

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

June 13, 2023

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Debbie Miller, PDG Wayne Gerlock, Mark Bearth, PDG Jeff Thornton, Jill Pietrusinski, Aur Beck, Chris Clark, Allan Kidd,

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

Joe reported we have started wiring lights in the water trailer.

He said we are working on a tri-fold brochure to use at District Conference in the fall.

Also, looking for a raffle idea for a fundraiser for the conference. Joe suggested a bag chair. Jill wondered about a corn hole game and will check with Craig Maxey on pricing. Chris suggested a bed and breakfast certificate and maybe we could get one donated.

Allan Kidd has obtained an MOU from Wabash Co and has one written up for Edwards Co. Janice Alka's son has connections at the fire department in Edwards Co. He also wondered about Lawrence Co, and we need to verify if we have an MOU with them yet, or not.

Joe will schedule a water filtration test again. He would like to go to different areas for exposure. Jeff said New Athens might be an option with the Kaskaskia River. Jill requested we get good quality video to be used at the Zone Institute presentation. Jeff will talk to the Mayor of New Athens.

Wayne reported our license is due on the district trailer and he will request that payment and ask the insurance company to provide the invoice earlier 30 days for the renewal. We are going to be tight in next year's budget.

Wayne reported he is still working on the grant for Ukraine and is awaiting signatures from District leaders. Otherwise, the grant is ready and hopes to be submitted in the next 2 weeks.

Wayne will be leading a breakout at the Zones 30/31 Institute on Disaster Aid USA and partnerships. There is a new Zone 30 Director from Ohio, Dave. Wayne is concerned about coverage in our area. He has proposed to become a director at Large position to guide DAUSA in grant applications. The DNA RAG is a partner to assist in grant applications. Jill and Wayne are on the DNA RAG Midwest committee. Wayne hopes to have the iMember database

set up prior to that Zone Institute presentation. Wayne will be reaching out to Chris Jones, the new owner of DAC to work on this iMember application launch. Wayne will continue to focus on the opportunity to submit for grants to help support our communities. Wayne will have a table in the HUB at the Zone Institute. Jeff said he would be willing to assist with the HUB but may not register for the Institute. DNA RAG is working with iMember directly to avoid the issue with Club Runner districts not having access to DAC. Rotary is working on identifying "Regions" which will be very beneficial when it comes to Disaster response. He shared an example of the islands near Cuba for where Regions will help. All Zones and Districts are being asked to have a Disaster chair.

Registration and information on the Zone Institute Sept 21-24 in Memphis can be found at <https://rizones30-31.org/institute/2023-memphis/>

Wayne mentioned working with District 6580 in standing up their disaster committee.

Wayne mentioned we need to get a detailed inventory of our trailer contents. This is important for insurance as well as reimbursement purposes.

Next Zoom meeting: July 11th at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Jill Pietrusinski