

September BOD Meeting  
September 10, 2007  
Bloomington, MN

Attendance: Kevin, Jim, Joe, Bruce, Dave, Sandra, Donn, Doug, Bill, Jeff, Nick, John from Wright Co, Larry, John W.

Call to Order at 6:35pm

Secretaries Report – Motion to approve; Kevin/Donn, approved

Treasurers Report – Motion to approve; August, \$3457.19; September, 10, \$3457.19; Bill/John, approved

Old Business:

1. Golden Valley PC Purchase; Kevin brought proposals from Dell at several price points. Per discussion on board list, Tim said that the station could handle a 19” monitor. Quoted system also does not include floppy drive. Discussion regarding how to install software or transport files. It was felt that floppy drives were too small for most files and flash drives could be used. Motion to purchase Dell Vostro system from Kevin’s specs at cost of \$798 plus shipping. Bill/John. Motion Passed unanimously
2. Operations feedback committee and recommendation of members to Steve – Tabled until October when Steve can be present.
3. Letter to Wisconsin spotters regarding ending solicitation of reports and dropping from coverage area – continuation, slight edits made, Donn will make edits, John will forward to Wisconsin EC’s and invite them to send welcome letters.

New Business:

1. Motion by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin to limit discussion of items not on the agenda to 10 minutes before the board takes action. Motion passed.
2. Formalize handling of agenda, approval of agenda – Kevin/Bill; tabled until October
3. SRD – Media Coverage; SRD will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. News release from MSW & NWS would be a good idea. Good talking points from Gubernatorial decree from Field Day. Table continued discussion until October. Kevin/Bill, approved
4. Nick will take on role of media liaison; motioned by Nick/Kevin; passed unanimously
5. 8/28 Severe Weather Event and non-activation; facts and discussion:
  - a. There was advanced warning, warnings from counties west of metro and good lead time for metro counties
  - b. Large warning area, several counties impacted.
  - c. Sherburne county may have been there. He was monitoring 146.85 only.
    - i. 147.21 net was taken by individual that could not reach Chanhassen
  - d. 4 points
    - i. Procedure – when a net happens; this needs to be better defined, or NCS stations need to have a more clear guidance.
    - ii. Sherburne County doing our job; this is only an issue because metro did not activate.

- iii. The volunteer that took the 147.21 net. Again, this is only an issue because metro did not activate. Individual was trying to help but was not able to forward reports. Some felt the individual did not clearly and repeatedly enforce that he could not forward reports and that the net sounded 'too official' for not being a sanctioned Metro Skywarn net.
    - iv. Training – Nets don't activate when it is expected to be low impact or short duration. More clearly defined. Also, needs to be emphasized to spotters in instruction or board needs to more clearly define for NCS's.
  - e. Kevin motioned to write thank you letter to Sherburne county for assistance with 8/28. Nick will convey that information. Motion seconded by Unknown. Motion passed unanimously.
  - f. Motion that we send a letter to all NCS operators that they can individually bring up a net without prior NCS approval. They have discretion to bring up informal net when/where they deem necessary. Dave amends that eoc operators or MSW board members can activate net when appropriate. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin/Bill, motion passed.
  - g. Kevin motion that the procedures committee review the procedures and clarify when an informal net will be run and how they will be run. Kevin/Bill, motion passed.
- 6. Board of Directors election discussion
  - a. John Wetter will not be running for re-election, Nick Elms would like to run for the board.
  - b. Chairperson interest- nomination for board elections to be posted to board list; motion/2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill/Kevin. Board position elections are after general board election.
- 7. West Metro newspaper article in Star Tribune, good coverage for Skywarn. 8/27 interview with Nick Elms and Jim Richardson on MPR while at the State Fair. Wright county is integrating with Wright County Emergency Services for their Skywarn operations starting in 2008. Will have area in EOC in legacy and new buildings.
- 8. Nudging clubs to have amateur radio classes in addition to or instead of spotter training – discussion centered on whether it is in the scope of MSW to run, or suggest clubs offer tech license classes en lieu of, or in addition to Skywarn classes. No motion made.
- 9. August 11<sup>th</sup> Event Review – Bloomington had several operations challenges on back-up operations with repeater issues and also NCS equipment issues. Dave – refer to committee a discussion of formal backup order for the three main repeaters. Dave/Bill. Motion failed.
- 10. Authorize purchase of stickers for sale at classes; motion to purchase 1500 stickers not to exceed \$750. John/Donn. Motion Passed.

Adjourned at 8:35pm