Metro Atlanta AMS/NWA Chapter Minutes
President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary
October 25, 2012

Attendance: 13

President’s Report
Polo shirts are available for purchase, additional shirts will also be ordered if interest supports it
National AMS and National NWA are also encouraging membership

Treasurer’s Report
Many members are registering/paying dues

Introduction of Guest Speaker, Mr. Robby Westbrooke

- Asserts that working relationships need to be fostered well before the disaster, not afterwards
- Important to study “disasters gone right” as well as “disasters gone wrong”
- Invites the members at large to attend the Emergency Operation Center training events
- Moved to its current location in 2001 – needed to gain in size; the size of an EOC needs to be
big enough to handle the needs of the community
- The EOC engages any organization in the community that can be of help in an
emergency/disaster situation (volunteers, community groups, faith-based volunteer groups,
unsolicited/unaffiliated/untrained volunteers)
- “Cherokee CARES” is the faith-based and unaffiliated volunteer group that comes together and
co-works with the Cherokee EOC to activate volunteers to citizens in need of help
- Hopes Emergency Management can work with the weather forecasters and find out what
weather forecasters do – an Emergency Manager should go to the NWS WFO and work a shift,
to see what it is like
- The best thing that the EOC’s and the NWS/Weather Broadcasters did together was the IWT
workshop at GTRI
- Social media, exit-by-exit information was critical for getting the word out during breaking
weather, like the Labor Day 2011 tornado

Q and A

President presents token of appreciation to speaker (AMS mug)

President announces November Meeting with the Ga DOT

Meeting adjourns