



**IDAHO VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER**

PO Box 16761 \* Boise, Idaho 83715-6761

**IDAVOAD Staff:** PO Box 772, Garden Valley, ID 83622

Phone (503) 544-9579

E-Mail: [Raunie.Aasland@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Raunie.Aasland@usw.salvationarmy.org)

**Idaho VOAD Annual Meeting Minutes**

Camp IDA-Haven, McCall, ID

September 22, 2008, 7:00pm to 8:00pm

**Persons Present:**

Raunie Aasland

**The Salvation Army**

Sheri Blackwood

**LDS Filer Stake**

Robert Feeley

**BHS**

George Abrams

**UMCOR**

Jodie Marshall

**American Red Cross**

Dave Pauli

**Humane Society US**

John Stone

**ACS**

Deb Nelson-Allender

**Serve Wyoming/WY**

**VOAD**

Donna Hutchcroft

**ACS**

Emily Hoyt

**Area VI Agency on Aging**

John Parsons

**E Idaho RSVP**

Clint Blackwood

**Jerome Co. EM**

Russ Dunn

**ARRL**

Crash Marusich

**ACCEM**

Todd Herrera

**Canyon Co. EM**

Jerry Royster

**HUD**

Faye Stone

**NC Governor's Office**

Kelli Bagby

**The Salvation Army**

Doug Venn

**NPUC of 7<sup>th</sup> Day**

**Adventists**

Nina Dillon

**211 Idaho Careline-DHW**

Patty Marsh

**ACS Upper Columbia**

**Conference**

Lynn Thompson

**Canyon County LEPC**

Lisa Kauffman

**Humane Society US**

Peggy Blodgett

**Serve Idaho**

Paula Lirgg

**WICAP**

Betsy Hammar

**American Red Cross**

Mickael Linderman

**American Red Cross**

Stan Norman

**United Methodist Church**

Sandy Rollins

**Latah County Disaster**

**Services**

Debi Ruppe

**BHS**

Antonio Smith

**Nez Perce Tribe**

**WELCOME**

All were welcomed by Raunie, who excused Cherylyn from the meeting due to illness in the family. She then thanked all the members who helped with setting up the meetings: Jerry, Robert, Raunie, Cherylyn, Jackie and Sheri were among the members who helped to set up the meetings for the conference.

Introductions of the Officers were given and Russ offered the invocation.

Raunie presented Paula Lirgg with a token of Appreciation for her 10 years' service in the IDAVOAD. Paula was then given a few moments to share her feeling about her service in the IDAVOAD organization.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN-** Copies of the revised EOP were passed out to members and members were encouraged to review them and be prepared to discuss any necessary changes and vote on it at November's meeting.

**ELECTIONS-** Elections were postponed due to lack of paid members. The positions that are up for election are: treasurer and president, which are currently held by Russ and Raunie. Both Russ and Raunie have agreed to retain their offices if that is the voice of the members. Voting will take place at the meeting in November. Membership allows for an organization to have any number of participants at the meetings; however, their organization counts as one vote.

Raunie then explained what a member is. A member is an organization that has a statewide scope of responsibility involving disaster response and is considered 501c3 under the IRS code. The member organization appoints a voting member to attend meetings and vote for that organization. This includes church organizations that qualify and have a commitment to disaster in some form. There are also partners that appoint an individual to attend meetings and share information; however, they do not carry a vote. Partners are welcome to participate in any discussion and sit on any committees except the executive committee. The fee is \$ 25.00 for state membership. Russ collected memberships from those who wanted to pay during the conference and electronic receipts would be sent out for proof of payment.

Raunie also briefly mentioned wishes of the National VOAD Members to be participating in State VOAD Meetings where they have a presence and some of the changes that were made in accepting several new organizations. Our plan is to contact these new organizations, which has already been started, to see who will be the designated person to attend the meetings.

**MINUTES REVIEWED** Minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There were no expenditures. The balance is \$5,015.08. Report on the conference will be given at the meeting in November.

**AIDMATRIX PROGRAM-** The State of Idaho came to an agreement with a Memorandum of Agreement with the Aidmatrix Foundation for their web based donations and volunteer program. It is not functional yet; however there will be training possibly in November. Aidmatrix will be a great benefit in regards to our donations management whether it is in kind goods or in cash.

Raunie went onto explain that IDAVOAD, itself, does not seek donations Aidmatrix will have a list of our member organizations and a donor can choose which organization he or she wants to donate to. IDAVOAD is not a recipient in any way; it is donor specific. The website is: [www.aidmatrix.org](http://www.aidmatrix.org).

**SAWS WARNING SYSTEM-** (State Automated Warning System) A list of those who wish to be contacted in case of a disaster was provided and those present were asked to check their contact information to make sure that the information was correct and that it

was current. She also invited those who were not on the list to add their contact information, if they so desired. Raunie asked that an alternate phone number be provided to ensure that they could be reached because disasters do not always happen while at work. She assured everyone that the alternate number, which should be a number they could be reached anytime, would not be given out to anyone it is only used for this warning system. Tests are conducted every month on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month at 10am. The system tests all the numbers that this are on the list to let you know that you are on the list to be contacted at the time of a disaster. The number they contact you on each month will rotate between the numbers you provide.

**OTHER BUSINESS**-Next Meeting is November 18, 2008 at the BHS Gowen Field building 600. Please RSVP because Sheri Blackwood will be providing lunch. Sheri also was in charge of taking donations for a flower arrangement for Cherylyn's husband.

Raunie talked about Bill Shawver's goal to have a seat for VOAD in the EOC. She mentioned that she would have Cherylyn send out a questionnaire via email to those present so they can share their questions, concerns and remarks. These questions, concerns or remarks will be brought to meeting with Bill Shawver in October.

Jerry asked everyone to email Sheri meeting and class dates and time so she could include them in the minutes because so much information is being provided.

A couple of the conference call methods were discussed as being difficult to be heard. Concerns and solutions were briefly discussed.

Appreciation was expressed for the support for Betty Soule's funeral.

### **AGENCY REPORTS-**

**Kelli- The Savation Army**-Reported that they have helped in bring 52 thousand meals to Hurricane Ike victims and 9 thousand clean up kits in Chicago where there has been some flooding. Training classes will be offered in the spring for those who are interested in being volunteers with the Salvation Army.

**Jerry-HUD**-Reported that HUD has developed a Disaster Recovery team to respond to disaster around the country in partnership with Red Cross helping with housing issues.

**Jodie-Red Cross**- There was 20 people deployed from Idaho to go and provide relief for hurricane Ike. Fifteen are still deployed, some have returned home and Red Cross is looking for volunteers. Training and Orientation classes are coming up for those interested in becoming volunteers. Red Cross covers the cost of airfare and lodging in a staff shelter. The hope with this training is that people will volunteer and want to continue to volunteer. She briefly talked about participating in the orientation and the positive impact it can have when you know how Red Cross helps in a community. She also talked about the Boise Columbia Village Wildfire. The Red Cross opened a shelter, which was not used because the community stepped in and everyone who was affected

had a place to stay. There were a few families that were put up in a hotel because it made more financial sense than opening a shelter for just a couple of families. Then they took on case management coordination because other volunteer organizations were offering their services and it was easier to report back to our partners what Red Cross had given to each client.

**Inland Northwest COAD-** This regional COAD, which spans Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, includes five counties in Idaho and five counties in Washington. This summer there was a wildfire that destroyed 11 houses in Washington. The COAD met to determine what kind of response was needed and within two weeks two shelters were opened by the Red Cross. The COAD is now working on long-term recovery. There is now funding available for a caseworker to look into the 11 claims in conjunction with the 901's that the Red Cross has already completed. He also mentioned that they rotate their quarterly meetings between the Red Cross in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. The next meeting is November 6 at the Spokane Red Cross from 12-2p.m.

**United Methodist-** They are active with flooding on I-5 near Shahala last December. There was 12ft of water due to a storm. The same storm also affected Burgonia and Astoria areas of Oregon. He also mentioned getting some more UMCOR funds for Oregon. As of now they have spent \$100,000 UMCOR funds on the Western Washington disaster last winter and are still working on it.

**Seventh Day Adventist-**It was reported that their organization has been involved with Hurricane Gustav and particularly with Ike setting up locations for volunteers to stay throughout a number of cities in Texas and Louisiana. They have been distributing food, supplies, personal care items, and baby items. They are also involved in the cleanup operations in conjunction with various church organizations.

The ACS-DR upcoming Donations Operation training will be Oct 11 at the Eagle Seventh-Day Adventist Church and October 12 at GEM State Academy in Caldwell. Last month in Albuquerque, the National Adventist Disaster Services Response had a conference which had 40 individuals from the Oregon Conference for training. He mentioned disaster response being done in Reading. There was a warehouse in Oregon that had a lot more incoming than outgoing donations. Less than ideal cooperation from local government in Western Washington and so a director along with an associate began long-term recovery activity and clean up. They hired three people and about spent \$30,000-\$40,000 doing clean up and recovery. They will be working on memorandums of understanding.

**Humane Society of the United States-**He clarified the mission of the Humane Society. He said that the Humane Society is a national organization that deals with social change and legislation. They do have 15 full time employees and 400 or more volunteers. This calendar year their national response team has done about 36 responses, which now includes large-scale cruelty cases and large scale hoarder cases as disaster response under emergency services and not disaster services. They have also begun to support cage free eggs in an effort to improve the lives of animals as well as animals as a religious

component with faith based groups.

**Paula-WICAP**-They provide food boxes and energy assistance through project share in the county. She expressed concern for the increase in prices for utilities this winter.

**Nina –211 Idaho Careline, director-** There has been a change in management since last year. Despite the transition, the 211-Careline is doing well and managed 160,000 calls last year. The economy has influence the number of calls that are coming in. There is a new project with the Transportation Department in an effort to identify transportation resource for those who need transportation whether it is for medical or otherwise. They want to involve the Medical Reserve Corp, making them the initial contact.

**Dick-FEMA**- FEMA has an 800 number for informational purposes regarding the current disasters. He said that if called during the off hours you are able to reduce the waiting time on the phone. Expenses for housing for those who qualify and are in need of assistance is being provided as a result of houses not being accessible or destroyed due to disaster. Technology has helped in determining the eligibility for help with housing. The 211-Careline is providing transportation assistance for the special needs population who need to evacuate.

**Emily Hoyt, Agency on Aging within Community Action Partnership**-Her agency is currently serving an area spanning 20 thousand mile out of Idaho Falls. Her main concern right now is continuing the services they provide to the aging population that they now serve.

**Serve Wyoming**-Starting new VOAD again after being inactive for three years.

**Serve Idaho**-Serve Idaho has been given the responsibility of writing the Volunteer Component for the State of Idaho emergency operations.

**Canyon County-** Reported that they are currently working on emergency grant funding and making sure that agencies within their county are NIMS compliant.

**Jerome County-** Reported that they are also working on emergency grant funding and making sure agencies within Jerome County are NIMS compliant.

**Latah County-** Reported that they are working on the same items as Canyon and Jerome counties as well as working on revitalizing the CERT programs.

**Oregon-Kay Budd**-Reported that she was excited to be able to network with Idaho and attend the conference.

**Ada County**-Crash reported that they set up their official countywide CERT team with 20 individuals who want to serve and volunteer within the community. Their first advanced training was in Hospital and Nursing Home Evacuation. They are working towards the CERT being able to supplement first responders.

**Amateur Radio**-Russ reported that things are going very well. They completed their

501c3 in order to receive a \$10,000 grant from a donor in Sun Valley. On June 12, they put up the first repeater to cover the Sawtooth Wilderness Area, which is located on Galena Summit. On June 13, they replaced antennae on Mt. Baldy. As a result of the new repeater and antennae, they were able to cover 62 miles on June 14 for the Sawtooth Relay with Amateur Radio. With the new Repeater and other new antennas communication will be greatly improved in that area. This will be an asset to first responders.

Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be at BHS, Gowen Field, Bldg. 600, Tuesday, November 18, 2008, from 12-2 p.m. Sheri Blackwood will be providing lunch for a donation.