

December Metro Skywarn Board of Directors Meeting
December 1, 2007
Chanhassen, MN

Attending: Doug, Joe, Tim, Dave, Sandra, Jim, Todd, Kevin, John, Howard Nelson, guests:
David Gawboy, Bryan Howell

Agenda adopted with change to add bylaws to item d2.

1. Doug presented preliminary list of items owned by Metro Skywarn
 - a. Things added to Doug's list:
 - i. LCD projector (purchased Feb. 2005)
2. Table language discussion for loan agreements. Decided on an open-ended agreement with clubs
3. Table Operations committee to end of meeting.
4. Wisconsin letter. Voted to reimburse John for postage to send letter to Wisconsin spotters.
- 5. New Business:**
 - a. MS Scram –May 10, June 6-8 dates; Would pull most people from Golden Valley and many from Bloomington. Golden Valley is on during this timeframe. July 20-25 for tram also. www.ms-scram.org
 - i. NCS's will stay in communication to cover any possible events.
 - b. Motion for GIS application use for spotting operations:
 - i. *Metro Skywarn requests that all NCS stations serving Metro Skywarn have GIS-based spotter position tracking capability and actively use it during severe weather events. This may include but is not limited to tracking spotters via spotternetwork.org placefiles, APRS, using GIS-based radar applications, or other commonly community accepted forms of tracking spotters in near real-time. Metro Skywarn recognizes the enhanced situation awareness and management capabilities that these systems offer and will actively solicit spotters to use these means of position reporting during severe weather events through its publications and training courses. John/Dave, passed unanimously.*

6. Motion: Request that NCS stations have a coordinated meeting organized by the operations committee every spring prior to onset of severe weather season. Dave/Kevin, passed unanimously.
7. Motion that we have Tim or designee purchase GRLevel3 with Metro Skywarn reimbursing them for the purchase. Dave/Tim, passed unanimously.
8. Bylaws discussion –
 - a. Bylaws committee formation – first report at January BOD meeting
 - b. A task force to review the bylaws be formed and report back and inform board in Jan with intent to approve changes no later than February meeting of the Metro Skywarn board of directors. Dave/Tim First meeting is on 12/3 @ GE Security; 1275 redfox rd., Shoreview
9. Survey Results moved to being an operations committee; John, Jim, one from each NCS, including Wright County.
10. Training Schedule – Joe has contacted everyone; awaiting some callbacks. Issues: SMARTS – contact change; North Hennepin-contact change; Haven't been able to contact C-MARK
11. Newsletter – articles in to Dave by Christmas
12. Elections –
 - a. Nick should contact Lara regarding the media position
 - b. Other- Bryan Howell, Dave Gawboy
 - c. Removal – Donn Baker
 - d. White Ballots for board and positions
 - e. Nick Elms elected to John Wetter's position.
 - f. Kevin volunteered to be Secretary
13. Adjourned at approximately 11:30am.
14. January 7 @ Maplewood location.