

NJEMA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 3, 2009

Attendance

The following members were present:

Barry Eck  
Paul Dost  
Stu DeVito  
Charlie Rogers  
Mike Adams  
Margaret Murnane  
Tom Horner  
Frank McLaughlin  
Mark Vogel  
Cathy Maida

Open issues

- a) Holiday Dinner:
  - Barry will check with Howard on progress
  
- b) OEM License Plates:
  - NJEMA should have input on this topic
  - Mike suggested touching base with Assemblywoman Charlotte Vanderbulk.
  - Stu – OEM members come and go quickly. Do they surrender the plates? Do we contact Trenton when someone leaves? How do you get back a license plate? There is a problem with people falsifying the plates.
  - Charlie – There are so many plates out there that it doesn't make a difference. What is the actual cost of license plates? They will be sold through the DMV and you have to order a large amount. A certain amount must be guaranteed. We need a policy for individuals to receive a plate and tell the person when it has to be returned.
  - Stu – To keep control we need a form saying that it will be signed by the County Coordinator, a certification. Bring it up on Tuesday saying it has been brought up again. Solicit information and come up with suggestions. Write a letter.
  
- c) Teen CERT:
  - Barry – We need to support this program as an organization or not?
  - The age that the State is looking at is 13. The police might use it for the summer programs. The program is an excellent program at a teen level if they can learn first aid. They gain knowledge.
  - Charlie – Overall, not a bad idea.
  - Stu – The program is good; they can benefit and become knowledgeable. It is a hard sell unless it is an after school function.

- Charlie – Middletown has explorers. It is not a bad idea. Liability is the issue. Without guidance, what if they get hurt?
- Mike – CERT teams have to be trained properly. Those who don't want training should leave. Thirteen is a little too young; they have to be tightly controlled. Fifteen seems to be about the right age.
- Margaret – There is not enough for them to do. The teenagers are going to need a lot more activity to keep their interest.
- Tom – 13 is too young. CERT is very basic but people think it is more involved. Fifteen should be the minimal age.
- Mark – I have no problem endorsing the program if they teach how to turn off appliances, very basic information, etc.
- Frank – I probably would endorse it at the school level. I would go for an 18 or over CERT. As long as it stays in the school system but separated from adult CERT for insurance reasons.
- Cathy – Having it in the school system is the best.
- Paul – Thirteen is too young.

Agreed upon:

- A vote will be introduced at Membership Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- An email survey to will be sent to whole membership on website.
- A time limit on topic will be set at meeting
- Barry will get information from Howie Butt and will give out information at June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Information from survey will be collected and discussed at August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- EMA Position Statement will be given at August 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
- Barry Eck will check Roberts Rules – Re: Discussion time, rebuttals, and debates
- Frank will set up email survey at NJEMA for members to make statement rather than complete the survey if they chose.

Decals:

- Cathy Maida will check decals, various sizes and costs, emblems, patches without rocker on the bottom.
- Shirts with logos for members will be discussed at future meeting.

Next EB Meeting:

- Merchandise ideas will be discussed (hats/shirts/jackets). Check what Murray's can provide.
  - Margaret will have Murray's forward bill to Cathy Maida.
  - Business cards are all good. Cathy is working on letterhead and envelopes.
- EMA Membership:
- The EB is reviewing membership titles and costs. We would like to streamline the organization and make money on corporate memberships. Please email the EB with your thoughts.

Ideas included:

- Member
- Associate
- Affiliate
- Professional

- Frank M – NJEMA Sponsorship of conferences (bring booth)
- Association can send one executive board members with booth and pick up room costs.
- Sponsorship usually includes registration fees for one or two individuals.
- Mark V. – Target audiences
  - Police
  - Fire
  - EMS
  - Flood Plain
  - League of Municipalities

Next EB Meeting will be Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment