

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

June 11,2024

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Jill Pietrusinski, DGE Robin Dean, DGE Robin Dean, Tim Sipes

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

Joe reported the upcoming SIR COAD meeting June 18th at 1:30pm at Univ of IL extension office in Marion. The executive meeting is that morning and Wayne will be attending. Williamson, Franklin, Perry, Jackson, and Randolph counties are participants in the Southern IL Regional Counties active in disaster. Wayne is trying to encourage expansion to all 28 counties to mirror district 6510.

Wayne reports a lot is going on in the world of disaster. There are 7 active COADs participating in the IL VOAD (Volunteers active in a disaster).

We've had 2 recent disasters requesting support. One in Greenfield, Iowa and Wayne was able to reach out to the DG that would cover that area. 3 local clubs listed with 2 having no response to contact and the 3rd was unaware of what was going on. The DG was responsive to contact a local club in Des Moines who was able to go to Greenfield for an assessment. There was a total lack of communication to even do a needs assessment in any of the area.

3 tornados were in our area with most of the damage in the west end of Harrisburg and on the line between Williamson and Johnson counties. Johnson co took the lead and only needed a bit of help to remove cut down trees on private roads and to then dispose of them. Unfortunately, we didn't have the equipment nor permission to be on private property, so we declined that request and offered if there was anything else to let us know.

Zone 30/31 advisory committee on disaster is completing a manual to provide to districts as a guide and is due to be complete by the end of this month. Australia, Asia, and Europe are requesting copies of this manual and the release date is 1 July. Wayne identified a resource for the financial best practices before a disaster occurs. The manual is very long so there is also a condensed version that will be available.

Wayne requested Jill assist with reaching out to PRID Elizabeth, RID Beth and TRF Trustee Chair Barry will be writing letters to be part of the manual.

Wayne reported the last COAD executive meeting had the volunteer services coordinator (Matthew) in the state of IL and he was interested in our VRC process, so Wayne provided copies of the manual and our processes with the "Go Kits". He has notified Wayne that information was distributed to multiple people, and we are getting requests to assist with their process. One was in D6490, and Wayne will provide the point of contact. Matthew offered on site training if we have minimum of 10 people. Wayne thinks partnering with COAD would help to have more on site options in addition to the online options for FEMA ICS courses.

Wayne reports DAUSA has an advisor who is a software expert, and he has identified the volunteer registration software is working well (Wayne had difficulty using it). However, the software company was recently purchased. They are implementing a Sharepoint software program and there is a Passport software version that can get to the Club level. A FL company has a spreadsheet type software that they will be using. Larry Agee will be in FL all summer. DAC isn't something they are interested in.

The DR module is now \$299/yr in DAC and the District had that in the budget for this Rotary year to cover.

Wayne referenced an email that there is an upcoming business meeting of the IL VOAD and he and Joe are included.

The state of IL has some instructions on how to run a COAD and recommend a local foundation be used for finances if a local organization doesn't exist. District 6510 Charities can serve in that capacity. Any money collected by the COAD is held in the community foundation name. That board has the responsibility for in-kind donations or property to be sold and distributed (example of donated vehicles). Wayne will propose our foundation be utilized and a 5% fee charged on incoming donations to offset costs and preface cash donations preferred. The IRS requires the donor to determine the value of the asset if not a cash donation. All organizations are responsible for audits. Many community foundations are ill prepared to handle funds in a disaster. Jill cautions against accepting property that we may be unable to support. Our foundation documents do have provisions for a process and Wayne agrees we need to be careful before accepting property.

There is an upcoming webinar series from DNA RAG (Disaster Network Assistance Rotary Action Group)

Global Disaster Preparedness Webinar

Register for our first in a series of global disaster preparedness webinars. This first, ninety-minute webinar is focused on helping clubs, districts, and regions to prepare and respond to disasters.

The same webinar will be presented on all three dates. Choose the time and date and click on the link below to register.

June 15, 3:00 PM EST, 7:00 PM UTC tinyurl.com/dna-raq-webinar1

June 18, 8:00 AM, EST, 12:00 UTC tinyurl.com/dna-raq-webinar2

June 20, 11:00 PM, EST, 4:00 AM UTC tinyurl.com/dna-raq-webinar3

Their annual meeting is coming up soon. Wayne will provide the information.

Please note there is a new Zoom link for future meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and we are now using one of the district licenses. Login information is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83672355292?pwd=Ao07dfmnXwSWt430qaC6XKk9pK6bOb.1>

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Next meeting is July 9, 2024, at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski