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NOAA Employees Association (NEA) at the National Weather Center (NWC)

## Meeting Notes from July 16, 2008

NEA Meeting Minutes – Typed on Sunday, July 20, 2008 (Secretary, Suzanne Van Cooten)

Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 16

Meeting called to order at 11:30 AM in Room 1313 of National Weather Center

- NEA President Dave Imy called the meeting to order
- President explained to attendees we would need 10 percent of the current NEA membership to form a quorum to vote. From a count of attendees this quorum was met
- President explained at the NEA board meeting, officers discussed 3 items which will be voted on
  - Ice Cream Social
  - Picnic
  - NEA Golf Tournament
- President called for vote on allocation of 250 dollars for the ice cream social to be held on August 6th from 2-3 pm in the National Weather Center Atrium
  - Discussion items from attendees
    - Will this be open to anyone or how will access be restricted?
      - NEA will not turn anyone away who is in the atrium and wants to partake
      - A poster or banner of some sort needs to be posted at the event advertising where the funding is coming from for the event and what other activities NEA does with their membership dues and money raised from merchandise sales

**CALL FOR VOTE ON ALLOCATION OF 250 DOLLARS FOR EVENT**

➤ Passed unanimously by attendees

- President called for vote on allocation of 750 dollars for the NEA Fall Picnic to be held September 20 at Reaves Park from 11 AM to 2 PM with food served from 12 to 1 PM
  - Discussion items from attendees
    - Large Shelter #4 at Reaves Park has been reserved at a cost of 40 dollars by Mark Benner (Thanks Mark!)
    - Is the picnic for spouses and families? Yes

- What are people expected to bring (food-wise)? A side dish or dessert. Soft drinks will be provided
- Is this the time frame for the State Fair of Oklahoma? You know it always rains for the State Fair of Oklahoma
- Is 750 dollars enough since the NEA is a bigger organization now than in the past?
  - The amount of 750 dollars was based on past allocations
  - In the past, the picnic did provide higher end meats like smoked salmon and brisket
  - This allocation will likely be OK especially if the picnic just provides hamburgers and hotdogs
  - The selection of the types of meats will be discussed at the picnic committee meeting  
(\* A meeting concerning the picnic committee for NEA officers and interested P.O.Cs will be held at noon on Wed July 23rd in the SPC Conference Room)

#### CALL FOR VOTE ON ALLOCATION OF 750 DOLLARS FOR EVENT

➤ Passed unanimously by attendees

- President called for vote on allocation of 250 dollars for the NEA Fall Golf Tournament to be held tentatively September 13
  - Outline of tournament plans provided by organizer Lou Wicker
    - In the past, the NEA allocation has provided drinks, snacks, and a box lunch for the four-member teams
    - With rising costs and logistics of getting box lunches to golf site, there needs to some changes to this year's tournament to make it easier for the volunteer, Lou, organizing the event
    - Organizer is investigating moving the tournament to Westwood Golf Course in Norman
      - This venue has a restaurant/grill so people can eat lunch there if they want
      - It would help the Norman community rather than Purcell where we have played golf at the city course for the past five years
    - With rising costs, probably all of the 250 dollars that NEA allocates will be for prizes (8 hats with monogramming for the first place teams in the two flights were 100 dollars last year)
    - Because of the logistics, the tournament is not planning on providing lunch this year but will provide breakfast items and a limited selection of drinks as in the past
    - The structure of the scramble is still in debate depending on how the selected venue will let us play
    - The allocation from NEA does not pay for green fees. Those are paid for by the NEA

- To have a different fee structure for NEA and Non-NEA members would be difficult since that would require the organizer and treasurer of the tournament to have an accurate membership roster and insure the fees were assessed correctly. One fee for everyone.

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- Additional Items
  - Jeff Peters and Jaime Boettcher- Art Supply Drive for Bethesda, Inc.
    - provided information regarding a drive for art supplies to support art therapy for children who are victims of sexual abuse. The project will help Bethesda, Inc. ([www.bethesdaok.org](http://www.bethesdaok.org))
    - The project needs specific items. The organization has a list of items similar to back-to-school supply lists.
    - Information on the organization and the list of supplies needed will be provided to the NEA webmaster, Steve Kruckenberg, to post on the NEA website
    - Jaime and Jeff will provide NEA with dates for the supply drive and pick up points in the NWC
  - Treasurer's Report
    - As of Wednesday, July 16, there was \$ 8,102.50 in the NEA account with \$627 awaiting deposits
- Next meeting will be in August and Pizza will be provided
- Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM