

## Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

April 11, 2023

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Debbie Miller, Aur Beck, PDG Jeff Thornton, Jill Pietrusinski

Chair Joe Miller called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Chair Joe mentioned he and Debbie went to the Quarterly SPARC meeting today and met with Arnold Romage, Southern Baptist Disaster relief, who lives in Marion. They went to Salem, IL after the tornado and they didn't have a large need. He was very interested in our water purification system.

Wayne reached out to D6060 and hasn't reached Dan Flynn or PDG Margie Sammons for a response to their need in Bollinger Co post tornado. Jill sent another email to see if they still need assistance. Margie Sammons called back to connect us with the Sheriff's dept there who is leading the efforts.

Wayne provided a report from the DAUSA meeting that will be attached to these minutes.

Joe said we may have a drill. He and Wayne met with the new Emergency Manager of Marion Co, and they are interested in an MOU. The Village of Stonefort is going to have their water system down and they are interested in our filtration trailer to sustain that need for 3-10 days. It will be a good test of our filtration system in a sustainable environment. Joe will check filter inventory.

Joe also met today with the new EMA of Wabash Co. He is also interested in entering into an MOU but may be a month or so as his predecessor recently passed away.

We had a booth at Land of Lincoln PETS in Effingham to promote to our Presidents Elect. Lots of interest and Wayne will be doing some presentations and making connections with neighboring Districts.

Greg Leathers and Joe are continuing the installation of electricity in the trailers.

District 6580, 6560, 6490 have agreed to partner with us for a Disaster grant for Ukraine in the amount of \$100,000. These are the 4 LOLPETS Districts.

All other grants have been closed successfully.

Jill commented many disasters don't appear to have the ICS structure in place that we have prepared for. Joe recommended within 24 hrs of a disaster we may need to get one of our team in place for a needs assessment as the NIMS system is taking 3-5 days to get set up.

Jill shared the observation of D6820 in Mississippi in their response efforts.

Joe mentioned a storage location would be of great value to the committee. Aur mentioned even a shipping container might be a solution. Jill will check with Lex White from GSX if they may have something. Greg Jones suggested Ryan Schmidt may have space available.

Jill asked who at the club level we should reach out to for an immediate disaster contact. Should it be the club president? Joe shared response has been delayed sometimes so that needs to be evaluated.

Greg expressed he doesn't have clarity on what we offer and how we mobilize. He suggested we have a simple communication tool to share with our club presidents what we offer and how we can be contacted.

The 2023 Zones 30/31 Institute in Memphis Sept 21-24 will include breakouts on Disaster response. There are opportunities in the HUB as well. DAUSA will support a HUB exhibit as well as ESRAG. Rotary Action Groups to include DNARAG will also be highlighted.

Jill mentioned the Zone is having disaster training workshops with a session tonight and a workshop on 4/29. Registration on Zone calendar at <https://rizon30-31.org/events/calendar/>

Next Zoom meeting: May 9th at 7:30 PM Respectfully

Submitted, PDG Jill Pietrusinski

### Zone 30 – 31 North, Report for April 2023 Board Meeting

The main item this past month was attending "Land of Lincoln PETS" March 18 & 19. We had two tables in the House of Hospitality. District 6510 had their own table telling the story of their disaster activities and their disaster trailer. I had the Disaster Aid USA table telling our story, talking about our disaster trailer, and handing out folders containing our material, plus material from the state of Illinois on disasters. All the folders I had made up for the event were given out.

Besides the table, I was able to meet with Rachelle from DAC database to put in a new request, as the one from last year was not handled because of the purchase of the company, to make the last fix in the DR (Disaster Relief) module. That, when a District or Club signs up for the module and it is turned on, the system will "Load" the list of "Inventory", "Skills" and "Classes" options detail as developed and used by District 6510, which came from the Illinois EMS list. In fact, they have made the fix already. A couple of the requests from last year were completed because of the sale of the company. I also talked with her about DAC providing the module **FREE** to Rotary as DAC's part of promoting Disaster Relief. Currently the module is working in district 6510 and 6580 in Zone 30-31, plus a district in FL and TX.

Also met with the four districts that make up LOLPETS and they have agreed to work

together on a \$100,000 Rotary International Disaster Grant for Ukraine. Currently working on that paperwork.

Met with Steve Kiger, District disaster committee chair and PDG Bettye Dunham, District Executive Secretary about how far they are in putting together their foundation and their committee plan. They also asked me to be part of the Disaster program and have a table at their District Conference April 22, which I agreed to do. I will be a part of the program headed by Past R I Director Robert Stuart, Jr, DNA-RAG.

PDG Raymond Kamp meet with me to bring me up to date on what District 6560 is currently doing with disaster relief and that they have a disaster trailer which is currently still at Mayfield, Ky but he needed to go get back and that they were not doing much more and did not plan on do much. However, their District Governor-Elect Jennifer Stanfield told me that she was ready for me to start working in 6560 to put to gather the disaster program and their District has a Foundation to use, as part of the program. District Governor-Elect Janet Ellis-Nelson from District 6490, said she can't wait for me to start working with their District on disaster relief. They do have a Foundation that will work as the base for their program.

I now have three versions of "District Disaster Relief Committee" guidelines. District 6580 has taken District 6510 version and expand on it but I need to check to make sure something hasn't been missed/dropped. Now we have one put out by DAUSA, which handles the guide a little differently. I agree that we need to take the "Club" part and make it into a more detail step by step guide. I am waiting until this is complete before I take this guide and other reports and forms needed to the Districts asking for help. **If any other director has a committee guide, please send them to me for inclusion.**

Wayne Gerlock