



Steele County CAER Minutes

May 20, 2020

Location:

Online Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order:

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

Karen Fountaine, Sandee Hardy-Hagen, Jerry Ibberson, Iris Johnson, Mike Johnson, Tom Karnauskas

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of 15-Jan-2020 meeting were approved. Mike Johnson 1st & Sandee Hardy-Hagen 2nd
- Treasurer's Report from Sandee Hardy Hagen. Jerry Ibberson 1st & Mike Johnson 2nd
- Bank statement confirmed by Iris Johnson.

Old Business:

1. The 18-Mar-2020 meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. All activities were suspended.
2. Winter Storm AAR Improvement Plan
 - a. The crosswalk checklists for opening the Armory and Trinity were turned in to Mike Johnson to review.
 - b. The shelter plan for Medford has moved forward a few steps. Cots, blankets and comfort kits were acquired. Rick Hager is setting up meetings with facilities to discuss their use as shelters.
3. CERT Search & Rescue AAR improvement Plan
 - a. The crosswalk checklists are not being worked on yet.
4. Training
 - a. MNCORE Pipeline training was held in Albert Lea on 05-Feb.
 - b. Amateur Radio license class completed with 8 new licenses earned on 27-Feb.
 - c. Skywarn Training was cancelled. NWS Chanhassen conducted webinars. SKYWARN is allowing the webinars to be used for biannual training for experienced spotters. Training for new spotters will probably not be completed until 2021.
 - d. Next CERT new volunteer class scheduled for Sep-2020.
 - e. HERT active shooter drill is being rescheduled.
 - f. Shelter training for Medford is not scheduled yet.
 - g. Planned CERT training is being rescheduled.
5. Updated SCEM Portal is active.
6. Everbridge lists are still being updated.
7. SCEM Badges
 - a. In general, all badging activity has stopped while the County is in a declared State of Emergency.
 - b. Trinity: Need to obtain completed forms and pictures.

- c. Many volunteer badges are expired (3-year cycle) and need to be renewed.

New Business:

1. The planned 19-Apr CERT meeting was cancelled to COVID-19. Plan is to convene the 17-Jun meeting using MS Teams.

Member Reports

No member reports were solicited or submitted.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for 15-Jul. Probably will be online using MS Teams.