

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

General Membership Meeting – 18 May, 2016

The meeting was brought to order at 2:02 PM by Frank Bruno - Chair

Members and guests present:

Boulware, Rob	Greenberg, Warren	Parkhurst, Ray
Brandon, Jerry	Harter, Bud	Riley, Laurie
Brandon, Andrea	Heald, David	Selvaggi, Karen
Bruno, Frank	Howell, Charlie	Troxler, David
Burgoyne, Dennis	LaHue, Larry	White, Pat
Evelyn, Phyllis	Law, Audriana	
Giles, James	Lowe, Deanie	

Mr. Frank Bruno opened the meeting at 2:08 PM and called for introductions.

Mr. Bruno indicated that the minutes of the last meeting are posted on the website. There has been no activity in the bank accounts. The balance is \$1,083.80. We will be spending some for a banner for the Hurricane Expo scheduled for May 21 at the Orange City Lowes from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Mr. Jerry Brandon talked about the expo. We have volunteers set up. Jerry showed the banner that was made for COAD. Pat White added that there are at least 32 organizations that are participating. Mr. Bruno thanked Mr. Brandon for all of his hard work on the expo.

Mr. Bruno explained that our guest speaker was called to handle the storm aftermath, so Larry LaHue from Volusia County Emergency Management will be presenting some information that he learned at the Governor's Hurricane Conference on May 13.

Mr. Larry LaHue reported on the 2016 Atlantic Basin Hurricane Forecast that was released at the conference from Phil Klotzbach of Colorado State University. Phil Klotzbach's presentation is posted on the Volusia COAD website. Here are the highlights:

We are coming out of an El Nino season and will be transitioning into a La Nina season. This is the most powerful El Nino season on record. The Florida Hurricane Impacts in the last 10 years have been zero. Mr. LaHue reviewed the 2015 season. Forecast for 2016 season includes 12 named storms, 5 will be hurricanes with 2 of them major hurricanes. The 2016 Probabilities for at least one major hurricane landfall in Florida is 30%.

Mr. Bruno asked for any comments from members in the room.

Ms. Law liked the fact that we will be networking with other organizations through One Voice for Volusia.

Mr. Giles suggested a COAD CERT Team.

Mr. Harter expanded on the CERT program, indicating that the State program is a 3 day training program.

Mr. Greenberg noted that Florida VOAD will be observing the VRC in August in Daytona Beach.

Mr. Boulware has been including Map Your Neighborhood in his presentations around the state. He suggests that the neighborhoods select block captains.

Mr. Bruno closed the meeting at 3:19 PM.