

Tuesday, 13 April 2010

Meeting Notes - Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps

MRC Executive Committee Members ('+' = *present*; '-' = *absent*)

- Carol Bradford	- Jon Harding
+ Pascal Cleve	- Bob Leupold
+ Marilyn Ellsworth	- Ipp Matjucha
+ Dale Farmer	+ John Stevens

09 March EC meeting minutes were accepted. John will forward them to Victoria who will then post them on the Sudbury MRC website.

Carol Bradford (newly appointed to the Sudbury Board of Health) and Bob Leupold were attending a BoH meeting and unable to be present for this MRC-EC meeting.

'OLD' Business

CPR/AED Training Event (22 March & 06 May)

Marilyn reported that 4 people attended the first CPR/AED training session on 22 March. Lily Gordon was the CPR/AED trainer.

The second CPR/AED training event is scheduled for 06 May.

First Aid Training Event (29 April)

Marilyn reported that sign-up for Lily Gordon's 29 April First Aid training class is still open.

Social/Informational Meeting (04 May)

John raised the question of possibility canceling this event given little expressed interest so far. After some discussion, it was decided that the 'go/no go' decision could be made at a later date.

Dale confirmed his ability to present a short 'talk' about crowd control at a MRC response site.

John confirmed his ability to present a short talk relating the critical points of MRC Basics 101, but suggested that the emphasis of his talk be on volunteering with the MRC rather than providing 'training' for the MRC. He suggested that the EC might think about creating an alternative way for people interested in volunteering with the MRC to be exposed to MRC Basics 101 rather than physically attend a presentation on the subject given how difficult it is to 'pull' people into such a meeting. There was support for this idea.

Developing a Sudbury MRC Basic 101 On-line Training Video

The idea from the 09 March MRC-EC meeting of creating a Sudbury MRC version of MRC Basics-101 for prospective volunteers to review on-line via the Sudbury MRC website continued to receive support. More discussion and planning are needed.

'NEW' Business

Expanded Roles/Events for Sudbury MRC Volunteers

Recent events in town triggered by the two back-to-back 'super-soaker' rain storms were discussed in light of possible 'helping-roles' that Sudbury MRC volunteers could have played. Many of these roles went beyond limiting our MRC helping effort to just medical triage and medical-oriented support, etc., and into roles of assisting other health-care professionals in town responsible for caring for and protecting people in their charge, e.g., nursing home residents.

John referenced a TC newspaper article reporting on the ordeal that Sudbury Pines Nursing Home experienced with local flooding in their building and the strain on staff working around-the-clock to contain the water, protect the patient-residents, and provide on-going care. The possibility that some relief and assistance could have been provided by Sudbury MRC volunteers was discussed, and some interest in exploring this notion further was generated.

John noted that there were other Sudbury businesses (e.g., Save-A Dog, etc.) mentioned in similar TC articles that were severely and adversely affected by local flooding due to the 'super-soaker' rain storms. There was some EC support for the idea that Sudbury CERT and Sudbury MRC could possibly have played a 'helping' role during this local flooding event. There was EC agreement to explore further the idea of possibly working to help position Sudbury CERT and Sudbury MRC as local volunteer help to residents and businesses of Sudbury in events such as this.

Next meeting date... **Tuesday, 11 May**

Prepared and submitted by:
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