1) Meeting called to order at 8:45am by Chairman Frank Jennings.

2) President Thompson presented a written resignation by Mr. Ron Faulkner as Region 9 Director and a withdrawal from the election for Region 9. The Secretary accepted Mr. Faulkner’s resignation.

3) We have a quorum present.

4) Mr. Jennings welcomed all directors and officers and gave brief statement about convention status.

5) Minutes were distributed via email following last February’s meeting. Motion by Mr. Knott, 2nd by Mr. Cooper to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.
6) Election results were announced by President Thompson. Region 3: John Knott - 5 votes out of 5 received, Region 6: Mr. Frank Jennings – 5 votes out of 5 received, Region 9: Ron Faulkner - 4 votes out of 4 received. (Note: Mr. Faulkner had withdrawn from the election, leaving position vacant) 2 ballots were received with “no” next to the candidates name and were not included in the count. Singleton & Bardowski, LLC Accountants, conducted the count and certified the results in a letter to the board. Motion by Mr. Fry, 2nd by Mr. Kaster to approve results. Motion passed.

Discussion was then held regarding vacancies on the board for Region 1 and Region 9. Mr. Thompson read an email message from Kenny Jagdeosingh (Trinidad). Motion by Mr. Thompson, 2nd by Mr. Cooper to appoint Mr. Jagdeosingh to Region 9 Director position if he accepts. Motion passed. (Note: Mr. Jagdeosingh was contacted immediately and accepted, effective as of the close of 2002 convention.) Discussion held regarding potential Region 1 candidates. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Thompson will write letter to each team in Region 1 asking them to propose nominees for the board to consider.

7) 2002 Convention Status – Copies available via the hotel office at 25 cents per page. Mr. Besing explained conversation with convention host regarding such support, but said rate quoted earlier was only 10 cents per page and might be negotiable. He stated that is it unlikely that convention host will have copier available during convention. No copies of the final convention schedule were made available at this time, other than what was published in last issue of REACTer magazine. Registrations will be opened at 9am today; board members to register during break time if needed.

8) Treasurer Reports – Copies were mailed to all directors and officers from the office. Mr. Besing credited Mr. Norm Kaplan for doing a good job as assistant treasurer, relieving the workload on him. Mr. Besing continues to get faxed copies of all checks, but Dora Wilbanks and Mr. Kaplan have been signing all checks. Mr. Knott made the suggestion that the report be created in PDF format and emailed to save costs. He felt that Pie charts were not needed for this purpose. It was noted that the March 2002 report showed $15,000+ in misc expense posted to the wrong account in error, was transferred to insurance fees paid after correction. It was noted the ending balance for June 2002 in Checking was $21,669.24, higher than the normal balance. This was caused by a transfer of funds (aprox $16k) for life membership distribution from another account and will be distributed back into interest bearing accounts during July. Mr. Besing and Mr. Thompson are not receiving copies of the Salomon Smith Barney (SSB) investment reports at present time, but Mr. Jennings has been receiving his copy. Mr. Jennings read current report showing growth in all investment accounts. Mr. Jennings directed Mr. Thompson and Mr. Besing to change the mailings of these reports so that they received copies along with himself, and no others besides the office were to receive copies direct from SSB.

<Mr. Leef joined the meeting in progress at 9:20am on July 15, 2002.>

9) Officer Reports – no formal reports received. Discussion by Mr. Cooper regarding resignation of chairpersons from Convention & Site Selection Committee (Selma Dhassa)
and Awards Committee (Florence Hedges). Paul Oby has accepted appointment to Convention & Site Selection, while Leland Johnson has accepted appointment to Awards.

10) Reports of committees of the board: None received. Discussion held about providing backup person to assist Dora Wilbanks in office, cover for time off, etc. Motion by Mr. Murrell, 2nd by Mr. Leef to seek part time person from temp agency to assist Dora in the office. Motion passed.

