

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

July 9, 2024

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Jill Pietrusinski, Chris Clark, Jeff Thornton, Wayne Gerlock, Mark Bearth

Chair Joe Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Joe said the new IDs are being completed and will be distributed via mail.

Joe and Chris Clark have discussed doing a training exercise this fall as a tabletop and full exercise following involving the students in the simulation. They feel partnering with other agencies will be more valuable.

Joe attended the quarterly SPARC meeting today and was very popular in others wanting to speak with us. IEMA director Clayton Kuetemeyer and region 8 coordinator were both very interested in our program. Joe will continue to follow up and network.

Wayne received an email from Johnson Co requesting help and money to support the Mennonites construction of homes post tornado and they had no insurance. The COAD group initiated the request. Wayne asked for clarification of the exact amount and number of homes requested. 35 homes were damaged in the tornado in varying amounts. Wayne has requested from DG Robin to send a communication to request donations to support a disaster in our district. SIR COAD has decided that District 6510 Charities will be the funding mechanism for donations as needed.

Wayne mentioned an IVOAD business meeting this Friday, July 12 at 1000 and will try to attend. It is a virtual meeting.

Wayne discovered our financial statement listed our trailer in a negative amount equal to the 2-year title on our trailer. Wayne advised to the DAUSA board that should show as a positive not a negative balance, so he is recommending we send \$500 to DAUSA to reconcile that expense and to carry that on our books.

The disaster response fund is currently at \$4258.31. Fairview Heights sends \$1000 annually at the end of the year and Mascoutah sends \$250 annually.

The Zones 30/31 manual on disaster response is almost completed. There were Zone and District committee structures but no mention of club level committee structure so that will be added. Wayne will share the club structure we recommend with the Zone committee.

The 5 county COAD is progressing. The University of IL has a manual on how to set up a COAD that Wayne will share with the Zone resources.

Wayne said our involvement with the COAD will increase our activity and we will need support. They are most interested in our VRC setup process. Those recommendations are now spread through the state of IL by IEMA.

Next meeting is Aug 13, 2024, at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski