

**Wakota CAER****General Membership Meeting Minutes****January 12, 2009; 9:30 a.m.****Cottage Grove Fire Station No. 2****Attendees**

Mike Thompson, MCES  
 Paul Schultz, Tiller  
 Bill Freischel, Dakota County  
 Mike Pliml, MCES  
 Jayshree Desai, Xcel Energy  
 Jim Stockinger, MPCA  
 Russ Edmonds, 3M Cottage Grove  
 Steve Crisp, Marathon  
 Bob Byerly, CG Fire

Kim Woldengen, Koch Pipeline  
 Emily White, So. Wash. Co. Schools  
 Bill McNally  
 Pete Herpst, Flint Hills Resources  
 Camie Pederson, WCEC  
 Lisa Bujak, MPCA  
 Tim Lindgren, Bay West  
 Mark Maday, UPRR  
 Patrick Waletzko, Wash Cty Emergency Mgmt

**Agenda****Meeting Called to Order****Mike Thompson**

Mike Thompson called the meeting to order. Individuals attending the meeting introduced themselves.

**Approval of December Minutes****Mike Thompson**

Emily White motioned to approve the December minutes, seconded by Pete Herpst, minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report****Camie Pederson**

Camie Pederson presented the January Report – there is \$20,692.14 in the money market account, \$9,092.21 in the checking account, and \$52,914.53 in the Boom Fund. The Boom Fund is healthy; Wakota CAER also needs to work on a wish list for Coast Guard funding that will be available in 2010. Bill McNally motioned to approve the January Treasurers report, seconded by Bill Freischel, motion approved.

**Committee Report - Community Awareness****Kim Woldengen**

- The October Fire Chief magazine included an article on Wakota CAER. However, a copy has not been seen to confirm it. Bob Byerly will check his copy and scan it and send it to Kim.
- Committee has been appointed to plan the Annual Community Leaders Luncheon on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Tinucci's. Committee members – Emily White and Jayshree Desai.

**Committee Report - Training & Exercise****Jim Stockinger/Cory Teff**

- A tentative date for the Exercise Design Team to meet is being scheduled. Jim has some volunteers for the team.

**Planning Committee****Pete Herpst**

All months are now filled - December speaker – will be a tour of the MnDOT RMTTC facility by John McClellan.

**Old Business**

- Membership Renewal Invoices-Colleen Stelmach – the membership renewal invoices were emailed to members at the end of December and to non-members encouraging them to join. If you did not receive a notice, please notify the Wakota CAER office. Blank membership renewal forms were available at the meeting.

- River Response Co-Op- Pete Herpst – everyone was reminded to please sign the updated agreements and return them to the Wakota CAER office.

**New Business**

- EPA Freshwater Spills Symposium in St. Louis – Mike Thompson– the cost of the symposium has not yet been posted, currently the call for papers is out. Topics will include deployment and control of boom in fast and slow river water and a 4 hour hands on spill training course. Board discussed whether Wakota CAER or the River Response Co-Op should send a representative(s). There was a question as to whether the By-Laws would allow this. Tabled to February meeting as the cost of attendance is not yet available.

**Announcements**

**All**

- The MPCA February 2009 Air/Water/Waste Conference has been cancelled

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Mike Thompson**

Bill McNally motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pete Herpst, motion approved.