

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

February 11, 2025

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Debbie Miller, Jill Pietrusinski, Wayne Gerlock, DG Robin Dean, Jeff Thornton

Chair Joe Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Joe reported they went to the trailer last weekend and the 2 tires were remounted and refilled with air. They need to remove the old water purifier once the temperature warms up.

We had 21 people at the Grand Tower water filtration test. David Antelo wants to schedule another training session next month at Grand Tower and will also be bringing a portable suitcase purifier for demonstration. That would be an additional purchase and may be available at a discount.

Wayne found a jumper cable and air compressor deal at Menards and was able to purchase 2 so we have one in each trailer in the event of a tire or battery issue.

Wayne will be moving the filtration trailer and the disaster trailer to the County secure parking area. Jill asked if Wayne could verify our insurance coverage is adequate with the retail of the filtration system at \$60k. The prior system was covered at \$30k so he will adjust our policy hoping a locked fenced in secure area may reduce our cost. Jeff asked if we would have 24 hour access to that area and Wayne said there is a written document that will define the scope to include our access. This is in partnership with the SI COAD and they would be able to assist with a hitch to pull if needed.

Jeff commented on the success of the public image of the filtration test to include the media coverage. Joe mentioned the Paducah television station is downsizing personnel, and they overlap with print media so we received additional coverage in the regional newspaper. Jill asked if we received the raw TV video yet. Megan Schmidt is supposed to contact them.

Wayne wants to pin down a date for the next filtration training session in March and will invite the SI COAD partners to attend as well. We need minimum of 5-6 Rotary members. The 2nd piece is for a group to go to Champaign, IL on 4/5 to put on a training from 0800-1600 to include a mock VRC.

Available team for April 5 would need to do a rehearsal prior to the session. Wayne wondered if the Friday 3/14 before PETS would be available. Wayne suggested March 22 and Jeff and Joe suggested we use Zoom as a "tabletop" or possibly Mt. Vernon.

Dates for the filtration system at Grand Tower suggested a Sunday afternoon. April 27 is available.

Jeff reviewed the Disaster Aid USA newsletter who thanked everyone for the support of 27 deployed teams from 9 states with 13 simultaneous teams at maximum deployment to muck and gut homes and provide support of \$2.5 million in aid from fires, storms and floods.

Wayne reiterated the importance of Disaster Aid USA relationship with their trailer to ensure we are covered with their liability insurance. There was a new agreement with Baha bridges and Disaster Aid USA to support additional emergency vehicles.

Wayne said DAC has a continuous giving option now we can use that is a little less costly. He will try to get it set up. We need to add our payment link to the COAD website. Jill will try to work with them to utilize our payment link which is secure since they are using a Google website that is "free" and not secure.

Jill recommended we try to present at PETS and let them know what the clubs can do.

Next meeting is March 11, 2025, at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski