

October Metro Skywarn Board of Directors Meeting
October 1, 2007
Golden Valley, MN

Attendance: Bill Hughes, Kevin Huyck, Doug Reed, Sandra Johnson, Dave Johnson, John Wetter, Jeff Goodnuff, Jim Richardson, Tim Arimond, Bruce Schmiedlin. Guests; John Blood, Gene Clemens, Bryan

1. Called to order at: 6:46pm
2. Secretaries report: Approved as read, Bill/Kevin, passed unanimously
3. Treasurers report: Balance on hand 10-01-07: \$2528.20
4. Sandra noted that bylaws state that any amount over \$100 needs to have a second signature. Motion to amend bylaw Article 4, section 4.5 to change the amount requiring second signature to \$1000. Kevin/Dave. Unanimously passed. Sandra Abstained.
5. Kevin/Dave – motion to approve agenda as printed
6. Old Business
 - a. Computer has arrived. Shipping may have been free, will check for sure.
 - b. Classes/structure for 2008 – moved to end of agenda pending Wisconsin business.
 - c. Motion to formalize adoption of agenda at meetings, Bill/Dave, unanimously approved.
 - d. Ameriprise – Doug sent in response to second request last week, this should take care of the donation.
 - e. Board of Directors elections - Gene mentioned that Steve may have to resign from board due to work commitments. No action at this time.
 - f. Event debriefings
 - i. 9/26 – Non-event; again brought up that more needs to be in training regarding when nets happen, both for spotters and NCS operators.
 - ii. 9/24 – Warnings started after 1700 hours. Bloomington took net after K0MPX requested. Both primaries went down. 21 was down, 85 went on the blink. Got informal going, went to 146.700. Stayed informal. Few small hail reports.
 - iii. 9/20 – handling of evacuation during event. Two standards to choose from, prove we are safe vs. prove we are in danger. Spotters were looking for reason to evacuate, others looking for reason to stay. Debriefing notes:
 1. Ideas on whether net control should evacuate in this instance.
 - a. Dead center in tornado warning
 - b. Spotters sight was inconclusive.
 - c. Decision made to evacuate.
 - i. 1748; warning.
 - ii. Evacuate at 1800.
 - iii. Resumed operations at approx 1815.
 - iv. Request to board from Bloomington on whether it should be evidence of safety or evidence of danger to trigger an evacuation.

- v. Motion made that the BOD is not in a position to provide guidance to an NCS as to whether an evacuation needs to be made and that the board will not second guess the decision of the NCS. Amended by Jeff to read that we reinforce personal safety to be the primary concern.
 - vi. Final reading: The BOD reinforces that personal safety is the primary concern for all involved in a Metro Skywarn activation. The BOD is not in a position to provide guidance to an NCS as to whether an evacuation needs to be made and that the board will not second guess the decision of the NCS. Bill/Dave. Approved unanimously.
2. Discussion of back-up procedures should be referred to the operations committee.

7. New Business

- a. Motion that we refer club sponsoring Hudson class to the NWS for future training. John/Kevin, passed unanimously, further discussion followed.
 - b. Motion to refer Dassel, Hudson, and Lindstrom classes to NWS and remove one of Cottage Grove classes from the Metro Skywarn training schedule. Amendment offered by Kevin to drop Brooklyn Park class. Amendment withdrawn. Dave/John. Approved unanimously
 - c. Appreciation for instructors – Kevin would like guidance on expenditure for thanks to instructors for their time and expertise. Dave and John feel if under \$100, Bill thinks it should be under \$50 per person, but feels that no expenditure is necessary and that too many people on the board would need to abstain as they are instructors. General board consensus is to leave at a certificate and letter from board at Kevin’s discretion.
 - d. Metro Skywarn video – Do we want to try to put one together? Footage? Editing? If someone wants to do it, they definitely can and bring back to board. This would be a short video to show in place of the Cronkite video from the ARRL that some feel is getting dated. This is an idea from last year that we ran out of time on.
 - e. MOU or other understanding with equipment donated to or purchased by Metro Skywarn. Doug will refine language and get inventory together for December meeting.
 - f. Bill agrees to make reservations at Piazza’s for November dinner.
 - g. Spotter comments – many comments. A few:
 - i. Press releases at beginning of class season
 - ii. Community Calendars
 - 1. Dave will bring committee together to sort spotter comments and boil down to 10-15 ‘super comments’. Meet in October sometime.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm