

July 7th, 2021 – 1300 Hours
Aurora (Hamilton County)
South Central PET Region
Minutes

Present: Dawna Whitcomb, Nick Elledge, Darrin Lewis, Tim Lewis, Justin Norris, Brandon Myers, Craig Lupkes, Jon Rosenlund, Kirt Smith, Jill Harvey, Joanna Le Moine, Brian Woldt, Ron Sunday, Neill Miller, Larry Fichtner, Jennifer Marchlewski (WCDHD), Roger Powell, Marion McDermott, Dave Reisen

- 1) Call to Order – Open Meeting Law
 - a. Brian called the meeting to order at 13:00.
 - b. We operate according to the Open Meetings Law.
- 2) Review and approve the agenda
 - a. Kirt moved to approve the agenda. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3) Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting
 - a. Kirt moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 4) NEMA Report –
 - a. Larry said that they are still working on the BOLD Planning, and the training for our region. Trainings in other regions are also coming up. Any L Series classes have been sent to EMI for approval. He said there are 20 registered for the 557 Rapid Needs Assessment class so far.
- 5) SC LEG Update – Sheriff Miller
 - a. (See below for funding requests)
 - b. The LEG meeting was held. They wanted to thank us for the email approval for the Axiom Training. He has been talking with Dawna on the coming grant. They will get involved with Jon on next year's funding, as there are new categories that they will need to start ahead of time.
- 6) ARC Update – Marion McDermott
 - a. They are doing inventory on their disaster trailers and getting everything up to speed. They are working on getting the MOU's with counties updated, and have gotten a lot of them back already. (Thank you!) They are gearing up for hurricane season, with Elsa on the ground, and they have some deployed to heat situations in the NW, as well as 3 volunteers helping with the high rise outside Miami on the search and recovery efforts.
- 7) Old Business
 - a. 2017 Grant – Update

- i. There were some funds left in this grant, and we were able to spend about \$3,500 on training. The remaining balance is \$6,650.96. She is unsure if the funds went to the NRIN Build as was voted on via email. Julie had mentioned that it would go into a bubble project for things that had to be completed by August. This grant is Concluded! **Remove from Agenda.**
- b. 2018 Grant – Update
 - i. Only some NRIN Annual costs were spent since the last meeting on this grant. Remaining funds include: Citizen Corps (\$4,443.34), System Credentialing (\$20.00), Training (\$6,227.64), and NRIN Governance Board (\$62,296.46).
- c. 2019 Grant – Update
 - i. The NRIN Coordinator fee was spent. Dawna said we should consider what to do with the remainder of the Credentialing, as it will not cover the amount for a whole year at this time. Jon mentioned possibly auditing track apps and maybe getting the invoice split up so that it could be in different grant years. Jill asked about supplies, and Dawna said yes. Kirt also mentioned spending \$9,000 from the grant and getting the other \$1,000 from the dues fund. Jon also mentioned the possibility of shipping the apps to the departments. Something to consider for future years. Dawna feels we should have this conversation early next year so that we can work through this. Jon wonders if Midwest can give us an audit of the track apps and who has them.
- d. 2020 Grant – Update
 - i. LEG – Magnet Axiom Training (email vote)
 - ii. The IdeaBank quarterly invoice came through, and she signed the maintenance agreement with Midwest for the apps, Commands and Rapid Tags. She mentioned that with the recent purchases, the amount jumped to \$10,000.
 - iii. Jon mentioned that we need to begin to have a conversation in the fall for the work plan. There will also need to be a discussion in September for the TEPW.
- e. Other Financial – Dues, etc.
 - i. Dawna mentioned that the yearly invoices have been sent out to the counties for this month. Total dues account balance \$11,603.37.
- f. Training Calendar – Jill
 - i. Trainings update/discuss dates
 - 1. Jill mentioned the G557 in Kearney July 28th, and G288 in Kearney August 11-12. They have submitted a number of L series courses (mentioned by Larry earlier) to FEMA for approval. These include L970 Supply Unit Leader in Kearney October 5-8; L969 COML October 18-21, location TBD; L967 Logistics Section Chief October 18-22, location TBD; L-964 Situation Unit Leader November 15-19 in North Platte; and L954 Safety Officer December 7-10 in Kearney. Brandon mentioned that the Safety Officer class is also at the same time as NACO and in the same city so it may cause some issues with lodging. Jill said she would change location to TBD as it is still awaiting approval.
 - ii. Jill has requests ready for the ICS 300 November 16-18 in North Platte for \$2,426; ICS 400 December 10-11 in North Platte for \$1,784; Operations Section Chief

