# MABAS WISCONSIN Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division 114

Serving Oneida County, Wisconsin

# Meeting Minutes 10-09-19, Rhinelander Fire Department

#### **Departments Present:**

Х	Cassian Fire Dept.		Pine Lake Fire Dept.	
Х	Crescent Fire Dept.	Х	Rhinelander Fire Dept.	
Х	Fire Dist. Alpha		Stella Fire Dept.	
	Hazelhurst Fire Dept.	Х	Sugar Camp Fire Dept.	
Х	Lake Tomahawk Fire Dept.		Three Lakes Fire Dept.	
Х	Little Rice Fire Dept.		Willow Fire Dept.	
	Minocqua Fire Dept.		Woodboro First Responders	
	Monico Fire Dept.	Х	Woodruff Fire Dept.	
Х	Newbold Fire Dept.	Х	Dispatch	
Х	Nokomis Fire Dept.	Х	Emergency Management	
	Pelican Fire Dept.			

Quorum Present

# **Additional Attendees:**

None

# **Approve Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by: Doug Rehm (Lake Tomahawk FD), second by Robert Hutchison (Crescent FD) to approve the Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2019. Motion Passed.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Date	Check	Description	Amount	Balance
08/15/19		Beginning Balance		\$1,232.42
		No Activity		
10/09/19		Ending Balance		\$1,232.42

Motion by: Jason Goeldner (Sugar Camp FD), second by Scott Pocket (Little Rice) to approve MABAS Division 114 Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Radio Drill while in-route to meeting:**

There was discussion about moving to the next resource when one is not available. Lt. Congleton will discuss with the dispatcher. IFERN signal seem weak from a portable inside the fire department.

# 2020 Card Update:

President Kinnally gave a status update of the 2020 cards, five departments are complete, six have started and seven have not started. President Kinnally reminded the group if they have no changes to the resources, just adjust the date and formatting on the card. There will be reminders put out to complete the cards.

# **Exercise at Pelican Lake:**

There was discussion regarding Antigo Island MABAS Exercise by the participating departments. The discussion included, good accountability, good incident command training, radio traffic for the drone required a separate channel, portable coverage on EMR 1 vs. Schoepke Repeater and amount of equipment transported in boats.

Antigo Island has one fire number for all structures. The group felt it would be better to have separate fire numbers or some type of designator for each structure.

Chief Sparks explained to the group the lake can change significantly from one side of the island to the other based on the weather.

# **Social Media Policy:**

President Kinnally passed out a draft Social Media Policy to the group. There was discussion and recommended changes. Mike Wesle will make the recommended changes and bring it back for discussion and approval.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

# MABAS Wisconsin:

MABAS Wisconsin meetings will be recorded and available to those not able to attend. MABAS Wisconsin lost their e-mail list and is currently rebuilding it. Members interested in receiving e-mails from MABAS Wisconsin should contact President Kinnally.

Josh Klug, the Merrill Fire Chief, is the new Northeast Regional MABAS Coordinator.

This year's MABAS Conference had the highest number of registrations. The conference followed the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association (WEMA) conference. Next year's conference will follow the same format. The conference was profitable but MABAS Wisconsin is still looking for sponsors and other funding sources.

MABAS Wisconsin reported that 75% of the MABAS Divisions have a working IFERN

channel. There are new IFERN receivers available for dispatch centers that only receive the signal.

# **Dispatch:**

Lt. Congleton discussed the New World CAD System update. Lt. Congleton requested each department update their Page-to-Text list for the CAD System. Ken Kortenhof gave an update on the County Public Safety Radio System Project. The project is the number one priority for capital improvements in 2020. Employment applications are available for one open position in dispatch.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# Interdivisional meeting with neighboring divisions:

It was the consensus of the group to have an interdivisional meeting in the winter. Depending on which division is invited would determine the location. President Kinnally is hopeful that interdivision meetings will help build relationships. The group would like to invite Vilas County MABAS Division and dispatch in December hosted at Sugar Camp Fire Department.

There was discussion on the WISCOM System.

# **MABAS Calls:**

No MABAS calls to discuss.

# **MABAS Tips:**

President Kinnally went over card development and made suggestions regarding resources. Think worst-case scenario when personnel is short. Look at the resources used and consider rehab and replacements. Engines bring personnel and equipment, not just pumping equipment. Tenders need to be filled somewhere, the faster you can fill the less resources needed. Chiefs and Officers fill incident management positions. Two Chiefs or Officers on each box alarm keep span of control in mind. It is important to list enough resources so you do not run out and have to piece meal additional requests.

# **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Chief Fetzer brought up a private webpage that has MABAS cards listed on it he looked at the cards to compare.

# **NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30pm at the Sugar Camp Fire Department. The MABAS radio drill will start at 6:00pm. Vilas County MABAS Division and dispatch invited.

# **ADJOURN:**

Motion by Keven Mahner (Crescent FD), second by Jason Goeldner (Sugar Camp FD) to adjourn. Motion Passed.

 Approved Date \_\_\_\_\_
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_