

Steele County CAER Minutes

Nov. 14, 2018

6:30 PM

Location:

Owatonna Firehall

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Tom Karnauskas.

Attendees:

Iris Johnson, Tom Karnauskas, Jerry Ibberson, Mike Johnson, Jamie Vogt

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of Sept. 19, 2018 were approved. Jamie Vogt 1st & Jerry Ibberson 2nd
- Treasurer's Report was unchanged with a balance of \$1,803.77 Jerry Ibberson 1st Jamie Vogt 2nd approved.

Old Business:

1. Training
 - a. Iris Johnson held Blood Borne Pathogen training at the firehall. There were 20 attendees mostly CERT members.
 - b. New Members CERT Classes were held with 8 students graduating.

New Business:

1. Election for Vice President/Secretary – Iris Johnson ran unopposed. Motion to approve her election 1st Jerry Ibberson 2nd Jamie Vogt passed.
2. Future Training
 - a. EOC Drill with elected officials Spring 2019
 - b. Disaster Assessment Training April 2019
 - c. Amateur Radio Class Feb 2019
 - d. Skywarn Class March 19, 2019
 - e. New Members CERT Class Jan 2019
3. There was a discussion of how to organize CERT if no President is elected at the December meeting. Mike suggested that CERT be pulled back under CAER leadership and reminded that the CERT organization is under the leadership of the Emergency Manager and does not work on its own.
4. Presidential Awards – The awards are ordered and paid for by the city. The preference is to award these at the CAER meeting or if the city is holding an appreciation of all volunteers to do it then.

5. Jerry Ibberson asked if Owatonna could purchase electronic fire extinguisher training equipment. It costs \$3,000 - \$4,000 and Mike said he would need an organization to pay for this.
6. GPS that includes a grid system was shared, MilGPS. US National Grid (USNG) app is another one that displays location within 10 meters. Both would help with search & rescue events.

Member Reports

American Red Cross

Two Steele County DAT members assisted in Rice County after the tornadoes doing disaster assessment and outreach. Affected families were provided financial assistance.

CERT

Iris Johnson provided Blood Borne Pathogen training to all CAER member groups on Oct 17th. Most of the attendees were CERT members. A New Members Class was held with 8 graduates.

Chamber of Commerce

1. The Chamber of Commerce and Tourism has hired a new Tourism Associate, 20 hours per week to help with group tours, visitor guide distribution, trade shows and general tourism office help. Her name is Emily Volkmer.
2. November 24 – Small Business Saturday
3. November 23 – December 24 – Shop Owatonna Punch Cards & chances to win dollars
4. November 29 – Lighted Holiday Parade – Downtown N. Cedar, 6 pm start time. 5:00 parade line-up on Front Street near elevator. No cost to participate, form for sign up at the Chamber office
5. November 29 – December 2 – Hometown Holiday – 4 days of Holiday Events
6. Check out the Chamber & Tourism website for events details – Owatonna.org & visitowatonna.org
7. Bold & Cold Details will be published soon – expanded events on the City Park & Recreations – Winter Weekend out
8. Chamber Annual Dinner Event on Friday, January 18, 2018 – location to be determined

If you have any community events that you wanted posted on our site, send us your flyer!

SKYWARN

Steele County Skywarn had a major call out Sept 20th. Tornadoes hit Owatonna and Medford in Steele County. We had storm damage throughout the county.

Skywarn is having a Pancake fundraiser at the VFW December 9th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm

Next Meeting at the Owatonna Fire Hall on Jan 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm.