

03-30-2010 – Minutes
Radio User Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Lyon County LEC Training Room

Jeff Lammers called the meeting to order.

Sign up sheet was passed around. We also had an oral introduction. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Feb 23rd meeting. There was a second to the motions. Carried. There were a couple items added to the agenda. #1 meal menu (table tope) #2 Dan Anderson will be added to speak. Motion made to add too the Agenda. Seconded.. Carried.

As the meeting got underway Steve Borchart keyed up the radio to speak to an individual in Woodberry, MN on the 800 system. He was in the lower level of the LEC on State Wide DEC talk group coming off tower #33. Dan DeSmet stated it was the tower out by the State Patrol Office. The RSSI (Receive Service Strength Indicator) was at 73 down in the basement. Transmission picked up load and clear.

Old business

Nobles.. Nothing changes Participation plan will be presented to RRB

Renville Participation plan will also be presented tomorrow.

Redwood - Participation plan $\frac{3}{4}$ complete

Lyon – Participation plan completed presenting to board tomorrow

Jackson – Participation plan complete

Everyone is working on talk groups. Groups will continue to move forward working with equipment, agencies and interoperability.

Marty (Echo) spoke with a Bloomington Fire Department Chief. Mary stated that the fire chief would come to a meeting and speak on how to integrate communication at boarders. Marty offered organizing to have an individual come and speak. Steve encouraged us to be prepared. We need to have the appropriate Fire Department officials available as such a meeting to have many basic questions answered. We would do better to have a well represented training with both fire Department and EMS personnel present. Dan would like to invite Joe Glaccum for our EMS representation.

May 3rd is set for our table top training. Tammy VanOverbeke is organizing this. Due to this May training we will skip our April training. We will meet again May 25th. It was decided that Dan will contact Joe to invite him for the May 25th meeting. Harry would like 10 minutes of our time on that evening to have a quick review of the table top from May 3rd.

Tower Updates...

Steve stated that Milan, Granite, Echo, Russell are on the air. Madison, Tracy, Slayton, Bruster, Murray & Murray County came on today . Towers are up in several areas, but communication link isn't complete.

Steve – April Conference (St Cloud) – Information should be coming out tomorrow via email. And tomorrow the participation plans will be submitted for the region.

Jeff stated that everyone wrote regional plans a little different because there was no standardizing. We had recommendations, but no standard. Even though there is no standard, do we want to consider being a carbon copy? But for now, we will leave our fleet map as it was voted on.

Drill with Harry

Scheduled for May 3rd Meal at 6 P.M. Exercise at 6:30 p.m. Dan Anderson / Harry will handle the table top. Location is at SMSU. Copper will include the location (Room) with an email. Harry encouraged everyone to go back to your communities and bring 3-4 people back to the drill. Harry's goal is to be realistic, but challenging. The more people that we can get involved, the more diverse it is, the better sharing of thoughts and ideas. Harry will walk us thru the scenario. The goal of the table top is to make one understand that limitation we have with our current resource.

We want this to be as realistic as possible. Fire, ambulance, Law Enforcement, Public health, Emergency Management, State Patrol, Sheriff departments, key elected officials. Dan suggested that Harry send out the 10 disciplines he want involved.

Menu – Looking for a nice sit down meal. This will be a volunteer event. Once we decide on a menu, Chopper will present menu to RRB at tomorrow's meeting.. Tammy does have a little slush with numbers. Grant offers \$15/head

Dan Anderson – Randy Donahue was not able to attend. Dan is speaking on his behalf.

A group of about 10 will be meeting to come up with Region Standards. Want to present to the RRB that the Local System Administrator need to start working on Regional standards. The user chair and owners chair are invited. Administrators would be able to do radio programming. Local administrators CAN be the programmers also. . Every county has to designate someone. State wants to work with the county. Counties can work with the vendors

General Discussion

Steve stated that the State Standard does require that trainings needs to be completed before one can operate the radio. There is no set CORE competencies. Steve has been tasked with developing standards for the CORE Competencies.

TAG – Specifics of grant dollars is murky, but will become clearer as we move forward. Along with the initial training, there will have to be annual training review to keep everyone fresh on the radio operations. We need a “take away training” that we can resource to refresh.

The menu for the table top training night was narrowed down to Home style buffet or Mustang Barbeque. Tammy will work with SMSU to secure a proper billing to meet the Grant funds. A nice meal is justified to get people to the table top. Without attendance, we have no table top discussion

Jeff will send out an email to Marty & Dan DeSmet to set up our training speakers for May Meeting. Possibly in June we can invite Representative from South Dakota to talk about border issues.

Steve encourages all to check out the Standards on the ARMER website.

Our committee has heard back from Christine – HIPAA website - this was her response to our concern over Patient information via radio. “One needs to use reasonable caution. We can’t govern radios” It really comes down to training issues. Attorneys will be our caution.

Dan Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. General consensus 2nd motion. Carried.

Recording Secretary
Deborah Winter