

## Central Iowa NWA Meeting – September 26, 2012

7:00 pm at NWS Office, Johnston, Iowa

### Featured Presentation on Winter Weather Dual-Pol

by Des Moines NWS employees Mindy Albrecht and Kevin Snow

#### 1. **Officer Elections** – All nominees listed below, elected officers in bold.

President: **Melinda Albrecht**

Vice President: **Aubrey Bhattarai**  
Kevin Skow

Treasurer: **Jim Lee**

Secretary: **Lyndee Clark**

*Congratulations to all!!!*

#### 2. **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Update**

a. Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, Iowa: April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

##### b. Team Updates

###### i. Agenda

1. Nothing going on now
2. Team should watch for emails to start with ideas and discussion
3. Could be slim pickings with the slow weather year we have been having
4. Opened for everyone to input out ideas for speakers
5. Email Bill Gallus with ideas

###### ii. Registration

1. No new updates, nothing going on until October/November
2. Was discussed of setting up a Square or Paypal account on the conference website for registration
  - a. Better and faster than visitor filling out whole information on the website or at the conference when filling out registration or DVD orders
  - b. An free app that only works on Ipod and Android phones and tablets
    - i. Look into Chapter buying a tablet for this

###### iii. Travel

1. Need members, some have signed up at the meeting
2. Nothing going on so far
3. Have questions? Ask Aubrey (chair)

iv. *Vendor*

1. Nothing new
2. Chris (chair) is currently getting a list ready to sell openings and ad space
  - a. Great for local businesses, especially restaurants!
3. Looking for members. Great practice for strengthen your sales pitch!

v. *Hotel*

1. Chapter has signed contract with the Courtyard by Marriot for the next 2 years: 2013 and 2014

vi. *Electronics*

1. Willard won't be as active this year but Dave hopes that we will still be able to use his electronics again for the conference
2. Still need to decide who will be chair for the team

vii. *Radar Workshop*

1. Will no longer have Chris Karstens but still in contact to help from afar
2. Little to no good cases from this year (and old events are likely well known)
  - a. Maybe use other data instead of NEXRAD? Dual-pol?
3. Will soon send out emails to discuss

viii. *Pam Daale Scholarship*

1. Nothing new to report
2. Award will be \$1500 again
3. Will get together soon to discuss the application and revamp the scoring
  - a. Will update the application soon and get onto the webpage

### **3. *Treasure Update***

**a. Member Dues: \$10**

- i. *Give to Jim Lee*
- ii. *Cash or check (made out to Central Iowa NWA)*
- iii. *Due at the start of the January Meetings*
- iv. *New members need to pay asap, will cover through January 2014*

**b. Current balance: \$23,158.79 (as of the meeting)**

**c. Club quite well off for being non-profit**

- i. *Had net profit of ~\$3,000 after scholarship*
- ii. *Can maybe spend money*
  1. Ideas: decrease registration price? Increase scholarship award amount? Pay more travel or more invited speakers? Decrease member dues?
  2. Would also like to see more highlights in the meetings
  3. More student involvement, have food that might attract more students to the meeting
  4. Open to all ideas

#### **4. Fundraising Ideas**

- a. **Pizza Ranch**
  - i. *Have made a couple hundred dollars in funds from bussing tables*
- b. **Pizza Hut**
- c. **Cold Stone**
  - i. *Was just done by the AMS Student Chapter, might work for us?*
- d. **Open to many ideas, try for this year**

#### **5. Secretaries Notes**

- a. **Nothing to report, no minutes taken during the last meeting**

#### **6. Other items**

- a. **Proposed that chairs submit a team report update before for the next meeting**
  - i. *Leaves more time for development and networking discussions*
  - ii. *Jimmy Cayer moved to have chairs submit a team report update in bullet-point form, emailed to the secretary to add to the meeting agenda at midnight CST a week before the scheduled meeting*
    - 1. Kevin Snow seconded
    - 2. Motion passed
- b. **Proposed to get rid of P.O. box at the Welch Avenue Post Office**
  - i. *Hard to get to and on the docket to close soon*
  - ii. *Mail can be sent to NWS, so best option to have a p.o. box at the main office in Ames*
  - iii. *Jim Lee moved to move P.O. box to the main Ames Post Office from the Welch Avenue Post Office*
    - 1. Dave Flory seconded
    - 2. Motion passed

#### **7. Next meeting was not announced**

#### **Attendance**

Josh Alland  
Melinda Beerends  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Jimmy Cayer  
Lyndee Clark  
Rod Donavon  
Peter Effertz  
Dave Flory  
Bill Gallus  
Corey Hanguth  
Jim Lee  
Seth Loyd  
Chris Maiers  
Ethan Milius  
Ken Podrazik

Kevin Skow  
Jeff Zogg