

Texas State REACT Council Mtg
June 20, 1998
San Antonio, Texas

Executive Session 7am-8am Cracker Barrel Restaurant

Sharon Grimm, Pres
Ed Williford, VP
Lee Besing, Secretary
Stuart DeLuca, Treasurer
Jim Coker, Sgt@Arms

absent

Jerry Jennison, VP

Called to order by Sharon Grimm. Discussion of items for upcoming meeting agenda. Meeting was informal and no notes were kept officially.

General Membership Meeting

No Guests

18 members present, representing 6 teams.

Teams present: Bexar County (5), Brownwood (3), Comal County(1), Dallas County(2),
Houston Metro (2), Travis County(5)

Teams absent: Bell County, Brazoria County, Brazos County, Tarrant County,
Potter County, San Angelo, Stevens County

Meetings called to order 10:15am by Sharon Grimm. Greetings by David Ennist, Bexar County REACT President. Sharon announced that Jerry Jennison was working several events this date and could not be in 3 places at same time. Alan Tyler, past president, was unable to attend due to emergency problems at his employer.

Minutes presented in writing by Lee Besing. Corrections on Page 4, 3rd paragraph from bottom, "to Wichita" should be "from Wichita to DC". Page 3, next to last paragraph, "1998-2000" should be "1997-1999". Houston Metro, 2nd Travis Co, to accept minutes as corrected.

Treasurer report by Stuart DeLuca distributed in writing. Present Checking Balance \$734.03. No expenditures since last meeting, \$160 received since last report. Report accepted as written.

Houston Metro reported that one of their members, David Deeringer, had one foot amputated recently due to medical problems. A card was passed around for all members to sign.

Sharon reported about her experience with communications with RI HQ, asked everyone to exercise patience with the new staff. She explained that the circumstances around the move and resulting confusing.

Officer reports:

Stuart DeLuca, Treasurer, reported on AWTS. \$1,145 has been pledged so far directly to REACT. No final report has been made on undesignated funds, but estimate is that \$10-15,000 will be final total. Stuart expects REACT to receive \$1000-1500 in undesignated funds. The total receipts will be reduced by our initiation fee of \$350, 12% admin fee, and a 25% reinvestment fund fee, so he expects to receive first check by end of June, and a total of \$1000 net donation. Planet K donated \$6600 of which \$5000 was undesignated. We should know the final totals by the November meeting. Nine teams are eligible to receive disbursements from this. Stuart serving on AWTS membership committee and chairing the Bylaws committee as well. Proposed change in structure of membership, to allow for local chapter formations and who is represented on Board of Directors. REACT will be represented since we are a state wide organization. August 23rd will be 3rd annual Chocolate Sunday from 2-5pm at Barton Creek Square Mall in Austin off of Ben White Blvd. Visitors buy \$10 ticket to get 10 samples. REACT can buy tickets at \$5 and sell for \$10 if paid in advance, or \$7 if paid after sold. Qty of 10 per pkg tickets.

Sharon discussed status of teams in Texas, only team whom she was unaware of renewal status was TCES (Tarrant County Emergency Services) in Ft. Worth.

Lee Besing, secretary, no report, no correspondence received.

George Grimm, Communications, reported that next weekend is Field Day Weekend for Amateur Radio and encouraged all members to check it out in their area. Vanity Calls for Amateurs, Fee will drop to \$13 for 10 years soon. News on GMRS thru the Internet dealing with the new Universal Licensing System and provided links to sites with more information or equipment sales. George asked who had disaster package ready for emergencies with portable radio, flashlights, etc. He showed advertisement of a crank radio. He demonstrated AM/FM radio with solar power and crank power which doesn't use batteries that cost about \$50. Lasts about 30 minutes on 3 minutes of cranking.

Paula Coker, Break-9 editor, said no issue was produced due to lack of articles submitted to make a full issue. Minutes were not sent to Paula in time for production. Next deadline is October 5th. Paid subscriptions will be extended by 1 issue due to this missed issue. Sharon suggested that teams submit calendar of local events for printing in Break-9 so that other teams could visit in the area or help out.

David Ennist, discussed proposed changes which will threaten GMRS radio. Suggested that folks join PRSG to keep up on happenings.

