

## Meeting minutes from December 1st, 2003 NWA Central Iowa Chapter

Our December 1st meeting was held at Godfather Pizza in Ankeny starting at 6PM. We had a social hour at 5:30. 15 chapter members were in attendance for this meeting.

First on the agenda was several items related to the 2004 Severe Storm Conference. We talked about fees to be charged for admission to the conference and we came up with the finalized rate and also rates for groups that more than 10 people attending the conference. The rates are as follows:

\$125 regular

\$75 student

\$65 per student for groups of 10 or more

\$100 for government employee's

The above rates were placed to a vote and the vote was to approve the rates.

Next we talked about the chapter provided meal. After much discussion we put to a vote the following dates and times for the various meals during the conference.

Dinner on Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 with Eric speaking from 6:30 to 7:30. The dinner will be in buffet style with a meatless choice for lent. The vote was approved.

Next we discussed what time the conference would end each day of the conference. On Thursday we would start around 4PM and would go until the videos would end (9PM or later ???). The start time is also a little variable depending on when John McLaughlin is able to speak. For Friday and Saturday the start time would be 8:30AM. Friday would end at 7:30PM and Saturday would end at 5PM. This was put to a vote and the vote passed.

Next we talked about invited speakers. So far we have 8 invited speakers and we decided to leave it at a total of 8 invited speakers. We also talked about having the lead meteorologists from the 3 local TV stations sponsor video night on the first night of the conference. Penny will contact those guys and see if they would be will to do that. We also talked about opening video night to the public. It would start around 7PM. This was put to a vote and the vote passed.

Next on the list for conference discussion was to provide a vendor booth for BNVN. This was put to a vote and the vote passed for approval of the booth.

Next we did team reports. The registration team provided a report on a payment method for people signing up for the conference. It was proposed that we use Paypal.com for credit card payment for the conference. This was put to a vote and the vote was approved.

That was the conclusion of conference items. Then we moved on to chapter provided grants. First we talked about setting up a boundary for which we can accept grant applications. After much discussion we voted on the following boundary. To the west the line is highway 71, to the east highway 63, to the south highway 34, and to the north highway 20. The vote was approved.

Next we talked about the grant request we received from Waterloo. They are requesting \$364.95 for their grant. After looking at the request we decided to fund the weather radio that was on their request.

For future grant requests Mike Holtz was nominated to collect the requests. The nomination was approved. We will review grant requests as they need to be.

Next we talked about a grant limit per year. Grant approval will be based on money available, merit, and date submitted. This item was put to a vote and it was approved.

Finally we talked about a chapter scholarship, but the discussion was tabled until the January 19th meeting.

Meeting adjourned.