



**MABAS Special Ops Work Group
NOTES**

February 23, 2022 10:00 AM

**~~MOB Center~~
7377 Grange Hall Road, Holly**

*Zoom Meeting Only
Meeting info in email*

1. Call to Order – President Parker called today’s meeting to order at 10:04AM.
Present: Atkins, Chevrette, Kwapis, Martin, McIntyre, Stone & Whitehead
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Approved with additions requested by McIntyre:
 - a. Hurricane Ida
 - b. Boat Trailer Purchase
 - c. Legislative Day
3. Review of December 8, 2021 Meeting Notes - approved
4. Financial Report (Stone)
 - a. Account balances as of 2/21/2022
 - i. Fund Balance \$141,279.78
 - ii. FY22 USAR Balance \$250,802.57
 - iii. FY22 Equipment Balance \$164,458.18
McIntyre provided details of the reports that have been recently submitted to LARA. This group received these electronically, for their review.
5. Program Director – McIntyre reported on the following:
 - a. Work Plan Update
 - i. Updating member roster to confirm who is level 1 & who is deployable. We’ve received six requests for Leaves of Absence, which impacts our overall numbers
 - ii. Exercising notification process monthly basis to decrease our MRP response times. There has also been significant work at the mob to make the equipment more readily accessible. We are also identifying our MRP team leaders and our MRP support group. We are now creating our smaller deployment groups and will be exercising them.
 - iii. Working with Detroit FD to create a special ops training program for them and looking for funding. We have a zoom tomorrow with DFD, SFM and WCCC for the potential to use SMOKE money.
6. Training & Exercise Coordinator – Whitehead reported:
 - a. Work Plan Update
 - i. Medicals (66) being processed by the docs. We’ve received approximately half back already.
 - ii. Water Rescue Training / IAWRP are putting on a Western Conference (Chico, CA). Four individuals attending at the end of March. Whitehead explained the details
 - iii. Partnership with Washtenaw Team – Guardian Center in GA. Flooding in an urban environment. Great opportunity. Task Force is providing transportation. May 23-26. M. Chevrette provided a few more details.
 - iv. ORE in Grayling – update. May 10-12. Anticipate 120 personnel.
 - v. IAWRP – Midwest conference in South Bend in June. Technician level skills
 - vi. FEMA Task Force Safety Officer course – like to send four students, hosted by Monroe County in Rochester, NY.
7. Deployment Coordinator – Martin reported:
 - a. Work Plan Update
 - i. Hazmat validations coming up, as we continue to work with the State and finetune the process. Battle Creek (March 16), Macomb (May 4), Macomb & Western Wayne Tech Rescue Teams (Early June).
 - ii. Hazmat Conference hosted by the State – flyer distributed soon.
 - iii. Equipment – developing new inventory process

8. Old Business

- a. Hurricane Dorian (NC 2019) – McIntyre provided update as MSP has received payment from North Carolina and have received notification from Florida that our reimbursement request has gone through its first review. We expect reimbursement soon
- b. Hurricane Ida (LA). McIntyre made a motion to reimburse the local communities who responded to Ida as soon as we receive payment for Dorian. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Special Ops validations – Martin had nothing more to report.
- d. HART Program – McIntyre said we're still waiting for the State AG for the Hold Harmless agreement. We have sent an inquiry for the DD1381 through Congresswoman Slotkin's office. They will contact DoD and State AG. Communications with legislators and interested parties are positive. Hold Harmless with Grayling is settled. We can remove from agenda.
- e. Midwest Fire Rescue Expo -April 11-13, 2022. Schedule of events was distributed. McIntyre reviewed the agenda, encouraged everyone to attend. As co-sponsor, we should have a strong representation. Tues evening banquet will include acknowledgement of validated teams.
- f. Command Vehicle – McIntyre reviewed the anticipated expenses (two bids received), expecting a grand total of \$265,226 through Gerling. McIntyre made a motion to increase the Command Vehicle budget line to \$300,000. Seconded by Martin. Motion carried unanimously. McIntyre explained the process of the RFP and moving into the final engineering phase and ancillary equipment.

9. Work Groups

- a. IMT – McIntyre said they continue to work with the State to organize & takeover the IMT group. Working with them to learn D4H and standardizing their position task books. Meeting next Monday to finalize the process of grandfathering personnel. We will continue to provide assistance to make this transition as smooth as possible
- b. HazMat - Whitehead mentioned that this has proven to be a great partnership with MSP
- c. TRT - Martin had nothing more to report.

10. New Business

- a. SOWG Member Roster Review – McIntyre suggested that we review the current SOWG members and update members, if necessary. He suggested that we have representation from West side.
- b. Governor Whitmer's FY23 Budget Proposal – McIntyre stated that we've been added to the budget for \$2 Million. Mentioned a recent conversation with Rep Yaroch regarding the funding. We are developing the FY23 Scope of Work, keeping all the same goals as in the past. We will continue to work through the SFM's office. We are hoping to get in front of the legislators to further educate them of our mission.
- c. Training Plan update – Whitehead shared his screen Training & Exercise Manual. Looking for an approval to update this policy. He highlighted details on the updates, expectations, breakdown of the document, and explained how everything is categorized. McIntyre made a motion to approve the proposed training plan. Seconded by Martin. Motion carried.
- d. Portable Fuel Tank Purchase 950 gallons – McIntyre provided details and stated that this purchase will improve our capabilities & response times. Three quotes received, ranging from \$28K to \$41K. Motion by Whitehead to go with the Fuel Pro Quote, amount not to exceed \$30,000. Seconded by Kwapis. Motion carried.
- e. Boat Trailer Purchase – McIntyre reminded the group that we have four zodiac boats, and several motors and equipment. Water Pick Up trucks have been ordered. Since October 2021, boat trailer prices have increased by 25%. McIntyre shared his screen to show quotes from Loadmaster Trailer Company (\$37K), as well as DLX quote (\$41K). This purchase will really enhance our water rescue responses. At least a six-month lead time. Martin made a motion to move forward with purchasing two of these triple-stack boat trailers, amount not to exceed \$40K per boat. Second by Parker. Motion carried.
- f. Legislative Day – Whitehead explained the event to be held on June 8th, 11AM-2PM at the MOB. We need to continue to foster relationships with MSP & EMHSD.

11. Next Meeting / Adjournment – 11:01AM

Next Meeting – McIntyre suggested we hold the next meeting in Novi during the Conference.