

Emergency Management Committee  
Jan 8, 2013

Members present: Amy Becke, George Miller, Don Sheldon, Clyde Zaidins, Larry Raymer, Martin Halveorsen, John Williams; Not present: Thomas Palmer, Lou Young, Ann Thoreson. Guest: Chris Hansen.

Our first order of business was to discuss our Operation Manual. Ann Thoreson gave us a terrific start with her efforts of providing a broad outline of how such a document could be constructed. The manual was seen as a living document to be subject to revision at least annually, and probably more often as we work our way thru creating it. It was decided that each member could begin working on the area that most interested them, and bring back ideas to our next meeting, which is scheduled for February 12 at the SHOA office area, at 1 PM.

We welcomed our newest member, Amy Becke. She was responding to the notice in the Weekender, was invited to today's meeting, and consented to become a member of the committee. Four other people have responded to the notice, each interested in helping for emergencies.

We next looked at the progress on the putting in of the generator and setting up the tower and antenna for our emergency radio (ham) station. Chris Hansen indicated that the pouring of concrete would take place for both projects yet this week. It would take up to ten days for the cement to cure. A question arose as to why the committee hadn't had more input into the decision making, particularly since the concrete was to be done by DPR Construction, rather than by the Field Service employees in the Water Department. Chris explained that they would be pouring the concrete for the Disposal Tank in the SHOA RV lot, and the timing was good, together with the expense being lower than it would otherwise would have been as a separate project. It was suggested that future decisions of this nature should be considered by the committee; we could act quickly by an e-mail vote and not hold up projects. It was seen as important that a democratic process be followed, with committee involvement. Martin Halvorsen demonstrated the base for the tower and antenna. This base would allow us the ability to lower the tower without having to climb it, which would be important for both safety and ease of maintenance. A discussion was held on facilitating the painting of the tower before it was put up.

A discussion was also held on an open house for the two new additions to the office, the generator and the ham emergency station. The Community Relations Committee had suggested holding it in the latter part of February. We thought we could revisit the date, and perhaps have it in early March. George Miller had previously suggested that we have a pot luck in association with the open house. At the open house, we could demonstrate both the generator and the radio station, together with explaining the operation of the use of the building during actual emergencies.