



## **Tioga County Animal Response Team**

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### **CART Meeting Minutes**

7/19/2017 @ TCEOC

- Introductions
  - o Lea Rogers – Lea is from the Millerton area and attended with her husband Kevin, she will be completing the necessary membership documents.
- Minutes
  - o Were approved as presented, motion by Kevin Rogers, Jr, seconded by Emily Blade
- Financial Report
  - o Treasurer, Amber Wetzel was excused from the meeting but Benton was able to report that there is roughly \$130.00 left in the CART account.
  - o We need to look at fundraising ideas (see discussion in Old Business in reference to the Tioga County Fair booth.
  - o Expenses that are forthcoming are for the CART business cards.
- Responses
  - o There were no responses in the past month, but there was a potential response to a barn collapse in Delmar Township. Several cattle were killed in the collapse and many others had to be destroyed afterwards. We need to direct some focus to getting the word out to the fire departments as many are either not aware that the Team exists, don't remember to call or don't know how to activate a response. Benton and Lisa will work on fleshing out an approach to help the field responders initiate a response, as well as making certain that the Communications Center staff is knowledgeable on the process.
- Old Business
  - o Swift911 – was used to send out a reminder for this meeting, most reported that they did receive the message. Everyone is reminded to sign up for Swift911 and select CART for inclusion in future alerts.
  - o Training
    - SAR – A search team training session is planned for tomorrow, July 20, 2017 for the K-9 teams. Any interested parties are welcome to attend. It will be held at 210 Brown Road, Wellsboro starting at 18:30.
  - o Tioga County Fair Booth
    - Benton passed a schedule for volunteers to man the booth. Two hour slots are available.
    - The slots are from 10:00-12:00, 13:00-15:00 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.) and 16:00-18:00 (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

- The booth will consist of an easy-up, table and chairs as well as literature to hand out to the public.
  - There was discussion of ways to raise funds while at the booth, including selling small products such as tick removal tools, first aid packets, “In case of emergency” products relating to pets, ID cards and homemade dog treats. Tracy was willing to head up a treat making session as well as look into the purchase of other items to sell.
- Becker Sling & Glide
  - The Team has received a new Becker Sling & Glide. This item will be in lifting and moving large animals. The members who have already had LART will be demonstrating its use in the near future.
- Membership Identification Tags
  - Photos were taken of members present to get started making ID tags for the Team.
- Work Bee
  - A work bee will be held immediately following the adjournment of this business meeting. The last trailer will be inventoried. It is the smallest trailer of the three so it should be a relatively short session.
  - ICS will be utilized and Emily asked for volunteers to fill leadership positions. She also asked that the roles be filled by someone different from last month in order to expose different people to the leadership roles. Tracy volunteered to be Incident Command, and Denise volunteered to be Group Supervisor
- New Business
  - Fundraising
    - More ideas were discussed in relationship to fundraising. In addition to the items listed above for the fair, Benton feels that pursuing the Pet Memorial Wall is still going to be a good way to go.
    - Bandanas with the team logo were discussed
    - ID tags for pets are a good option for the future. The EMA office already has an ID tag printer, so if Benton can get the system in a laptop for mobility, this would be a really inexpensive way to raise funds.

#### Next Meeting Date

- August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 18:00 at the Tioga County EOC