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## May 2018 Task Force Meeting

5/24/2018

0930 at MIFC

Attendees: Seth Grimm (Chair), Greg Peterson, Ron Stoffel, Kurt Fogelberg, Chase Marshall, Roy Holmes, Rebekah Luedtke, Natasha Woodwick, Brian Wise, Tom Kaase, Todd Manley, Cory Berg

### AGENDA ITEM

### NOTES

<b>Building / Budget Update</b>	Brian Wise Tom Kaase Shelly Serich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recently replaced the radio shop lights and the tile in the training entrance. Tile project came in under budget.</li><li>• Starting on Friday, the downstairs will start to be remodeled with new carpet, paint and some furniture. Should be completed in 2 weeks.</li><li>• Will also get a quote on painting the blue stairwell and entrance door.</li><li>• Shelly Serich went over the budget and explained new allocations and item items. BIA recently committed roughly \$35,000 to the coop account. Any extra money from monthly costs are being allocated towards the dispatch remodel.</li></ul>
<b>MNICS &amp; IMT Meeting</b>	Tom Kaase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MNICS mtg: Kim Lightley is confirmed to speak Wednesday afternoon. Rebekah Luedtke made mention about being more strategic to who is on working teams. Does communication out to agencies need to be more specific and directed to certain individuals to participate on the working teams? Need to thinking about other topics for the agenda as well. BJ Glesener will contact Matt Jolly about presenting about the NFDRS2016.</li><li>• IMT mtg: Will be the first full week of February (4-8). Travel days will be Monday and Friday, meetings Tuesday through Thursday. Plan for 200 attendees. Tom Kaase will do an event form to start the planning process. Rebekah Luedtke will check again with Brendan Neylon about funding for the meeting.</li></ul>
<b>NMAC letter regarding FireNet.gov</b>	Rebekah Luedtke BJ Glesener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NMAC recently sent a letter to the GACG Chairs on the use of FireNet.gov for official electronic messaging. Anyone associated with national response – IMTs, dispatch centers, etc are being encouraged to establish FireNet.gov accounts. FireNet has a lot of functionality and advantages. It is optional for 2018, likely mandatory in 2019.</li><li>• Federal sponsors are available for non-federal employees.</li><li>• MNCC is already down the path of applying for accounts.</li></ul>
<b>Task to the AWT</b>	Greg Peterson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greg Peterson made a proposal, with the TF supports, for the MNICS Air Ops working team to schedule and conduct an AAR regarding aircraft dispatching for Spring 2018 considering the changes that were made and the new protocols implemented.</li></ul>

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<b>HAM Radio Operations @ 1100</b>	Brian Wise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guests: Chuck Corwin &amp; Bob Ross</li> <li>• Gave a presentation on amateur radio operations (see attached powerpoint). While frequency of call-ups is low, this is a zero cost insurance policy and is volunteer based only.</li> <li>• Resolution – TF approved to continue to support having the radio club located within MIFC and for the club to move forward putting new wiring in to make their operations functional. This will require a hole in the roof.</li> </ul>
<b>Wildfire Academy Update @ 1300</b>	Todd Manley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Todd Manley gave an update on the Academy. 927 class seats available, 670 filled. 1 course cancellation (A-219). Biggest problems to date are with fire department staff registering for classes. Instructor info sheet going out today hopefully. Agreements have been signed. Saw refresher may be cancelled due to lack of students. Classes which filled fast – pumps, saws, 290, engine boss.</li> <li>• Jeremy Fauskee (PSC2) working on the team roster, will submit soon to MNCC. There will be a team meeting at MIFC @ 1000 Tuesday. Purchase authority for Academy delegated to Tom Kaase.</li> <li>• Logistics workshop, coming up next Thursday, is full.</li> <li>• Section Chief Academy – last week in January. GLFFC sponsored.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for MNCC layout</li> <li>• MNICS PIO</li> <li>• Resource Statusing Page</li> <li>• MNICS IMT Pool</li> <li>• T2IA Crew update</li> <li>• AD update</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question regarding changes with USFS ADs. USFS refocusing funds to develop agency staff rather than sponsoring ADs. DOI agencies have, or will be, getting requests to sponsor new people. Likely bigger changes coming in 2019.</li> <li>• Christi Powers, current MNICS PIO, is leaving MNDNR for Texas A&amp;M. Last working day will be 6/12/2018. Rebekah Luedtke will be working on filling that position. Ask to the TF on if there are any suggested changes to work duties be passed onto Rebekah Luedtke.</li> <li>• Rebekah Luedtke and Tasha Woodwick will plan on scheduling a conference call with the ICs to ensure we're on track to support the week MNICS is relieving EA IMT on rotation.</li> <li>• MNCC layout remodel will hopefully start in July. Ask for agency funds to be placed in the coop fund before that happens.</li> <li>• Rebekah Luedtke gave an update on the T2IA crew program. Moving forward with one crew of leadership this year due to lack of primary applications. Crew Cohesion meeting coming up next Wednesday.</li> <li>• Rebekah Luedtke also proposed that the TF consider a combined daily resource statusing page. A page, similar to the current USFS page, will allow neighbors for all agencies to see what the status is for staffing MNICS wide.</li> </ul>

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<b>Agency Updates</b>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● USFS: Geared up for burning, seeing what the rain brings, still waiting on the budget.</li> <li>● DNR: Watching the weather, seeing what the summer brings.</li> <li>● NPS: Waiting to see if rezoning of NPS will happen.</li> <li>● BIA: Busy spring season. Getting a new building in BJI. Aircraft has been set to be released over the next 10 days.</li> <li>● HSEM: no report</li> <li>● FWS: Jerry S retired end of April. Chris Mursu is his replacement, will be located out of Big Stone, starting sometime in June. Some hiring taking place. Darrin Franco is replacing Steve Schumacher in Detroit Lakes, starting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Assessing if there is a need to fill in behind Darrin. Jake Ossowski moved out to ID with USFS. June planning meeting coming up.</li> </ul>

*Next meeting: June 27 & 28 @ VOP.*