

Texas State REACT Council
Board Meeting 02/06/99
LaQuinta Inn IH-35 & Ben White
Austin, Texas

Officers Present

Sharon Grimm
Jerry Jennison
Alan Tyler
Charlie Land
Lee Besing
Jim Coker

Others Present

Paula Coker
Stuart DeLuca

Meeting called to order by Sharon Grimm at 2pm.

Stuart DeLuca presented a shares certificate (4 shares) from AWTS showing that we should receive \$1800 in undesignated funds, and about \$1300 in designated funds gross, (minus the 25% reinvestment fee and 12% administrative fees of about 37%). This deduction covers the printing costs of brochures and office expenses. Discussion of current operations, status of 1998 campaigns. Most of the points earned this last year, was from working Chocolate Sunday in Austin. 1999 will be in August on 8th or 15th. Stuart serving as Secretary of AWTS in 1999.

Discussion on method of distribution of funds expected to be received in June from AWTS. State Council to keep 25% and share the rest with the participating teams. Stuart suggested that this 25% share be used to promote new teams in Texas. Proposals to be presented at Spring meeting, and voted at the June meeting.

Stuart proposed, Jerry made motion, Jim 2nd, that the board have the treasurer pay back the reinvestment fee not to exceed \$150, in one check for \$47 and one check for \$100 to AWTS. Motion passed.

Meeting date change. Sharon announced that the March 20th date for the council meeting was a conflict with an area wide event over that date. Discussion on alternate dates. Conflicts on earlier weekends among the teams represented on the board, and conflict on April 10th for Austin. Meeting date will be March 27th in Round Rock, hosted by Travis County REACT.

Deadline for Break-9 will be on February 22nd. Paula asked that all officers submit their reports prior to that date if they want to be included.

Discussion by Sharon Grimm on how to increase participation in council operations by local teams. Alan Tyler to send survey to teams on participation by teams.

Discussion on having leadership training at the June 1999 meeting, with annual reviews at the March Council meeting in subsequent years. Sharon suggested that each officer write up a short duties list of their officer position as it relates to a team level officer. Recommended that we ask Chuck Thompson to do something about team bylaws. Discussion of sharing local team training exercises with other teams so they can send members who want to participate.

Motion by Charlie Land, 2nd by Jerry, to present a brief training session at the March meeting with each officer presenting a short 5-10 minute overview of their officer's position responsibilities at the local team level. 1 opposed, 5 in favor, motion passed.

Comal County REACT having Missing person training Sunday February 28th, 8am-1pm near Canyon Lake. State Emergency Management Meeting in San Antonio March 7-10th with VOAD conference on Monday 3/8 (from 3-5pm). State Red Cross conference on March 13-15th.

Sharon requested that Lee obtain full member listing for teams in Texas from REACT Intl. Also get copy of the team resource report.

Discussion on statewide disaster response plan, Alan Tyler brought copy of 1984 version of council's plan. Discussion of VOAID participation and the need to update this plan to fit today's needs. Discussion on how to bring in other REACT teams to support local teams in disaster area and interaction with the VOAID. Charlie Land volunteered to look over the plan and come up with some suggestions for updates. Jerry recommended we contact VOAID to see how our plan will fit in with other organizations.

Sharon asked that Jim Coker, Charlie Land and Lee Besing get together to build a training calendar for print and possibly electronic distribution to teams.

Sharon reminded all officers that we were using ICQ on Sunday nights at 9pm for council meetings. Everyone has ICQ except Charlie has this program and Lee gave him a CD with the program. Lee needs to send list of ICQ numbers to Charlie.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm