

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **July 15, 2011**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Robert Jump called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Eric Deroche led the
10 pledge of allegiance and Robert Jump led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct
11 business.
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13 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

14 Dexter Accardo
15 John Boudreaux
16 Obie Cambre
17 Sandy Davis
18 Eric Deroche
19 Chris Guilbeaux
20 Robert Jump
21 Jeffrey Meyers proxy to Robert Jump
22 Tuesday Mills proxy to Obie Cambre
23 Jerry Monier proxy to Eric Deroche
24 Gene Dunegan for Taylor Moss
25 Karen Price
26 Pat Santos
27 Tommy Thiebaud proxy to John Boudreaux
28 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
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30 **Members Excused:**

31 Skip Breeden
32 Dave Brown
33 Dawson Primes
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35 **Members Absent:**

36 Jim Polk
37 John Porter
38 Tab Troxler
39 Rick Webre
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41 **Guests:**

42 Brant Mitchell
43 Bland O'Connor
44 Jenny Constantin
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46 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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48 The minutes from the May 30, 2011 Board meeting were reviewed. Chris Guilbeaux's
49 and Dexter Accardo's names was added to members present and Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
50 seconded motion for Treasurer's report and numbering sequence was corrected and the
51 bylaws change was inserted. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and
52 seconded by Dexter Accardo to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

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54 **III. OFFICER REPORTS**

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56 A. President –Robert Jump

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58 Robert thanked everyone for their willingness to serve. He noted that Earl Eues is
59 the first alternate now that Jim Polk has taken the place vacated by Cindy Montz.

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61 B. President Elect – Rick Webre

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63 Rick was not present at this time.

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65 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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67 Eric Deroche announced that he and Robert Jump will visit the Bank to correct
68 signature cards after the meeting. Presented the June 30, 2011 financial
69 statements (Attachment 1). Total assets at June 30, 2011 were \$310,630.81.
70 Total fund balances at June 30, 2011 were \$305,830.81. For the six months ended
71 June 30, 2011 receipts exceeded expenditures by \$154,173.19.

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73 A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Pat Santos to
74 accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

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76 D. Executive Director's Report – Bland O'Connor

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78 No report.

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80 **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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82 A. AWARDS – Eric Deroche for Jerry Monier

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84 Jerry is working on a written policy for award procedures.

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86 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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88 The Committee has not met and there a few pending.

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90 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Robert Jump for Jeff Meyers

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92 No report.

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- 94 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price
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96 The program is under review and recommendations will be forthcoming.
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98 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Eric Deroche for John Porter
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100 Eric encouraged all to have any people that need scholarships for HOTZONE to
101 fill out the application on the website and send it in. The Office was directed to
102 do an email blast explaining the process and availability.
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104 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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106 No report.
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108 G. MEMBERSHIP – Obie Cambre for Tuesday Mills
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110 At July 7, 2011, membership stood at 746.
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112 H. NOMINATING – Rick Webre
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114 No report.
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116 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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118 Eric noted that the agreement with L’berge is a repeat for the upcoming May 7 –
119 10, 2012. Discussion was all positive on the upcoming Workshop.
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121 J. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Skip Breedon
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123 No report and there have been no announcements on the Command College
124 recently. Next one will be at Caddo 911 location.
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126 M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud
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128 No report.
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130 **VI. OLD BUSINESS**
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132 A. UPDATE ON ANNUAL LEPA/GOHSEP WORKSHOP AND GULF STATES
133 HURRICANE CONFERENCE
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135 Eric reported that we are close to being done on the financial results for the
136 Conference and the profit will approximate \$115,000.
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138 Eric suggested that LEPA may be willing to host the Conference every other year.
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140 A motion was made by Pat Santos and seconded by Sandy Davis to contact the
141 other states and ask if they would be interested in Louisiana hosting the Gulf
142 States Hurricane Conference every other year. The motion passed.

143 Eric also pointed out the reports related to the Conference. A discussion ensued on
144 how to improve some of the areas that were indicated as having opportunity for
145 improvement.

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147 B. LEM BASIC PROGRAM REVIEW

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149 Nothing further.

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151 VII. NEW BUSINESS

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153 A. iPHONE APP PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

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155 Brant Mitchell stated that GOHSEP is developing apps for the iPhone for the public
156 and for emergency managers. He made a presentation on the iPhone app
157 development that GOHSEP has been working on.

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159 Brant suggested that some LEPA apps could be developed for LEM, Get a Game
160 Plan and other areas. Eric pointed out that one of the LEPA strategic goals
161 identified several years ago was for LEPA to enter the social networking space.

162 Brant pointed out that some work needs to be done on porting the apps to the Droid
163 telephones.

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165 A motion was made by John Boudreaux and seconded by Dexter Accardo to budget
166 up to \$20,000 for App development and transition to Droid platform for LEPA, led
167 by Brant Mitchell at GOHSEP. The motion passed.

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169 Sandy Davis asked the question of how we are going to notify the general
170 membership of what LEPA is doing for them in this area. Publicity needs to be
171 done effectively.

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173 B. HAZMAT CREDENTIALING DISCUSSION

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175 Eric Deroche reminded everyone of the discussion that occurred a few meetings
176 ago regarding the credentialing of HAZMAT first responders. State Police teaches
177 the OSHA program, LSU teaches a PROBoard program, which is more stringent
178 than federal law/OSHA.

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180 A motion was made by John Boudreaux and seconded by Sandy Davis to table the
181 discussion and form a committee to investigate the feasibility and liability
182 involved. The motion passed.

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184 Committee of Eric Deroche, John Boudreaux and Obie Cambre formed.

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186 C. IDCE MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS JANUARY 2012

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188 Eric pointed out that GOHSEP is co-sponsoring the January Conference. Pat
189 Santos reported that some big names are expected and the promoter, Jimmy
190 Mouton of Atlanta is working on developing the conference. The Conference will
191 be free for any government emergency management personnel.

192 Pat Santos also mentioned that SDMI is hosting an evacuation conference shortly
193 thereafter.

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195 D. GOHSEP UPDATE by Pat Santos

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197 Pat Santos reminded everyone of the 6:00 pm reception for Mark Cooper at
198 Superior Grill on July 20, 2011 and encouraged all to attend.

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200 **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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202 Obie Cambre announced that BRAMAS is putting on a conference the last week of
203 October, jointly with the State Police. LEPA will distribute information.

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205 Chris Guilbeaux asked about updating the website, particularly with the App being
206 developed by Brant. Pat Santos pointed out that some of the communications from
207 GOHSEP could be used by LEPA, as appropriate.

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209 Sandy Davis pointed out that he and Pat Santos serve on a regional advisory committee to
210 FEMA Region 6 and they are working on some standardized cost reimbursement
211 information standards for sheltering (rather than cost capturing and reporting
212 individually), based on evacuation sheltering to a specific standard. He pointed out that
213 some churches that were not sufficiently reimbursed after Katrina and Rita are reluctant
214 to do sheltering in the future.

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216 The next meeting will be held September 23, 2011.

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218 The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am on motion by Pat Santos.

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220 Respectfully submitted,

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224 Bland O'Connor
225 Executive Director