

SD VOAD Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: 07/15/2021

Call Info: Meeting ID: 892 6647 7349
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Facilitator: Richard Smith

Type: Quarterly

Secretary: Kristyne Duffy

Topic: Business Meeting

Attendees:

Member Agencies:

Adventist Community Services	Ann Hanel, Phyllis Alexander	American Red Cross	Richard Smith, Rebecca Giddens
Better Business Bureau	-	Catholic Social Services	Dominique Charlson
Child Care Aware	Holly Nett	Church World Services	-
Civil Air Patrol	-	Diamond Willow Ministries	-
Feeding South Dakota	-	Headwaters Relief Organization	Ashley Emrey
Helpline Center	Susie Ryks	Knights of Columbus	Maynard Konechne
Latter Day Saints Charities	Tom Voorhees	Lutheran Social Services	Kristyne Duffy, Rebecca Kiesow Knudsen
Mennonite Disaster Services		Nechama	-
Orphan Grain Train	-	Partnership with Native Americans	-
The Salvation Army	Jerry O'Neil	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Joe Butkovich
Team Rubicon		United Methodist Committee on Relief	-
World Renew	-		-

Government and Private Partners:

Adler Disaster Consulting	Lisa Adler	FEMA	Matt Cedar, Brooks MacRoberts,
SDOEM	Randy Hartmann		

Other Attendees:

Christian Congregations of Jehovah's Witness	Ted Alanko	Great Plains Tribal Leader	
SD Community Foundation		Save the Children	
Vucurevich Foundation	Alan Solano		

1. Business Meeting

a. Approval of minutes

Motion by Susie R. to approve minutes, seconded by Rebecca G.

- Motion passed

b. Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$30,091.80

- – see attached
- Only 1 members haven't paid dues
 - Adler Consulting
- Closed out UPS grant. Funds distributed to 3 groups
 - Wambli Ska
 - Diamond Willow Ministries
 - Tree of Life Ministries
- Looking for volunteer to be for Treasurer
- Motion by Maynard K. to approve reports, seconded by Tom V.
 - Motion passed

c. Bylaw Changes

- Changes to page 17, Exhibit A included new community partner category
- Question about dues
 - VOAD applied for a UPS grant to cover grants
 - Randy – is there a way to reduce or cover dues for members?
 - Lisa A. – plan is good. Community partner is a great category and if we can find money it would help LTRGs to be a part of VOAD.
 - Matt C. – not aware of other VOADs that have waived dues or had “scholarships” but it makes sense if trying to increase LTRG involvement
- Motion by Susie R. to approve the following bylaw changes, seconded by Maynard K.

Changes to be made:

Language of “President” instead of “Chair”

Include Community Partner category

Remove items 3, 4, and 5 from Exhibit A, part D

- Motion passed

d. National VOAD review

- 2 Exec Team members attended the NVOAD conference on May 18-20
- Richard S. – the sessions and topics were great. The big push was around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I)
 - New NVOAD President/CEO has been selected
- Kristyne – the takeaway was on DE&I and SD VOAD should be looking at inviting additional partners to VOAD
- Update on State VOAD voting rights
 - last year there was a big push to allow the states the right to vote
 - this proposal was defeated = states do not have a vote
 - Richard S. – this doesn't affect SD much. Our focus is how can we better

serve people and how can NVOAD help us

2. New Business

a. Rapid City COAD formation

- Rapid City wants to start a COAD
 - Group of individuals have started meetings and discussion
 - Sioux Empire COAD (Sioux Falls area) is willing to provide guidance in their set up.
- Question about weakness in Bylaws that don't specify how SDVOAD interacts with COADs – want to strengthen this.
 - Would be good to have COADs join VOAD
 - SECOAD communicates regularly with SD VOAD and the Emergency Managers
 - Brooks M. – North Dakota has a cooperative agreement document that set the relationship between VOAD & COADs
 - **Brooks will send it to Exec team**
 - Lisa – agrees with Brooks and suggests looking to Sioux Empire as a standards and how relationships work and avoid conflict
 - Joe B. SVDP has been helping other groups become COADs – that relationship is there, no formal document though

c. SD OEM update

- September VOAD meeting will coincide with the Emergency Managers Association's annual conference
 - Conference will be held at Ramkota Hotel and Watertown Event Center; September 13-17
 - <https://sdema.weebly.com/2021-conference-information.html>
 - SD VOAD will be meeting in person during the conference: 11:00 AM CST, Thursday, September 16th
- Sturgis Bike Rally EOC
 - August 6th-15th
 - Located @ Camp Rapid
 - Situation Reports throughout the week
- Drought task force
 - all of SD is experiencing some level of drought conditions
 - task force created and meeting bi-weekly
 - Financial assistance for farmers is at the Federal Level
 - Possible opportunities for VOAD to help during droughts
 - Emotional/Spiritual Care will be big
- EM trainings available
 - new courses - Introduction to Emergency Management 101, 102, 103
- EM turnover
 - Seeing a lot of turn over across the state in Emergency Managers
 - lot of retirements
 - Be aware that EMs tend to be very part time and spread their time/duties across other departments

- Bedframe offer
 - Offer of 600 twin size bed frames
 - Frames are wood/metal, sturdy – similar to college beds
 - Reaching out to tribal communities for interest
 - Will need mattresses (Twin XL) for frames
 - Stored near Brookings
 - Lisa A. – Pine Ridge Volunteer Center will need beds
 - Funding for purchasing mattresses?

b. FEMA

- Fires in MT and CO and road closures & flash flooding
- Getting ready for Hurricane Season – June - November

3. Member Updates

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- **Adventist Community Services (ACS)**
 - Just doing food boxes/personal care items
 - slowed down
 - **American Red Cross (ARC)**
 - Slowly resuming normal operations
 - Responded to waterline break in Ft. Pierre
 - Provided 40 cases of water in Lower Brule area
 - **Catholic Social Services (CCS)**
 - New to position
 - Working on the agency capacity building grant, assessment, and website
 - Working with others in RC to start COAD
 - **Child Care Aware (CCA)**
 - Community Action Programs in Pierre – provide social and emotional support after disaster
 - Good report
 - 16 child centers
 - 21 Family
 - 50 Tribal centers
 - **Headwaters Relief Organization (HRO)**
 - Received grant for coloring books, working with NVOAD to update and send out
 - Spanish and English versions available
 - **Knights of Columbus (KoC)**
 - Just on standby
 - **Latter Day Saints Charities (LDS)**
 - Have a congregation that is looking for service project for July 24
 - **Lutheran Social Services (LSS)**
 - Continuing to offer training in DCM, LTR, ESC, Organizational Readiness
 - **St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)**
 - Responding to tornadoes and flooding in Illinois
 - **Adler Disaster Consulting (ADC)**
 - Still working in Pine Ridge

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- Good progress on the Volunteer Center
 - Looking for funding to supply kitchen
 - LTRG in Cheyenne River has stalled
 - Working with CDP to get a grant to train Case Managers
 - **FEMA**
 - See above
 - **SD OEM**
 - See above
 - **Jehovah's Witnesses**
 - Disaster preparedness program with members
 - challenge to get congregations prepared
 - Working in Region 8 in MT Fire response
 - **Vucurevich Foundation**
 - Back to normal grant process
 - Is expecting Mental health needs to be big

3. Action Items

- **Brooks M. to send ND document to Exec Team**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:07 PM CT/ 11:07 AM MT.