom Karnauskas, Mike Johnson, JoAnn Eichten, Dennis Hollatz, Rhonda Guthier, Sandy Hardy-Hagen, and Dee Kirchner.

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of Feb 20, 2013 General Meeting were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was unchanged and had no expenses.

Old Business:

1. Tom reported that SKYWARN and RACES badges are being requested through each organization instead of each person requesting their own. This is being done to ensure people are qualified. Civil Air Patrol will use their CAP badges that have pictures on them.
2. Training and Events were discussed.
 - a. The OSCAR class had two participants.
 - b. The SKYWARN class for spotters was full with mostly refresher students.
 - c. The SEMN Communication Drill is on March 22, 2013 at 8:00 AM. This is a table top multi county drill using video conferencing. The scenario is a plane crash that includes the need for law enforcement. The purpose is to see how the communication works, learn to coordinate, use NIMS, practice forming an action plan, practicing with radios, and using Camp Fire. Everyone is welcome to come and either participate or observe.
 - d. The MN VOAD Conference is on March 23, 2013 in Hennepin County. There are six CERT attending. Sandy will look for ways to get donations without being a 501C organization.

New Business:

Member Reports:

- Civil Air Patrol - Dee reported that CAP continues to have monthly Emergency Training for Cadets to get them to be able to go on missions for downed airplanes, lost persons, or disaster relief. Upcoming events include the MN Wing Black CAP training in Red Wing in April 2013. CAP current membership is 24 cadets and 12 adults.
- CERT- Sandy discussed setting up drills that their membership is asking for. She suggested a class in damage assessment. Dennis is developing training on First Aid for businesses as a standalone module. They could learn lunch and learn to teach it.
- Red Cross - Iris shared that there was one callout for a house fire in Blooming Prairie. The local chapter still needs more disaster volunteers.
- OACCT – Rhonda shared that the chamber is searching for a new President by Aug 1, 2013. The alpacas are coming back and they are working on the flower pots.
- Emergency Manager – Mike shared that he is working on a \$20,000 grant for shelter supplies. He hopes to keep them at the armory and wants Iris to go with when he talks with them. He's working on a Rapid ID Tag for volunteers. Mike is in discussion with telecommunications to separate emergency notifications by county. The Business Recovery Program has tentative dates of Sept. 24, 25 & 26 and will be decided by the availability of the Cyber Security speaker. Mike reminded everyone to maintain sign in & out records for their organizations so that they are covered by the county insurance.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.
- Next Meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 7:00 PM.