

Texas State REACT Council Meeting – Minutes 03/37/1999

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Officers Present:

Sharon Grimm, President  
Jerry Jennison, VP  
Allan Tyler, VP  
Charlie Land, Treasurer

Officers Absent:

Lee Besing, Secretary (will be attending later in day)

Teams represented:

San Angelo, Brownwood, Brazoria, Houston Metro Emergency, Travis, Bexar Counties.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT, Sharon Grimm. Paula Coker, president of Travis County, welcomed us to Austin. She explained that would be a short morning session, tour of Austin Capitol, lunch, and resume meeting. Asked how many would be remaining for lunch.

Jim Coker had correction to minutes. Page 6, third column, at bottom, should read REACT teams instead of individual members, eligible for donations. Motioned by Houston Metro Emergency to accept minutes as corrected. Seconded by Brownwood. MC.

Jim Coker apologized for not having his Sgt at Arms material. Sharon list of things need to get done.

Need to adopt budget, special Olympics summer games, formula for expending funds coming in from AWTS, FCC changes affecting GMRS and other radio use, report on VOAIID, need team to host June meeting. Jim reported 6 teams present out of 11. Have quorum, Barb Jennison San Angelo, Stuart DeLuca Travis, Lucy Cox Brazoria, Clayton Sparks Bexar County, Ed Williford Houston Metro Emergency, Leon McCarthy Brownwood. Sharon asked for first time attendees. Lucy Cox Brazoria County REACT. Treasurer of team. Other members present: From Bexar County - Audrey Sparks, Taylor Sparks grandson of Clayton & Audrey Sparks. From San Angelo: Gerry Fitzgerald

Barb Jennison San Angelo, Travis county seconded, to suspend order of business. Motion Carried. Charles Land passed out proposed budget. Jerry Jennison stated he had failed to appoint an audit committee and would take care of it before end of day. Apologized and said audit would be done before June meeting.

Charles also explained the cash flow report. Total project income from AWTS \$. 25% reinvestment fee. Previously decided that 75% of income would be distributed back to our teams. Method and division to be decided today. .... Stuart interest has been rolling into CD.

Take 47.27 memorial fund expense out of 99 budget keep interest in general fund not move to

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San Angelo moves to treat memorial fund cont as income not outflow on 99 budget. Lucy Brazoria seconded. Mc. San Angelo moved, Brownwood seconded, accept 99 budget as amended. Mc.

Ed Williford special Olympic. New site this year rice university. Track stadium is more on order of high school. Campus is nice. B&R now Haliburton. Should be less radios available from Haliburton due to large jobs. Jerry asked that when find out what radios needed, to e-mail teams to see what is available.

Jerry emphasized that it does not cost anything for food or lodging. With your key volunteer id will be fed all three meals. Blow up area event 10 or 12 times and have size of state games.

Sharon AWTS council retain 25% was original decision. She would entertain motion for 100% to remain with council. Charles discussion on how to distribute back to teams. Criteria for eligibility: teams must attend at least one council meeting each year, and teams must make donation of \$1 per member, with minimum of \$30 or subscribe to Break-9. Ten of 14 teams qualified in 97, in 98 lost 2 teams, and only 9 teams qualified. Money in budget is 97 funding.

Need to decide how distribute. Sharon asked if all 10 teams eligible from 97 still teams. Stuart deferred until now how distribute between teams. One option teams submit proposal of how would spend funds. Would be cumbersome. Sharon options give all to council (joking), equally divided between qualified teams, do on application basis. Edward if not putting any effort in should not share equally with teams doing majority of work to quality for AWTS. Barbara some teams do not have resources to solicit large corporations: some teams will do other things to help out lending equipment etc to support effort. Stuart by working at the Chocolate ....REACT earns enough points to fully participate in receiving a portion of the undesignated funds in AWTS. Stuart are member of AWTS as council not individual teams. \$ is to expand and improve REACT in Texas. Would not like to see being used for buying team radios, tires for vehicle, etc. Jerry this money going back to teams as whole should encourage teams to say state council has done something for us. Thinks will help growth of council. Feels that income will increase. Ed thinks misunderstood him. A small team in small town should not feel they have nothing to contribute. Give incentive to join in not sit back and watch.

