



Central Iowa NWA

March 8, 2016
Agronomy Hall
Ames, IA



Minutes

1. Presentation: Willard Sharp: Lake City, IA Tornado

2. Old Business

a. Hotel Contract Update (Donavon/Beerends/Flory)

- i. Decided to state at the current location for the next 2 years. Will continue to evaluate options in the future. Courtyard Marriott continued to crush the competition cost wise. :)

b. Presentation Timer Purchase (Flory)

- i. Have looked into purchase...
 1. AMS version around \$1000!!!! ...ummm no.
 2. Exploring a piece of free software to display on a screen.
 - a. Includes changing colors (Green, yellow, red) and has sound capability.
 3. Willing to take suggestions should others explore a timer purchase as well.
- ii. Going to attempt to go the route of the free software this year and see how it works out.

3. New Business

a. Registration waiver for John McLaughlin

- i. Founding president of this chapter.
- ii. Has recently been diagnosed with sarcoidosis, and absent from work due to it.
- iii. Would like to do what the chapter can to alleviate any potential cost factors that may prevent his attending.
- iv. Motioned by Willard, seconded by ISU student.
 1. Passed unanimously.

b. 20th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Updates

- i. March 31st - April 2nd, 2016 - Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, IA
- ii. Registration Updates
- iii. Team Updates
 1. See Pre-Meeting Notes for most team updates, only new updates not in the Pre-Meeting Notes added below.

2. Going to try and meet with the hotel one last time next week
 - a. Let Dave know if you want to attend and your availability.
3. Hotel Team - Mike Fowle called the hotel today and was informed that we have exceeded our initial room block Thursday night. However, Cheryl stated that they still have availability at the hotel and will continue to honor the conference rate for the time being. Will remind NWS attendees to book ASAP (call!) if they have not.
 - a. Wednesday Night - 25 booked, 5 rooms left in the 'extended block'
 - b. Thursday Night - Busiest with 62 rooms booked (as of March 8th) and 15 remaining open rooms at the hotel.
 - c. Friday Night - 60 booked, 2 rooms left in the 'extended block'
4. Registration Team - Up to about 100 registrants as of March 8th.
 - a. ISU AMS chapter has not registered as of yet either, another ~35.
 - b. Willard will allow use of a photo for agenda.
5. Electronics Team - Lots of updates!
 - a. Have decided to further explore utilizing the hotel projectors (\$75/day), to reduce clutter at the AV table.
 - i. Main concern (have emailed hotel), would like to set up a monitor in front of speaker so they can view their presentation without looking behind... need to verify correct hookups are available.
 - ii. Would still have a backup projector on hand in case the hotel's fails for some reason.
 - iii. Motion by Willard to use hotel projector, seconded by Mike.
 1. Passed unanimously
 - b. No major concerns with hotel equipment and cords (many of which are provided by Willard) at the moment.
 - c. Will continue testing GoToMeeting to make sure it will suit our needs.
 - d. Suspending recording/saving presenter audio due to lack of need and desire for it outside of the conference itself. Also saves lots of time and consternation for the Electronics Team and Chris on the setup and editing fronts.

- i. May still video record the conference presentations, but would simply be a filming of the conference, if deemed necessary.
 - e. May look into free software, Audacity as well for audio recordings.
 - i. Chris will email Willard with details on it.
 - f. Will email presenters in the coming days for their presentations.
- 6. Agenda Team
 - a. Would it be worth recording the big hitters, given this conference has some big names here this year?
 - b. What about putting together a series of slides/pictures of previous speakers and honorees to play during, say, the banquet or breaks?
 - c. Zach Milok (sp?) may lead the tape swap, along with Matt Hoffman.
- 7. Scholarship/Awards Team
 - a. Only 6 applicants for Pam Daale Scholarship, and 1 from ISU.
 - b. Chapter is curious why so few applicants, and have asked the ISU students for input. Some responses include...
 - i. Lack of dedicated email to students announcing it.
 - ii. Feeling that it may be harder for ISU students to win given it is the Central NWA Chapter (bias).
 - iii. Some thought that they may not have a good chance, too many perceived applicants.
- 8. Promotions/Vendor
 - a. Still posting to social media!
 - b. Midland Radio may participate as a vendor (Bruce Jones).
 - c. Corey Hartman (Severe Studios) may do an add.
 - d. Pitrowski signed up.
 - e. Mike Gibson cannot make it up.
 - f. Paul Douglas attending, but may not participate as vendor.
 - g. Will reach out to Andrew R. (EuroWx.com) to see if wants to participate again.
- iv. **Photography and Video Session Update**
 - 1. Number of individuals lined up to help lead the session, including both NWA and non-NWA members.
 - 2. Will continue to flesh out topics.

3. Main area will be split to accommodate both the Tape Swap and Photography/Video Sessions.

a. Leaning towards doing $\frac{1}{3}$ Tape Swap, $\frac{2}{3}$ Photography/Video Session room split.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Jim was sick, but relayed \$31,844.83 (bank + paypal)
 - i. Will crash down some as conference is paid for.

5. Adjourn

- a. Adjourned 8:39pm.

Future Meetings:

April meeting to coincide with NWA Advanced Spotter Training, Thursday, April 14, Agronomy Hall, Ames. NWA meeting at 6pm, Spotter Training at 7pm

Alondra Matos	Emily Ballman	Kris Tuftedal
Justin Covert	Brady Newkirk	Antoinette Serrato
Willard Sharp	Matt Coker	Joey Krastel
Sean Stelten	Caleb Wood	David Newbern
Jon Thielen	Kelly Haberichter	Caitlin Cervac
Hannah Johnson	Dr. Bill Gallus	Brian Squitieri
Mike Cox	Allan Curtis	Kevin Skow
Kelsey Angle	Mike Fowle	Ricky McFarland
Andrew Mabis	Chris Maiers	Dave Flory

2015 – 2016 Conference Committees

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Brian Squitieri

Jeff Zogg

Radar Workshop Team

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