

# MARS MEETING

## NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004

### Sherburne County

Members Present: Vic Moen, Shelva Swanson, Becky Stanoch, Kevin Mettler, Clarice Peterson, Sue Mahn, Dottie Bartels, Alec Holman, Stephanie Sabyan, Mark Allen, Brenda Guidinger, Crystal Steinkamp, Kathy Poslusny, Mark Siemers.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m. by President Vic Moen.
2. Welcome, introductions, and preliminaries were conducted.  
The agenda was submitted by Vic Moen and was approved by Shelva Swanson, a seconded by Kevin Mettler.
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 8/6/04.  
Due to the fact that the secretary could not attend the meeting in Blue Earth County no meeting minutes were submitted. However, Kevin Mettler the host of the meeting reported an oral summary of the events that took place.
4. Treasurer's report: Becky Stanoch submitted the updated treasurer's report from November 5, 2004. The report indicates one new membership and expenditures of \$9.00 for three months of bank membership fees, and check #1015 for expenses incurred by Kevin Mettler for hosting the August meeting. The new balance as of 11/5/04 is \$1,412.56.
5. Old Business/ New Business

An open discussion was held regarding the meeting schedule for 2005. After much discussion the following schedule was formed.

2/4/05	Stearns County	Randy Hartnett from DOC Policy and Legal Services
5/6/05	Ramsey County	Steve Roelfs Olmstead County Sheriff's Dept
8/5/05	Blue Earth County	Jack McCowan
11/4/05	Sherburne County	Karen Carlson DOC Central Office

#### 6. Speaker

Mark Siemers was the featured speaker for the last meeting. He is currently the supervisor of the Institution/Community Work Service Program.

Mr. Siemers provided information regarding the background of the program. Mr. Siemers listed the program benefits in the community, and further listed the projects the ICWC program has completed over the

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## 7. Elections

Brenda Guidinger was elected President.  
Kevin Titus was re-elected as Secretary.

## 8. County Updates:

DFO: Just updated CSTS to the XP edition which they feel is not very user friendly but good to run reports on. Also they may lose one of their crews.

Sherburne County: Jail was expanded as the county has contracted to INS to hold temporary prisoners. They also are currently running three adult crews, one in custody STS crew, one daytime crew, one evening crew, and one juvenile crew.

Dakota County: They have currently suspended the victim/offender meeting program. They also discussed the case in which mercury was found by some juveniles in an abandoned warehouse and brought into the community.

Goodhue County: They have access to a video about the use and abuse of methamphetamine. If you would like to use the video please contact Rhonda VanSchoonhoven at 651-267-4900.

Dodge County: They also have updated their CSTS system to the XP edition. They held a third methamphetamine forum with local probation officers, and an appreciation gathering for all community work service sites.

Blue Earth County: Starting Drug Court within two months, still running a cognitive skills group, feels that numbers maybe down due to staggered sentencing.

Stearns County: Updated CSTS to XP edition, have new intake forms that are approximately four pages long.

Just a reminder to all that the Statewide Advanced Crew Leader Training will be held sometime toward the end of February location and date are still in question. For more information please contact Jim Mitchell Central Office at [Jmitchell@co.doc.state.mn.us](mailto:Jmitchell@co.doc.state.mn.us)  
651-603-6786

Also congratulation goes to Vic Moen who has been promoted to STS and Field Service Supervisor in Grand Rapids.

**Also a reminder to all, that memberships are due at the next meeting this Friday in St. Cloud.**