

September 20, 2011 WARES General Meeting

Meeting held at Sir William Stephenson Library

Meeting began 7:00 pm VE4MBQ presiding

VE4MBQ introduced Randy Hull, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, City of Winnipeg

Mr. Hull gave a most interesting and informative presentation titled "Why Emergency Plans Fail"

Some reasons why plans fail

- Tunnel Vision (must see whole picture)
- overwhelmed by information
 - must open EOC early
 - must have flexibility
 - plans must be compatible with other plans. Cannot work in isolation.
- culture
- unfamiliar plan
 - must have well thought out plan
 - must be shared with affected agencies
- failure to activate
- must get big quick
- miscommunication

To solve miscommunication

- exercise/talk/exercise/talk
- exercise in their back yard

Mr. Hull then gave an example of an exercise involving a railcar derailment with deadly chemicals, which overturned very close to Mayor Katz' home. This gave the Mayor strong incentive to participate.

- decisions
- know how to use all the tools
- scale response to scale of the incident
 - prepare for worst, hope for the best
- match resources to scale of event
- unhealthy competition
- lack of Emergency Management knowledge in leaders
- is it knowledge or is it experience?
- delegation hurts

End of presentation

During the break VE4ESX won the 50/50 draw. He and WARES each received \$12.00

VE4WTF and VE4OK each won a portfolio which was donated by Mr. Hull

Minutes of August 16 meeting approved as e-mailed to members

Moved VE4HK

Seconded VE4SE

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No business arising

Treasurer's Report

Presented by VE4SYM. See attached report

Fundraising

Presented by VE4GKS. He has sent out letters to our sponsors. Has not received answers. Sent out letters to some new sponsors. VE4GKS needs experienced volunteers to work the WARES table at the Flea Market, for half hour shifts.

EC Report

Presented by VE4MBQ. See attached report

VE4DWG spoke about DSTAR repeater. Balance of necessary equipment is coming. Prairie Mobile Communications is installing equipment, and providing advice. There is no timeline for completion yet. Should be soon.

VE4DWG advised that his term as Section Emergency Coordinator is ending Friday, September 30. He will not be renewing his position.

VE4SE asked about plans for the satellite, which is due to come to Earth in next few days.

VE4MBQ advised no plans at this time.

New Business

VE4DAR announced that 15 students will be starting the Basic Amateur Radio course Thursday, September 22.

There are 15 instructors for the course.

There are 3 students for proposed CW course, and 7 students for Advanced Amateur course, planned for the Winter of 2012. E-mail David VE4DAR ve4dar@rac.ca if you are interested.

VE4HK thanked everyone who provided amateur radio communications for the Parkinsons Superwalk on September 10

VE4MBQ asked for location of Boler trailer

VE4JAH announced it is at VE4JAH house. Will work with VE4SE to return it to Fire Department Training Center soon

Adjourn VE4MBQ 8:37 pm