Stuart since AWTS in Austin, majority of events are in area.

Motion by Bexar, 2nd by Brazoria, vote on this when come back.

--return from lunch

Lee Besing joined the group during lunch and returned to the hotel afterward. Add Comal County to be counted as present since Lee belongs to that team also.

Motion by Travis, 2nd by Bexar to adopt program of funds distribution to teams from the AWTS donations received. 75% of the net proceeds to be distributed equally to the qualifying teams, 25% retained by council. Motion carried, 1 abstention.

Jerry Jennison, George Grimm and Sharon Grimm attended the Texas Emergency Management meeting in San Antonio last February and attended TX VOaid meeting.

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Jerry Jennison elected Treasurer of Texas State chapter of VOAIID. Jerry read letter thanking members of Travis County REACT for providing support thru VOAIID during 1998 disasters in managing the DEM phone bank. Jerry reported plans around the state to stage response teams and equipment for wildfire disasters.

Sharon emphasized need to recognize and thank volunteers that are working with you, that it will always be appreciated by them.

Sharon announced that Charlie Land and some others were reviewing the council's disaster plan.

June 18th is a concert in Angleton to benefit their team. The delegates from Brazoria proposed to host the meeting in conjunction with the concert, but their team hasn't voted on this issue yet. Motion by Brazoria, 2nd by Travis to hold the meeting in Angleton. Motion passed. Concert is on Friday night, all REACT members get in free with or without uniforms.

Paula Coker - Break-9 deadline is May 3rd. Subscription renewals are due now. Brownwood, Brazoria, Houston and Travis County have renewed.

Stuart DeLuca reported on AWTS plans to hold August 15th Chocolate Sunday in Austin at Barton Creek Square Mall. Starting early at 1 PM, close at 4 PM, judging to be held prior to the starting time so everyone can see the awards as they sample. Stuart hoping to get 25-30 vendors to participate by contacting all vendors in the mall, plus some mailings to 400+ vendors. Tickets are \$10 for 10 samples, can order and pay in advance \$5, or order and pay after sold at \$7. Asking participating vendors to sell tickets to their customers at their stores, and better news media. Each volunteer gets a \$10 ticket. Should arrive by noon, starts at 1 PM and can depart by 4 PM. AWTS now has 40 member organizations participating, looking for 501(c)(3) organizations who are not presently in United Way. Also wanting to get access to company personnel offices to get AWTS to be included in the annual fund drive.

Discussion on e-mail changes and survey in back of Break-9. Alan Tyler asked that each team ask their members to complete the survey on an individual basis, not just one copy per team.

George Grimm - Communications. GMRS license form is now Form-605 instead of 574. Can be downloaded from the Internet. You just need the main form, not all the attachments, but you need also Schedule F for temporary. If using Form 574, only complete fields 1-17 and 19. Fee is \$75 for license and you must include Form 159. Use Form 605 to save much time and trouble. GMRS licenses are now for all frequencies, repeater or simplex and interstitial. Changes to restrictions on 462.675 repeater pairs to limit to motorist assistance by mobile stations only. George read letter from RI sent to FCC to support petition of reconsideration regarding the changes made by the FCC in the GMRS rules. TX Council is GMRS License number KAD-9545 and is licensed for 462.600 and 462.675.

Discussion on changing date of June meeting to June 19th to coordinate with the concert. Motion by Brownwood, 2nd by Bexar to change the date to the 19th. Motion passed.

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Motion by Houston Metro Emergency, 2nd by Comal, to suspend travel trophy program until further notice. Motion passed.

19 persons represented 7 teams at today's meeting. San Angelo REACT announced they had REACT cookbooks for sale at \$8.

50/50 pot of \$70.50 was won by Clayton Sparks of Bexar County.  
Meeting adjourned 5:10 PM

Minutes taken by Janelle Williford (first half), by Lee Besing (second half).