January/February in Kearney or North Platte, figuring about \$10,750, waiting on Blue Cell's quote; Finance Section Chief January/February in Kearney, figuring \$6,750, waiting on Blue Cell's quote. Jon motioned to approve the requests. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- iii. Jill is also waiting on NEMA to get info on the updated G290/G291 PIO/JIS course and figure out dates. She is also trying to find a date with NEMA for the G205 Recovery from Disaster course.
- iv. Jill mentioned having a lot of funds available for training, and Jon mentioned the AHIMTA Conference that might be good for IMT Team members. Dawna was concerned as it isn't on the calendar yet. Jon said the state doesn't recognize the AHIMTA task books, but you could still learn a lot. Jon looked up the dates, and it is in Denver, CO in February of 2022. Jon mentioned trying this with other funds coming from dues, possibly. Darrin reminded him that we still want to do the 1 day event for local officials as well. Jon is working on getting a date for having this symposium.
- g. Be Ready Nebraska – Darrin & Jon
 - i. Darrin's request to get updated links as well as anything to add, fix or remove from the website.
 - 1. Darrin checked with NAEM, giving them a presentation on the website. They have approved and sent the information request out to all NAEM members. He has received a little bit of feedback on this, but it has been mostly frivolous things at this time. He is asking to have everything sent back to him by August 1st. He will be working on this in phases, and is counting on this group to try to help get the information in to him. CERT Teams, useful links, etc, will be some of these phases. IdeaBank is anxious to get started on these changes.
- h. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Darrin
 - i. Darrin hasn't heard anything from anyone yet.

8) NPSCC Update

- a. NRIN – Jon
 - i. Jon mentioned there is nothing terribly new on this, NRIN is partnering with the NC region which has a lot of very expensive towers that they rent. They have found a fiber provider which will provide multiple links from locations to help avoid the towers and their charges. It will save money in the long run, and may bring some locations in as users.
 - ii. There is still work in the southern end, and they are building when the weather is good. There will be items added to the IJ this year to help complete this.
- b. CNRI –
 - i. Darrin believes that this sunsets either the end of June or July of this year. He believes that we should let it sunset. **Remove from Agenda.**

9) New Business

- a. SCPETR By-laws – update

- i. These were not sent out. Brian will get them sent out for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- b. EMPG Requirements Changes for 2022 – NEMA
 - i. The big change is that FEMA will have the NQS being a requirement, at the state and local level. The credentialing process and NIMS resource typing process must be in place. They have the group that meets regularly for the NQS task books, and they will continue to do that. Dave said we will need to be making progress on NIMS resource typing. The Responder equipment needs to be NIMS typed. The local level should continue to work with responders to get equipment kind and type and get them into Salamander. They have set 2 local jurisdictions and a state agency for NIMS Compliance at this time. He asked if your first responder agencies are placing kind/typing on their equipment.
 - ii. Darrin mentioned that when they have done kind/typing at the local level it was when they were deployable resources, and asked if that has changed. Dave mentioned that deployable could be subject to interpretation. Dave said that all first responder agencies are part of some MOU or mutual aid district, so he suggests getting everything typed and put into Salamander. Jon is concerned as we as emergency managers cannot control what the local fire departments do in getting this equipment typed. He believes that we should have things typed so that we know what it is, but he doesn't like that the EMPG funds are going to be attached to these requirements.
 - iii. Dave said as long as state and local jurisdictions are continuing to make progress on the NIMS requirements, there should be no issues. FEMA NIMS Implementation Objectives is available online. There are 4 key objectives. Resource Management is the objective that they are concentrating on with these EMPG requirements. Jon mentioned that in the LEOP, there is the list of engines and equipment that the jurisdictions have. He wonders if a future version could add the type, and that way they are reviewed every 5 years to get it updated. Dave believes that changing that table could make that more useful information. He also mentioned that the 5 year cycle will go away with BOLD Planning. He believes that once it all comes together, that there is no reason for the LEOP to be more than 30 days out of date. Locals would need to keep BOLD as up to date as possible as changes happen.
 - iv. Darrin asked Dave to please address the task book issue that he was talking about. He is worried that the funds will be attached to getting a task book completed. Dave mentioned that it is not required to complete a task book. However, there are now numerous task books available, including EOC task books. He believes at some point in the future, that they may be some requirement.
 - v. The Resource Typing Library Tool is a good website to use to get things typed.

10) Good of the Group

- a. Jill is having issues with the ID printer not recognizing their ink. She is wondering if she gets another ink from Dawna if that's alright. Some mentioned that it could be a printer

update and to check that first. Dawna will send ink with Jill just in case, but if she doesn't use them, they will get returned for whoever needs them.

- b. Darrin mentioned that their Rapid Tag computer is down right now, requiring a boot disk. His IT people haven't looked at it yet. So their Rapid Tag is currently not available.
- c. Jon mentioned that the CERT Conference is in Grand Island August 6-7. Chainsaw and rescue training, wilderness training are some of the things available to learn. This is quite close to the CERT training, and the registration is online. He will send the link out to get it to everyone. It is a free training.
- d. Kirt mentioned that they have a new Sheriff, but the email address is the same.

11) Adjournment

- a. Kirt moved to adjourn the meeting. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 14:37.