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DOVES Board Conference Call
July 2, 2014 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Time

Attendees: Anita Laffey, Dick and Rose Marie Hartman, Mahlon Stacy,
Leslie Earnst, Suzanne and Bob Paganelli, Don and Julie Klein, Debbie Criswell

1. **Review of minutes from June 4, 2014 Board conference call** – It was moved to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
3. **Board Reports:**
 - a. **Training Chairs**—Dick and Rose Marie Hart
 - i. Discussion on three upcoming opportunities: Quartzsite, Tucson, and Road-E-O. After some discussion it was decided that Quartzsite would be basically a social event, Tucson would provide training for newcomers, information on deployments, etc., and the Road-E-O would continue to provide as much advanced training as possible along with any new trainings.
 - ii. Question was brought up of whether Escapade training was even needed anymore due to all the ARC changes. Rose Marie suggested DSO, VC, CC and PFA at the Escapade. This would give new members the chance to see the online, classroom and Webinar based training. Rose Marie also suggested that we provide personal coaching or mentoring for new DOVES, and help them register at Elkhart or another chapter via the Internet immediately. This will be further discussed in the next meeting.
 - iii. Other –
 - b. **President**—Anita Laffey
 - i. With Kim Stout leaving Elkhart and Tiffaney Chin not yet up to speed, there has been no one monitoring the web and sending out notifications. Don Klein has graciously accepted being the chapter representative so all information can be disseminated.

Due to NHQ wanting to use 'local only' volunteers when possible, it is important for us to help get the DOVEs deployed. Don brought up several points:

 - a. Publicity of deployment opportunities in mass mail outs only go to the Elkhart group.
 - b. How do we handle deployment of DOVEs from other chapters?
 - c. A DOVE Coordinator for Deployment will need to have a backup.
 - d. Volunteer Connection only does non-local disasters, local DR's, level II or III are not shown on VC.
 - ii. Question was asked as to whether we still call in to Elkhart regarding deployments. Suzanne responded that local chapters will call in local DOVEs. If larger it goes to the Region then to the Division. The DDE or DDD would approve any outside DOVEs coming in.

iii. Debbie commented that on the last deployment it was brought up that DOVEs must declare they are DOVEs, according to our MOU, in order to be deployed in their RVs and receive reimbursements for some of their traveling expenses. All members need to make sure the box for DOVEs is checked in VC.

iv. A motion was made to approve an Appointed Board position of DOVE Deployment Coordinator. Motion was seconded and approved by all. Don Klein was appointed as Coordinator. A complete job description will be written up.

v. Escapees have requested we align our fiscal year with the Escapees which is January to December. Motion made, seconded and carried to email the membership and call for a vote to amend our By-Laws accordingly.

vi. Feedback on posting minutes to the website says we should post. This will be done as soon as possible.

vii. Due to low interest from the membership in publishing a DOVES roster, we will drop the project at this time.

viii. Anita requests that everyone review the presentations on DOVES 101 and 102 and make any suggestions as we must have a standardized set for training purposes.

ix. Several comments made on whether to use two different flyers to advertise DOVEs—one for Escapees who know nothing about the Red Cross and another for Red Cross disaster responders who know nothing about Escapees and the RV lifestyle. The same question arose regarding the need for two different PowerPoint presentations, DOVES 101 for Escapees, DOVES 201 for Red Cross volunteers. Will continue discussions by email and vote next month.

c. **Treasurers/Membership Chairs**—Bob and Suzanne Paganelli

i. Financial report – Balance is \$3664.00. Outstanding checks of \$587.77

ii. 9/13 to 12/13 Audit complete. Working now on the 2014 Audit

iii. Motion was made and approved to reimburse the Hartmans for parking.

d. **Vice President/Webmaster**—Mahlon Stacy

i. Brought up potential donation to either CARE or ARC. Feedback from Suzanne says we should request a financial statement from CARE first (Nevada, I omitted the part about needing to be sure Care is financially responsible since Escapees leaders might read that in the online minutes and be offended.) Anita agreed and stated we will research CARE's financial status and determine what we will do and defer to next meeting for amount of donation.

e. **Publicity Chair**—Jane Foraker-Thompson – not available

i. Need to provide Julie with new logo to get pricing.

f. **Secretary**—Nevada Linford

i. Nothing at this time

g. **Historian**—Leslie Earnst

i. Leslie requests we send information to her if something needs to be addressed as Sunshine Chair. Everyone appreciates getting cards and emails when they are ill.

h. **Past President**—Debbi Criswell

i. There is a conference in Chicago on doing IAPs. Also a GIS workshop. We are paralleling FEMA for more and more. This is why it is so important to take the ICS training. Nevada will send the ICS/NIMs letter to Mahlon for group wide distribution. We need to be able to show NHQ that we are a structured group that knows what is going on and has all the proper training.

ii. Debbie will be unavailable next meeting but will do a comprehensive report on what is happening with NHQ.

Next meeting:

August 6, 2014 12:00 noon Eastern time

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