

MINUTES
MARYLAND VOAD QUARTERLY MEETING
FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2003
10:00A.M. – 1:00P.M.
at the
BRETHREN SERVICE CENTER
NEW WINDSOR, MD

Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The group was welcomed by Jane Yount. The group also invited to lunch and tour of facilities following lunch. Minutes of March meeting were approved during this time.

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Jane Yount asked for a member organization to assume this role. ARC agreed to do. Recording secretary will keep notes during meeting/prepare minutes for approval.

Member Survey

Scott Knox requested all agencies to be sure agency survey updates are in.

VOAD Desk at the State EOC

Steve Welzant discussed need for VOAD Reps at MEMA EOC. Sandy Lee will be a rep. We are looking for 3 more. MEMA will set up training for reps. Training for reps will be held at 10:00 a.m., June 14, 2003 at MEMA. Steve also gave a presentation on SEOC. Contact Steve at MEMA for copy of the slides via e-mail.

Discussion by group on VOAD and how it will play in disaster response. The group discussed Volunteer Management and how this task can be handled. The idea of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) taking a lead was discussed. The group also discussed donations management issues.

FEMA Quarterly Meeting Report (Kitty Juneau)

Kitty said this was the first time MD VOAD was represented. Kitty discussed the speakers – and the issues regarding DECON of chemically contaminated people. Kitty felt many attendees did not understand the VOAD concept. The group discussed problems with plans for response to D.C. incidents. Liz Monahan-Gibson, Region III FEMA VAL, provided additional information on these problems. The group also discussed issues with perceptions of what VOAD is. Problems with donations/volunteer management were highlighted.

Report on Annual VOAD Conference

Jane Yount attended (representing the Church of the Brethren and MD VOAD) and reported. Roy Winter of the Brethren also attended and provided comments. The theme of the Conference was discussed by the group. The NVOAD Board held its annual meeting at the conference. Jane discussed the meetings/workshops/events she attended. She talked about VOAD informational

brochure template to be made available soon. This may help get the word out on what VOAD is. Roy discussed spiritual care issues and development of standards.

Agency Reports, Updates, Training Opportunities

MD Food Bank – (Wayne Flickinger)

Hunger Awareness Day, June 5, 2003

Discussed other food drives, all successful

Church of Brethren – (Roy Winter)

Described services

Will conduct training, open to all, on childcare. Contact them for info.

CAP (John Johnson)

Becoming more involved in H.S.

Did SAR Exercise in early June in Hagerstown area.

Scott Knox

Discussed MASS CARE Exercise coming up on June 28/29th. Gave handouts explaining. The main request to support exercise is for volunteer victims.

Jane Yount (additional information for Church of Brethren)

Monitoring Midwest Tornado, Expect to start long-term project later this summer.

Humane Society (report for Anne Culver by Jane Yount)

Emergency Animal Shelter Training in Virginia, June 21 – 22. Registration form distributed.

ACS – Kitty Juneau

Midwest Tornado work ongoing.

Described ACS Regional Collection Centers.

Recent training on warehouse ops in PA.

Group discussed “virtual warehousing”.

MEMA – (Steve Welzant)

EOC Rep training discussed.

EMI – Courses available on-line.

Paul Mitchell – new Readiness Director at MEMA.

Hurricane Exercise, June 16.

NVFS – (Sandy Lee)

Reported on 9-11 client work.

Fed. Victim’s compensation money coming in.

Concern about clients money management discussed.

Discussed 9-11 funds/issues in general

DHMH – (Gail Wowk)

MED Volunteer Program on going – both medical and mental health programs to be established.

So. Baptist Convention – (George Blevins)

Reported on Tornado/Flood work.
Food being sent to Iraq at request of DoD.

FEMA VAL – (Liz Gibson)

Highlighted independent study courses available on line.
Emphasize Incident CMD System.
FEMA transitioned into H.S.

ARC – (Kevin Burr/Cathy LaFleur)

Chapter mergers in MD/DC discussed.
June 16th Communication Exercise to be conducted during State Hurrex.
Midwest Tornado Report given.

VOL Frederick – (Andrea Evanger)

Described RSVP program.

Other Business

Next Meeting September 12, 2003 at MEMA – time 10:00 a.m.

Lunch

Tour of Brethren Service Center Warehouse Operation

Attendees:

George Blevins
Scott Knox
Barry Stimmes
Cathy LaFleur
Ruth Mascari
John Johnson
Andrea Evanger
Sandy Lee
Jacqueline St. Clair
Kitty Juneau
Nancy Thomas
Gail Wowk
Liz Gibson
Kevin Burr
Wayne Flickinger
Steve Welzant
Jane Yount
Roy Winter

Minutes submitted by Kevin Burr