

Steele County CAER Minutes

July 15, 2015

6:30 PM

Location:

Owatonna Fire Dept.

Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mike Johnson.

Attendees:

Iris Johnson, Tom Karnauskas, Mike Johnson, Sandee Hardy-Hagen, Jerry Ibberson, Alec Newbowers, Dee Kirchner, Karen Fountaine

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of May 20, 2015 were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report shows a \$1.00 deposit and no expenses with a balance of \$1,801.77 and was approved.

Old Business:

1. **CAER Display Board** – Tom shared that Fleet Farm no longer carries the boards he wanted to use for the display.
2. **Credentials** – Mike is working on approval of the badge design and revisions to the badge request form. The request includes a list of completed courses, routing with approvals, background check, contact information and emergency contact information. A motion to approve the proposed concept subject to final draft of the document was first by Dee and seconded by Jerry. The motion was approved. The county recorder is making the badges and can take the pictures. If you are taking your own pictures it should be on a plain white background and do not crop the pictures. County recorder Kristi Blume will print the badges and return to the appropriate organization to hand out. Those belonging to multiple groups will need a badge for each one.

New Business:

1. **CAER Drill** – We discussed doing a table top drill in Oct. It will be opening the EOC using a tornado scenario. A date will be set to meet and plan the drill. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend.
2. **Mass Care & Sheltering Training** – Sandee will discuss with CERT membership and select a date to hold the class for CERT members.

Member Reports

Allina Hospital

American Red Cross

To make sure that the Red Cross is ready to help if our assistance is needed the Red Cross prepared a brief survey to collect information about which volunteers and employees would be available in the event of a Red Cross response. The survey was used on July 12th prior to the predicted severe weather. It gathered information on what volunteers were available at specific time slots over a three day period. This approach will save time when calling out volunteers.

The Red Cross no longer holds a lease for the building on South Oak Ave.

CERT

Planning a new member's class for October.

Chamber of Commerce

Events:

Crazy Days- July 23 -25, check out www.owatonna.org for all the details

Business After Hours – July 28 @ 5:30 pm – Jaguar Communications

Golf Tournament – August 6th, Owatonna Country Club – 11 am

Economic Development/Workforce:

Awarded grant to fund two “Made in Owatonna Days”. High school students tour local businesses and showcase careers.

Involved in Regional groups to promote regional economic development; SE MN Together & Journey to Growth.

Working with Airport on economic development opportunities with supplier business/business recruiting
Engaged in communications regarding Charter School.

Continue to be engaged in discussion around Owatonna Public Schools and facilities recommendation

Tourism:

Budget Host on State Ave. is now Value Stay Inn

Moto Mania, August 1st @ fairgrounds

VFW State Golf Invitational, August 7 – 9 Country Club

MN State Rabbit Breeders Convention, Sept. 26 -27 @ fairgrounds

Steele County Free Fair – August 18 – 23

Clothesline

Civil Air Patrol

We have one cadet having just met all requirements for GTM3.

We have two attending Ground Team Academy 23-26 July. One as Teaching GTM2 and one attending GTM2 Course.

We will be working the Runway 5k at Sunset again, 29 August.

We will be working the Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, 30 August.

We will have four cadets attending Encampment, 22-29 August.

We will be having a Squadron Commander Change of Command, Early September.

EMS

Food Shelf

MN/VOAD

RACES/ARES

1. Had a successful Field Day event, despite the band conditions:
Combined OSCAR with the Faribault group.
24 individuals signed in as participants.
22 individuals signed in as visitors including SCEM and Faribault City Council.
Operated 7 transmitters with over 12 antennas put up.
Wonderful article and editorial in the Owatonna People's Press.
Complimentary letter from Mike Johnson.
2. Local repeaters used to organize the Habitat 500 Bike ride starting and ending in Owatonna.
3. Potential "Bounce Day" event with Mayo in Rochester.

SKYWARN

Skywarn had one call out June 22nd at 6:23 AM. 9 members participating. 4 in the EOC, 4 in the field, and one Ellendale multi county Radio communications.
We made wind, rain and Flood gauge reports.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21st.

Scheduled events include the working the Command trailer on Safety alley at The Steele County Fair and Severe weather watch during the fair.

RSC 911

Salvation Army

We have our "Back To School" and "Cooking Matters" programs running in August and "Shop with a Cop" in September.

SCPH/MRC

Amy Roggenbuck is the new Dodge and Steele Counties Public Health Director
Held a Steele County MRC notification drill on May 29

Steele County Emergency Manager

Avian Flu – Since the weather warmed up it has died down. Expect it to pick up as temperatures drop.

Disaster Drill – Mike attended a drill and noted that critical infrastructure like internet is difficult to bring back up.

Grants -

1. Applied for a smart board for the EOC.
2. Acquired a tablet that is mounted at the podium on the 3rd floor that everyone can use just bring your information on an usb. No need to bring a laptop.
3. Working on a hazard mitigation grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Next meeting is on Sept. 16th in Blooming Prairie at 6:30 pm.