Chuck Thompson reported on RI happenings. Discussion on changes proposed for bylaws. Chuck reported that RI won the tax suit appeal and will not have to pay personal property taxes to Sedgwick County taxing authority.

New Business:

November 14th meeting will be in San Angelo, Travel Lodge on Rio Concho Drive @ \$44.94. Meeting will be held across from Shannon Hospital at the Shannon's Womens Building. Reservations for hotel is 915-659-0747, #34922 reservation number. Inside pool and hot tub enclosed hotel.

Discussion of Convention Delegate appointments. Travis Co, Dallas 2nd nominate Charlie Land as delegate to RI Convention 1998. Six in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Dallas, Houston 2nd nominate Chuck Thompson as alternate. Six in favor, none opposed.

Motion by Houston, 2nd by Travis to pay delegate and alternate delegate the budgeted \$100 each for convention expenses. Six in favor, none opposed.

Discussion of dinner plans for about 10 persons to be 5:30pm at Magic Time Machine. Reservations confirmed with restaurant.

Discussion of candidates running for Field Director. Chuck Thompson, Jack Murrell and Fred Lanshe. Stuart DeLuca expressed opinion that since Chuck and Jack were both presently serving as appointed directors, that we should endorse the two of them to keep some continuity on the board and the momentum moving forward. No action taken officially for the council to endorse any candidate.

Ed Williford, Houston Metro, presented talk and video from the 1997 Texas Special Olympics in Houston.

Team reports: Travis County has new repeater 461.675 commercial repeater, use donated to REACT by local locksmith company. Did a safetybreak for Memorial Day. Thanked Lee Besing of Bexar County for coming up to work a shift. Bought 12 UHF radios for team, getting them programmed. Looking to inherit 14 Bendix King Radios from Austin EMS.

Brownwood has been working Parades and event over Memorial Day Weekend. No flooding recently. Lots of Misc events. Took some rappelling training in San Angelo. Received \$1500 grant for additional membertraining and electrical upgrades to REACT building. Did a evacuation of persons off the train tracks, but track was still live and exercise was completed immediately prior to passing of live train.

Comal County reported they have been active with missing person searches with Heidi Search Center. Worked missing child search until 5am morning of today's meeting. Unknown if drowned or run-a-way child but there is 80' drop off where his shoes were found. Their trailer is being lettered due to efforts of Lee Besing. July 4th will be parade in Startzville and only need about 8 persons this year. Training session for Heidi Search Center will be held next weekend, June 27th, at Gardenridge, Texas, just north of San Antonio. Texas State Guard will be trained as Team Leaders. Comal REACT bring search dogs, Bexar REACT helping with communications. Fire, EMS and Sheriff will be on standby and alerted to this event for assistance.

Dallas County REACT now has their antennas back on the roof after roofing contractor on March 13th chopped down all antennas on top of their 25 story building in downtown Dallas. \$20k worth of antennas and heliax was destroyed. Worked 2 triatholons, Hamcomm, and Field Day upcoming on 06/27.

Houston Metro worked many events almost something every weekend during April and May for Special Olympics including an event with people pulling a FedEx Boeing 747 for 12 feet. Houston Metro has fax number 713-947-6288.

Bexar County REACT hosted the TX Council meeting, will be working the Training Session for Heidi Search, have doubled their membership for 1998, helped Wildflower 100 with Comal and Travis. Applefestival in August, has four new events with donations expected. New 462.600 repeater on west side

of San Antonio with different tone to prevent conflict with Comal repeater on same frequency.

November 1998 meeting in San Angelo, March 1999 in Round Rock by Travis Co. REACT.

Major door prize of 40 channel Radio Shack CB Radio won by David Ennist, refused, 2nd drawing won by George Grimm, Extra Class Amateur operator.

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50/50 pot of \$18.50 won by Stuart DeLuca.

Sharon announced member of Brownwood died recently.

18 registered members, 6 teams, 12 less and 3 less teams than last meeting. Area II with 1 team 484.5 miles, Area IV has 1 team 379.5 miles, Area V 3 teams with Area 7 with 1 team 494 miles. State Travel Trophy goes to Area 7.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm.

Minutes submitted by Lee W. Besing, Secretary.