

April Metro Skywarn Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2008, 7:00pm
NWS offices, Chanhassen, Mn.

In attendance: Doug Reed, Dave Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Dave Gawboy, Jeff Goodnuff, Tim Arimond, , Bill Hughes, Jim Richardson.
Doug Reed called the meeting to order at 7:05, April 7th, 2008.

1. The agenda for the meeting was accepted.
2. Treasurer's report:
The treasurer's report was accepted.
- 3..Secretary's report:
Accepted, with revisions.

Old Business:

4. Midwinter Madness:
There were no direct representatives from Metro Skywarn. Nick Elms and John Blood were in attendance representing Wright County Skywarn, but also put in some good word for Metro Skywarn.
5. Training classes:
So far, the classes have been successful by all accounts. There have been reports of many public safety personnel attending the classes.
6. The new Ramsey county meeting locations was confirmed by Doug Reed for the May and August meetings. The address is:
Ramsey County Public Works
1425 Paul Kirkwold Dr.
(Hamline & Hwy 96)
Arden Hills, Mn 55112
The Marsden Room
7. Metro Skywarn Workshop:
John Wetter was not present, so there was no report. Anecdotal accounts from those present indicate the event was a success.

New Business:

8. NCS Ops procedures:
The Operations Committee has completed work on a training DVD for Net Operations procedures. It will be shipped as required to the NCS staff, and is a self pacing program. Although the Net Control portion is complete, the Ops Committee received requests for an addition of instructions for GRLevel 3. Once that is complete, the disks will be shipped.

9. Spotter Liability:

The official policy is there is to be NO dispatching of spotters to any location. Dave Johnson and John Blood discussed the issue, but since John Blood was not present, further discussion was postponed to a future meeting.

10. Affiliation with AMS:

Our organization would benefit from the AMS sending a representative to the board meetings to share their knowledge and information. There was a consensus of interest in a collaboration with the AMS. It would be a mutually beneficial relationship. Dave Johnson agreed to follow up with AMS, and indicate our interest in such a relationship.

11. Sponsors on the website and in the newsletter:

Andy of Convective Development (F5) is interested in putting an ad on Metro Skywarn's website. The concern is any activity of this nature might affect our non-profit status. A motion was made, and approved, that we investigate the use of internet advertising, and how it might benefit our organization.

12. Cleaning out database:

Two thirds of the entries have been expired for longer than 10 years.

As of now, we do not mail newsletters to entries expired longer than 6 years for Amateurs, and 2 years for non-amateurs.

It was moved that we wait until October 31, 2008 then purge all database entries that have been expired longer than 10 years, except for sacred cows. (TV meteorologists, etc.) The motion was seconded and approved.

14) Adjournment:

It was moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned. Approved.

Bill Hughes adjourned the meeting at 8:32.

Respectfully submitted, David N Gawboy, Metro Skywarn Secretary.