

Metro Skywarn Board of Directors

June 4, 2007 Regular Meeting

Attendance: John Wetter, Kevin Huyck, Dave Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Jeff Goodnuff, Nick Elms, Donn Baker, Steve Levens, Tim Arimond, Doug Reed, Bill Hughes

Treasurers report read & approved

As of June 6, 2007, balance on hand is: \$2167.86

Secretaries report – read & approved

Old business:

- If radio group can't be reached, call forecaster phone number
- Wisconsin counties – Kevin had follow-up
 - July 25, 2006 – Polk county, Ramsey activated
 - July 24 – Ramsey activated
 - June 5 – Isanti warning, Bloomington activated
 - May 26 – Bloomington, western metro, formal, then informal for Washington Co.
 - No reports/check-ins from Wisconsin this last Saturday
 - No check-ins from Wisconsin on Net night
- Form group of people to review operating procedures. Include people from board, all NCS's, and spotters. Thinking early-mid August for getting the group back together. Target spotters who are both active and not active.
- Discussion on problems becoming more prevalent when trying to get people out of their workplaces to operate
- MS-Scram.org – still need people.
- Rogers class – 76 people in attendance, handed out discounts for Weather Radios.

New Business:

1. Database
 - a. Place for entering the e-mails that will go into the SWAlert and SWInfo
 - i. Set standard entry for phone numbers
 - ii. Use of % in wildcards for addresses
 - b. Slide set – everything seemed very yellow for Bill.
 - i. Talk turned to embedded video and issues with some of it.
 - c. Db self service - Leave up to the people running the database, but self-service would be nice.
 - d. NCS's being able to access it: Read-only access – one user for all NCS's.
2. GIS for spotting
 - a. Discussion on using GIS weather apps during spotter activities
 - b. Sometime between now and Feb get GV EOC a computer that can run GR3
 - c. Metro Skywarn wants to support people using it in the future – will add to website and also will put it in the newsletter
3. Wisconsin Counties

- a. With okay from Todd Krause, Bill motioned to drop Wisconsin counties from Metro counties effective January 1, 2007.
 - i. Amended to meet with Wisconsin counties people to coordinate transition – Seconded by Kevin.
 - ii. Unanimously passed
4. Agenda at meetings – it was generally accepted that we would like to have one
5. Review of activations – Have NCS's report on what's happened
 - a. For now, encourage NCS's to bring in tabulated information from activations.
 - b. Add to operating procedures for the future.
6. July meeting off – Decided to keep July as the meeting off
7. Classes – start discussion on numbers of classes and better distributing the instructors to those classes so that we don't have a few instructors carrying the burden of the classes.
8. Informal mode for nets – carrying a net for three plus hours; how to handle it.
9. Talk regarding Golden Valley getting information to activate; anyone in any NCS can start call trees, decided to help NCS's as needed.
10. Doug – person wants to donate \$1000 to metro Skywarn w/\$2000 matching from company to purchase ID1 D-Star radio equipment ~~for each NCS~~.
 - a. Motion that Metro Skywarn accept the \$1000 donation for purchase and 2nd.
Non-unanimous motion to approve.

Motion and 2nd to Adjourn at 9:25pm.