

Meeting minutes from May 16th, 2001

NWA Central Iowa Chapter

Meeting called to order by Brian Karrick at 6:30PM at Godfathers pizza in Ankeny. 10 NWA members in attendance.

Old Business:

Weather radios that we are donating to Unlimited Opportunities Inc. in Clarion are on backorder. The radios should be in by June 2001. Unlimited Opportunities have been notified the radios are on the way.

Per the last NWA meeting the chapter will be funding \$4000 in grants for schools this year. We will hold off on offering the grants until late summer or early fall when school resumes.

A vote was taken to decide on a hotel to have next years severe storms conference. By a unanimous vote the Embassy Suites hotel in downtown Des Moines was decided to be the hotel of choice. The Shariton hotel on Merle Hay road was the other option.

Andy Kula stated we need to start working on teams for the conference early so we are not so rushed to get the work done. The general consensus of the group was this would be a good thing and team organizing will begin shortly. Also several speakers have tentatively signed on for next year's conference already.

Lightning Conference:

The lightning conference will be held June 21st and 22nd at the Science center of Iowa. Start time will be 7PM each night. Mike Lazano will be one of the main speakers as well as "Lightning stalker". This information will be posted on the web site ASAP. Willard Sharp will inform Jarom to post this information.

We are also looking for ways to promote the conference. Andy said the weather service will be able to help out. Also we will try to get the help of the local TV stations. Brian Karrick will talk to the channel 8 people. Willard Sharp will talk to the channel 13 people. Virginia Stone will talk with the channel 5 people.

We are still looking for a name for the lightning conference. Any ideas please send to Central_Iowa_NWA@yahoo.com for consideration.

Misc. items:

We talked about a possible field trip for the chapter. Several ideas were briefly talked about such as Wind fest or a trip to the river forecast center. No decision was made on what to do.

Next meeting:

The next NWA meeting will be held Wednesday June 20th at the Science Center of Iowa. Start time is 6:30PM. We will finalize plans for the lightning conference.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM by Brian Karrick.

Minutes taken by:

Willard Sharp

Secretary NWA Central Iowa Chapter