<Meeting recessed for 20-minute break>

11) Corporate Committee Reports: Mr. Cooper reported on status of various committees.
   A) Life Membership: Mr. Gamble had submitted a written report that also included his resignation as Life Membership Chair. Life members will select a new chair during convention, CC Roberts of Hawaii.
   B) Membership Development & Retention: Mr. Ed Greany has been most active with Membership Committee and has built a team of committee members from all parts of the USA. They are working on revising forms for officer approval. Discussion held on recommended procedure for new team charter applications to set 30-day response limit by directors, council or local team as applicable. Complaint was expressed about at least one Council known to have taken several months to six months to act at their next council meeting. Mr. Thompson explained current RI policy has set 35 days limit from date info has been mailed from HQ to the council/director/local team. Discussion held on idea of letting new teams signing up after July, to pay full dues for one year per member to cover current and subsequent year, locking in the memberships. Defer further discussion of this idea until agenda item later in meeting. Recommendation that the board take action to approve request for new printing of bumper stickers, develop Spanish version brochures and section of the website to reach potential members speaking that language. Discussion held on 800 numbers being checked for availability. Number accepted was 866-REACT99.
   C) Training: Emergency Communications Course. Nobody has successfully passed this course certification. Question was raised about developing a monitoring program/manual or updating the existing manual created years ago. Mr. Leef said his local team spends 1/2 hour at each meeting studying a section of this course. Mr. Thompson said we could restart promotions of this course in the REACTer (but not the website at this time).
   D) FCC Liaison: Mr. William Riley has been working on the issue of encouraging GMRS manufacturers to publicize the need to obtain a license before operating a GMRS radio on other than FRS frequencies.
   E) Public Relations: Mr. Ron McCracken is present at convention, but no report at this point.
   F) REACTer: Mr. Stuart DeLuca is present at convention, report to be submitted later.
   G) Emergency Communications: problem contacting Chris Myers, chairperson, due to change in email address.
   H) Convention & Site Selection: Mr. Cooper reported that Vanderburgh County REACT in Evansville, Indiana had submitted a successful bid for 2003 convention on behalf of the Indiana State Council. Mr. George Lynn, president of host Team, to present details on Thursday prior to the open board meeting
Meeting recessed 11:50am for lunch, resume at 1pm with videos by Bob Kaster

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m. same in attendance

12) Review Committee Structure and Operation: Mr. Thompson explained further his idea of abolishing the office of VP and make the office of Executive VP permanent, confirming the role of the Executive VP in supervising administrative committees. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Thompson would return later in the meeting with specific wording for the proposed modification to the bylaws.

13) Consider Current Committee Chairman and Performance: Mr. Cooper discussed each committee and their performance to date. He will meet with Mr. McCracken during convention to discuss the PR Committee and his continuing role. An attempt will be made during the convention to identify persons for each vacant position.

14) Bylaw Amendments: Mr. Leef suggested we needed to clarify section 7.8 regarding who appoints committee chairpersons, currently being done by the President. If it were a board committee, the chairman of the board would appoint, if a membership committee, then the president.

Motion by Mr. Leef, 2nd by Mr. Knott, to direct the president to develop modifications to Article 7 to reflect the current difference between committees of the board versus temporary committees of the membership, and to return such wording to the board for approval. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Leef, 2nd by Mr. Cooper, for the board to establish a nominating committee of the board to find a minimum of two qualified candidates available for election in each director region at least six months prior to the election. Discussion held. Mr. Thompson suggested the committee ought to be formed in the affected region, rather than the board selecting its own replacements to represent that region. He felt that a candidate “endorsed” by such a committee would have an advantage over a candidate nominated from the field. Mr. Cooper felt this should be expanded to cover the search for committee chairpersons. A question was raised about how this nomination committee would find the information on which to base their recommendations. Mr. Leef suggested that by monitoring who published on the REACT-L list, in the REACTer or team/council newsletters we could identify from a number of sources that they could approach to run. He has identified a few potential members to serve on this nomination committee. Mr. Jennings commented that we (the board) have been remiss in getting the word out in advance regarding the need for candidates to run for the election in a region. Mr. Thompson stated that he was working with Mr. DeLuca to establish a calendar of events for scheduled announcements in the REACTer for issues such as this. Mr. Thompson stated he felt the resolution should include full details on the composition and duties of this nominating committee. The board referred to section 7.6 of the bylaws regarding the creation of a special or temporary committee. The question was raised about regional or organization wide committees. Mr. Cooper asked Mr. Leef to work up a “duties and responsibility” mission statement for this committee. Mr. Cooper then
withdrew his 2nd to the original motion pending further details. Mr. Leef will return later with more details on this subject.

