

Michigan Emergency Management Association
Board of Director's Meeting
March 7, 2005 - Mason
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 10:03 a.m.

Board Members Present

Dan Dowdy, Mike Perez, Paul Baker, Jim VanBendegom, Sue Barthels, Mike Bradley, Jay Gilwa, Teresa Schwalbach, and Tim Genovese

Pamela Boody attended for Secretary Jerry McCoy

Guests Present

Christine Hendrickson, Jim Gorka, John McCoy, Grace Ranger, Scott Corbin, and Gail Novak

Review of Minutes of January 3, 2005 Board Meeting. Motion made by Jay Gilwa and seconded to approve by Dan Dowdy

Review of Agenda for March 7, 2005 Board Meeting. Motion made by Jim Gorka and seconded to approve by Sue Barthels.

Treasurer Report

We have \$1446.29 in checking. We have \$9,050.03 in money market. The Summit bill has been paid and although our portion was \$8,759.70 we only paid \$1,739.17 as the rest was covered by membership dues money we received. We have 120 new members and 112 existing membership dues were covered by attending the Summit.

President's Report

- Conference Update
 - The closing speaker has been scheduled. The cost of the speaker will be about \$6,000. Chief Richard Picciotto is the highest ranking firefighter to survive the World Trade Center collapse and his presentation is supposed to be very inspirational.
 - They are still looking for other guest speakers, any ideas contact Sue.
 - A suggestion has been made to have vendors sponsor the MEMA reception on opening day. Sue does not believe that this possible this year as MEMA has already committed to this expense.
 - Several other suggestions were made such as trying to have a one day conference rate, more input from the State on the vendors list, etc. Sue will

bring up all these issues at the Summit planning meeting scheduled for March 10.

- MEMO Update
 - Deadline is March 18, 2005. Please remember we need each board member to submit an article.
- Awards Program
 - Jerry suggested the following new awards: Solution Area Planner of the year, Public Health Initiative of the year, Public Safety Provider of the year, and Private Industry Support Award.
 - Another idea brought to the group is changing the language on the MSP award. The suggestion is to name it MSP member of the year.
 - This will be fully reviewed at our May Board meeting, after the membership list is reviewed.

1st Vice President's Report

- Strategic Plan
 - No report
- Web Site
 - Jim received Jerry's updates
 - The website was passed around for the group to review.
 - During the week of March 14th, a link will be emailed out to the board for review and comments.
 - Working on the passwords.
- Legislation
 - The position letter has not gone out as of yet as Sue has been awaiting Bernie's suggestions on whom she would like it sent to. It will go out soon and be sent from the Kent County office.
- Training/Certifications
 - No report

2nd Vice-President's Report

- Constitution and By-Laws
 - The new changes need to be presented to the board prior to the membership meeting. Therefore it was decided that due to time restraints and the cost of hosting a general membership meeting at the Homeland Security conference we will not have such a meeting in May as previously intended.
 - Jerry McCoy, Dan Dowdy, and Lori Simon will help out with this committee. Mike will contact them.
- Election
 - Mike is working on this.
- Mentor/Intern Program
 - Waiting on new membership list.
- EAS Committee

- Gail reported that Oakland County is working on have legislation pass to help fix the EAS system.
- Marc and Larry will give a full report at the next meeting.

3rd Vice President's Report

- Rural Needs
 - Mark Watkins and Jim are working on this, more information at a later date.
- Merchandise
 - Jim will be picking up the items today.
 - Discussed having a table at the Homeland Security conference to sell merchandise. Sue is working on this with MSP.
- Membership/Marketing
 - Jerry suggested appointing Bob Ankrapp to chair the membership committee, subject to his acceptance. If this is okay, Jerry will contact Bob.
- Historian
 - Grace will help provide information as requested. John West was brought up as a possible candidate.

Communications

- No Report

New Business

- It was decided to not have a membership meeting at the Homeland Security Conference.
- It was decided to cancel the May 2nd meeting and instead hold the meeting on May 4th at 9:00 at the Kent County Sheriff's office in Grand Rapids.

For The Good of the Order

- 1 District: Mike Perez will be holding a workshop at the fall conference concerning lessons learned at car pile up on 96.
- 2 North: They will hold an exercise on May 11th to prepare for the All Star games and the Super bowl
- 3rd District: They will be hosting a one day conference for their district. District 3 does not feel the fall conference is worth attending and will do this instead of attending.
- 5th District: No Report
- 6th District: No Report
- 7th District: Mike Tilly is receiving a Distinguished Service award from the State.
- 8th District: On March 8th there will be a SARS table top exercise. In May they will hold a two day functional exercise. E-Team training staff will be coming to the district to host a workshop on March 9.

Meeting Adjournment at 12:00pm