



Neighborhood Watch Agenda

Monday, Dec 12, 2022 — 6:00 p.m.

Molly Bowden Police Station

"The mission of Columbia Neighborhood Watch is to inform, train and encourage residents to work together to establish neighborhood watch programs with the goal of reducing crime and increasing public safety."

Call Meeting To Order 6:02 p.m.

Attendees: Herb Watchinski, Jeff Hempstead, Al Barrier, Brad Anderson, Chris Tabak, Rodney Perry, Susan Dickerson Chief Jones (cameo) and guests Keith Caldwell, Heath Rose

Note: Michele notified board she would not be able to attend.

Prospective Board Members Introduction

Jessica McNear, LaDawn, **Keith Caldwell, Heath Rose**

President's Report

- BBB Torch Award,
 - Presented by Nick Knoth of BBB on 12/6/2022.
 - Request to display at City Hall. Chris will reach out to determine if this is feasible. Determined it was better option than displaying in police station. Chris is waiting for BBB to send him their press release. If he does not receive by the end of the week, he will move forward with our own press release.
- Fusus status – Herb gave synopsis of the software. It was voted down in city council mtg with approval to use staff to draw up an ordinance to cover the use of Fusus.
- Note that Fire Chief Farr stated he considers the fire dept a partner with CNW.

Secretary's Report – Susan

- Approval of last meeting minutes. Approved
- Hours – request that everyone add an action item to their personal calendars in the first week of the month to send hours to me.

Treasurer's Report - Herb

- Financials were emailed on 12/2
- Participate in CoMoGives.

Vice President's Report – Jeff

- Gave \$20 gift certificates to Community Assoc Management and Diversified Management companies, which have been sending out our flyers announcing our training sessions.
- Charity Navigator just awarded CNW a 4 Star rating, which is their highest rating.
- Grants: Applied for additional grants: No update except for AP Green
 - Storage-Mart (For storage)
 - CFCM Grant \$1,000
 - A P Green \$ 1,000.00 Denied
 - Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation \$ 2,500.00
 - City ARPA \$ 68,003.49
 - Ameren – denied
- Unsubscribes from email list, several were old captains and co-captains

Sign Report – Rod

- Sign report – no activity.
- Take advantage of any free exposure in media to notify public of our existence. Many people no longer familiar with CNW. Rodney discussion. Ring makes people overly confident that they have what they need - False sense of security. Tools like Ring are reactive, CNW is proactive.

Captain/Co-Captain Liaison Report – Al and Michele

- Status of DB cleanup
- Status and documentation of Al starting over again to include outcome, date and time.
- Liaison meetings
- Al's Report - Positive feedback. Keep calling. Documentation of who he called.
 - Data to update spreadsheet will be provided.

Old Business:

- CoMo Gives – Implementation Plan Starts Tues Nov 29
 - *Update from Jeff: email to donors from previous years as a thank you and how their money was used. Did that a month ago.*
 - Jeff called all area coordinators. 4 agreed to do peer to peer
 - Put it on Nextdoor, Constant Contact, Facebook. 30 some comments.
- Filling vacant board positions & Officers- Updates
 - New prospective members discussion
- Training Sessions – dates, style, location, etc.
 - Thornbrook training request for Jan. In person. Herb will follow-up,
 - Jan 23 for next sched training. 6:30 start time. Note: last meeting board concurred it will be via Teams.
 - Feb 27 for training via Teams. 6:30 start time.
- Inventory of CNW items
 - Status of printing 250 copies. Jeff has not heard anything. Will follow up after Christmas season. (Rodney has a connection with Minuteman printing if that falls through.)

- Storage mart. When Jeff completed original request, they didn't have a small unit available. Rod spoke to president - thanked him for the donation. Will continue to pursue as able to get donation of storage unit.
- Herb was to propose time(s) to conduct inventory. When we move the items is when we will conduct a full inventory.
- Facebook status.
 - Tabled until Michele's return.
- Shirts – Status
 - Logo sent to DSports
- MS Access – Update.
 - Tabled until Michele's return
- Adobe license – The board agreed to purchase 3 Adobe license. Needs assignment. Herb will order 2.
- Newsletter – Herb updated and Jeff emailed 3 weeks ago. 8 page newsletter sent electronically. Discussed adding CoMoGives and porch pirates to stats we present at training. No action item.
- Quote for liability and D&O insurance
 - Discussed other board members may look into other options e.g. below, but not assigned.
 - Stacey at Kassman insurance.
 - Columbia and Columbia insurance were contacted before.

(Recap: West Bend is our current carrier. Insurance requirements: Minimum of \$2Mil liability to use any school for training. D&O is \$1mil ea claim.)
- Expansion of training curriculum – Herb

New Business

- Ready Festival Sept 14, 2023 at Stephens Lake – registered for it.
- Potential board members:
 - Heath Rose Vandervene subdivision
 - Keith – lived in Columbia all life. Business owner for 20 plus years.
- Keith Caldwell, Heath Rose were voted in as new board members. Keith agreed to fill the Treasurer position.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45