



Central Iowa NWA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 | 7PM

Google Meet

I. Opening: 7PM

II. Symposium Update

○ Agenda—Bill Gallus

- Derecho Talks
 - KGAN-TV (CID)—Nick Stewart
 - NWS Tag Team (names TBD)
 - Marion Iowa Mayor (Nick AbdouAssaly)
 - Craig Sash- Tama County farmer (tag teaming with Mindy Benson)
 - Mindy Benson – Tama Emergency Management
 - Patrick Skinner (NSSL)
- Jeff Trapp—QLCS tornadoes
- James Spann (WBMA, Birmingham)—2011 Super Outbreak
- Hurricane Laura
 - Josh Morgerman—storm chaser perspective
 - Roger Erickson—Lake Charles WCM
- Joplin Tornado: Two Speakers
 - 1 meteorological: Jeff Piotrowsky, Chad Crilley (Young meteorologist at KRCG-TV who experienced this tornado firsthand.)
 - City official from Joplin
- Colorado East Troublesome Fire—Greg Hanson (NWS Boulder)
- Plan is to have two sessions; start around 9AM with a break in between before the next session.
- No other major new updates.
- **Electronics—Jon Thielen**
 - Policy for respectful online conduct in the works.
 - Clarification of Radar Workshop.
- **Scholarship—Mike Fowle**
 - Several submissions for each scholarship have been received.
 - Contacted Morgan Barry, the NWA National Chair, to nationally advertise the scholarship.
 - Presentation of scholarship recipients likely to occur on Friday when more attendees would be online.
 - Looking for an estimate of scholarship money given in the past (exact if possible).
- **Radar Workshop—Rod Donovan**

- Run with the case from last year.
- Aim for 1.5 hours of radar imagery to avoid fatigue and burnout.
- If breakout sessions are used, it isn't as fluent to have small groups and big groups discussions occurring.
- Include 1-2 speakers on the NWS Tornado Warning improvement team in the workshop. Discussion on the synoptic setup included as well.
- Radar workshop would last roughly four hours since there is no banquet or speaker that evening.
- **Promotions—Mike Cox**
 - Recently got approval for letters to be sent out.
 - Three Midland Weather Radios need to be distributed. Possibly initiate a raffle, drawing, or some entry form to select winners.
- **Registration—Clair Womack**
 - Registration link is open on Website.
 - Email announcement is ready; Radar Workshop information to be added.
 - Emails to be sent out soon.

III. Social Media Update

- Log-in issues have been fixed.
- Graphics have been put out regarding the conference.

IV. AMS Liaison

- ISU AMS participated in Club Fest recently.

V. Treasure's Report

- Paypal: \$398.70 (at beginning of meeting)
- Bank Account: \$17,481.61. Only expense is for the Jot Forum Registration.
- Pay one more month for Jot Forum through March.
- Dues due ASAP to be in good standing for 2020-21 academic year. [PayPal](#) is the best/easiest way to pay dues.

VI. Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, March 10th--Google Meet 7PM.

VII. Adjourn: 7:35PM

Attendance:

Kenneth Podrazik

Dave Flory

Alex Krull

Rod Donovan

Clair Womack

Allan Curtis

Jacob Sticher

Jon Thielen

Mike Cox

Trey Fulbright

Braeden Winters

Alyssa Dallmann

Natalie Trout

Mike Fowle

Nathan Erickson

Benji Wyberg

Sydney Tupy