

Steele County CAER Minutes

Oct 16, 2013

7:00 PM

Location:

Steele County EOC

Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Iris Johnson.

Attendees:

Mike Johnson, Iris Johnson, Roger Wencil, Karen Fontaine, Stacy Mielke, Chris Gannon

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of Sept 18, 2013 were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was unchanged and had no expenses.

Old Business:

1. **Badges** – Still waiting on training on how to make badges before using the new machine.
2. **Chamber of Commerce Preparedness Conference** – No date for next year has been selected for the conference.
3. **Cots** – The 95 special needs cots were loaded into a Red Cross trailer. It will be stored at the armory along with a Trailer with shelter supplies.

New Business:

There was a discussion on the lack of participation of members at the monthly CAER meetings from all cities in the county including Owatonna. For the county to be successful in its preparedness all members need to attend meetings. A motion to change from monthly to quarterly meetings in the By-Laws was voted on and passed by the board. It will be voted on again at the next meeting.

Member Reports:

- 1) **CAP** – They are continuing to get members qualified for Emergency Services. Next month they will work on litter carrying procedures. Last night they completed Operation Risk Management Safety Class.
- 2) **Salvation Army** – The Salvation Army has a newly painted sign. Check it out when you drive by.
- 3) **Allina Hospital** – The hospital is currently reviewing their HVA for planning in 2014.

- 4) **SCPH/MRC** – Psych 1st Aid training is Nov 7th from 5:15 to 7:00 pm. Working with Hanna Marzinske on Steele County Behavioral Health Team.
- 5) **Red Cross** – The local disaster team is in need of new volunteers. Our southern MN region is going through reengineering. We responded to one house fire this month.
- 6) **SKYWARN** – There is a pancake breakfast on Sunday Dec 8th. Tickets are available from all SKYWARN members or from Bonnie at the fire hall during normal hours.
- 7) **Emergency Manager** – Mike went through ESF 19 on terrorism. He teaches class on *How to Respond to Active Shooter in the Vicinity*. The Sirens have two different sounds, one for civil defense that goes a steady beep beep beep and the other for tornadoes that has an oscillating tone.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.
- Next meeting is Nov 20th at 7 pm at the firehall.