

Meeting minutes from September 22nd, 2003

NWA Central Iowa Chapter

The first meeting of the 2003-2004 Central Iowa NWA season was held at Godfather's in Ankeny. Dinner was provided by the chapter and started at 6. The meeting began at 7.

Bryan Karrick, our president, began the meeting with officer introductions. We had a large number of new attendees, mostly Meteorology students from Iowa State University.

We jumped right into new business.

We want to set in stone the schedule for future meetings. We'd like to pick the dates and times through May. We will put out a vote on our online discussion.

Our next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27 at 6:30 at the National Weather Service office in Johnston. We will hold officer elections and our guest speaker will be Elwynn Taylor, professor at Iowa State. On Monday, November 17th, at 7pm, Alan Czarnetzki, of UNI and the Storm Project, will speak about the Storm Project. This is open to all Central Iowa NWA member and will be a joint effort with the ISU AMS chapter.

We also talked about possible future speakers and possible sites to see. We'll continue to develop these for future meetings.

Mitch has created a grant application for schools to fill out for grants from our chapter. The form and a letter explaining our grant program is on our website, www.iowa-nwa.com

Bryan will be attending the National NWA conference in October. Bryan is the head of the broadcast committee. We discussed the possibility of sending one of our members. There is still time for registration, if you are a DUES PAYING MEMBER, and would like to go, please email Mitch at mjkeegan@myway.com

Andy brought to the table a possibility of a sponsorship with the Iowa Games that are held each July in Ames. This would be a great way to get our chapter's name out in the public and a great way to promote weather safety, especially with the 10,000+ attendees. We also want to get involved with Lightning Awareness week again. More info on both of the opportunities to come.

We also talked about getting into a joint effort with the Science Center of Iowa (in Des Moines.) Bryan has been in contact with Sally Dix and will continue to be, providing more information on this.

We also brought up the idea of doing something at the Iowa State Fair, Kids Fest and Safety Link Zone.

Officer elections are going to be held at the next meeting (Mon, Oct. 27 @ NWS office @ 6:30) If you have any suggestions for nominations, let Mitch know, mjkeegan@myway.com

And now on to the annual conference...

We started forming conference teams. The sooner we get started, the easier the planning is. The teams, as of so far, are the following:

AGENDA: Bill Gallus, Craig Clark, Justin Gehrts, and Andy Kula

HOTEL: Jason Parkin

TRANSPORTATION: OPEN

PROMOTIONS: Bryan Karrick, Andy Kula, Chris Anderson, Steve Guimond, and Kari Kozak

REGISTRATION: Jenny Riese, Brian Gunsolley, Meghan Gehrke, and Elise Johnson

ELECTRONICS: Aaron Hepker

Bryan and Jason are the team leaders for their groups. We still need a leader for Agenda, Transportation, Registration and Electronics. If you did not get signed up for a committee and would like to do so, let Mitch know, mjkeegan@myway.com

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

The officers and current members of the chapter would like to welcome the newest members, which are members through December 2004:

Meghan Gehrke, Senior in Meteorology at Iowa State

Brian Gunsolley, Senior in Meteorology at Iowa State

Mike Holts, Senior in Meteorology at Iowa State

Dan Gilbert, Senior in Meteorology at Iowa State

Elise Johnson, Sophomore in Meteorology at Iowa State

Joshua Grove, Freshman in Meteorology at Iowa State

Justin Gehrts, Freshman in Meteorology at Iowa State

If you are interested in becoming a full member of the chapter, please let Mitch know, mjkeegan@myway.com. Remember, only full, dues paying members will be able to be officers and vote on issues.

If you have any questions about the minutes or meeting, just let Mitch know.

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