

# Metro Skywarn Board of Directors

August 6, 2007 Regular Meeting

Attendance: John Wetter, Kevin Huyck, Bill Hughes, Tim Arimond, Steve Levens, Donn Baker

**Call to Order** – 6:57pm

**Secretaries report** – read & approved with change to item 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~~.

**Treasurers report** – None.

## **Old business:**

- **Db updates** – Nothing new
- **GIS** – nothing new
- **Class Summary** – nothing till at least next meeting
- **GV Info to activate**

## **New Business:**

1. GV – Discussion on how NCS's can get information to activate. GV currently is such that they cannot get real time updates on events. Currently Bloomington has this capability, but it may change. Bill usually is the activator for Ramsey. How can we get info to people? Table discussion till next meeting
2. Ameriprise – Doug Reed will send letter back informing them of us not having a 'parent company'. Money has been received. Donator has had thanks letter sent to them from Doug. Intent is to use D-Star equipment on 3M building. Metro Skywarn will have ability to request equipment back when/if use looks to support our operations.
3. Club Call – Paperwork has arrived! KOMSW. Send info out to SWAlert & SWInfo. Steve will send them out. Will be used at all NCS stations.
4. Activations – June 10, not much to report; discussion on renewing WebLogger. Look toward October-ish and have something ready to go for next year.
5. Computer for Golden Valley - Bill moves that we authorize a person to be named to put together a budget for getting a computer for the Golden Valley group to be lent to TCFMC for use in their NCS station to run GRLevel3. Decision to be made at September meeting on purchase. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim. Kevin offered amendment to name person and also to include 15" LCD monitor. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill. Amend to read computer system, not computer by Donn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin. Unanimously passed.
  - a. Donn & Kevin will research the project.
6. Media Projects, Nick not present.
7. Committee on Operations feedback - Steve
  - a. Reps from each NCS, spotter community, at least two board members
    - i. Bring names to September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in Bloomington; Steve will set up meeting shortly thereafter
8. Tabled discussion regarding "items not on agenda" agenda item.
9. Wisconsin Counties:

- a. Bill suggests we put out a bulletin stating we will no longer be covering Wisconsin counties.
  - b. Doug suggested sending snail mail to all WI spotters with alternatives and info for local organizations. Give them contact info for those county EC's.
  - c. We need to get info out this fall that "We're not in the Skywarn business anymore in Wisconsin"
  - d. Donn makes a motion: no later than the October meeting that we have a draft to send to Wisconsin members of Metro Skywarn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill. Passed Unanimously
    - i. Don will try to have letter done for September. Get Db dump of all Wisconsin spotters to send out mailing.
10. Isanti County – What happened?
11. Motion to adjourn at 8:49pm

Next meeting will be September 10, 2007, 6:30pm, at Bloomington