A question was raised about setting a two-year term for the office of president. Mr. Murrell stated he felt the first year was a learning experience and that he had only begun to know his job when his term was up. It was the consensus of the board that this would be desirable and would wait for specific language proposals before taking action.

15) Review Policies: (review occurred on 07/16, Bob Leef not present) All policies are numbered to correspond with the applicable bylaws section.
   A) Motion by Mr. Thompson, 2nd by Mr. Kaster to waive the two-year membership requirement for those 65 or older wishing to apply for Life Membership. Motion Passed.
   B) Policy 1.2 Compliance with IRS – Approved
   C) Policy 3.1 Membership Dues & Renewals – Approved as amended above.
   D) Policy 3.3 Councils – Approved
   E) Policy 3.6 Charter of New Teams – Approved
   F) Policy 4.1 Convention Site Locations – Bids should be submitted at least 2 years prior to proposed convention date. – Approved
   G) Policy 5.2 Regional Election of Directors – Elected/Reelected directors are seated at the first session of the board (convention). Approved
   H) Policy 6.1 Resolution of Complaints with RI – Approved
   I) Policy 6.2 Releasing of Documents – Approved
   J) Policy 9.1 Expenses of RI Officers, Directors, and Staff – Approved
   K) Policy 9.3 National Projects – Approved
   L) Policy 9.4 RI Mailing lists – Approved
   M) Policy 9.10 RI Trademarks – New – Approved
   Motion by Mr. Knott, 2nd by Mr. Kaster to approve the rewritten policies as amended. Motion passed. (Bob Leef not present for vote)

16) Awards: Discussion regarding the lack of ‘standard’ for awards issued by the board, the president, the appearance, qualifications and who would determine the awards. The Goebel award has varied in wording, size and appearance over the years, depending upon who ordered the plaque. Some have been in the form of walnut style plaques while others were computer-generated certificates with or without a frame or mounting. Discussion held on various sources and the need to stock a supply in the offices to allow inexpensive generation of awards as needed. Referred to the President.

17) Financial Review: Mr. Besing presented copies of financial reports as of end of June 2002, including P&L, Balance Sheet, and April 28, 2002 Investment Statements. Budget items included on the printouts from Quick Books were incorrectly based upon the initial 2002 proposed budget rather than the actual 2002 adopted budget.

18) Insurance: Discussion held on bonding insurance apparently purchased by Mr. Lanshe in a previous year, up for renewal. Policy issued by Travelers and Aetna covering “volunteers in service” dated July 1st through June 30. Deductibles of $250 or $500 applied to each loss, but should cover a REACT team in the event a member is accused of mishandling funds for
their team or another organization in the conduct of their services. Some teams routinely
work events where their members have access to cash belonging to another organization.
Cost of policy is $1485/year. Questions were raised about wording in the policy regarding
“salaried employees” versus “volunteer members”. It was the consensus that the Board was
in favor of pursuing this coverage if the president could obtain verification of coverage.

19) Review of progress of WPRT-970 Radio License: Mr. Thompson has been unable to obtain
local help on this license modification and has asked Mr. William Riley for his help to make
this license usable by our subsidiary teams. Reports of some teams using the license without
authorization were made, referred to the applicable director. Discussion by Mr. Leef on the
agency he uses to coordinate licensing.

20) REACT International Computer System: Mr. Besing reported that we needed to set up a
“members only” area using the database to screen access, perhaps by their member number
and team number. Mr. Johnny Stowers has automated the team/council web page sections
of the website, using some macros to generate the individual council/team pages directly
from the database. It takes him about 45 minutes or less to download the current database,
generate the new pages and upload to the website. If the information is wrong in the
database, it will be wrong on the website. There are three update form pages on the website
to allow update of Council, Team or personal info, where the updates are sent only to Dora
Wilbanks (and Mr. Stowers for extra verification). Southwestern REACT of San Diego has
created a new website, www.southwesternreact.org, under the new $60/year hosting program
being offered by Mr. Besing’s company. Other forms will be added soon, once the new
member only area has been established. Discussion held regarding the offering of free email
alias accounts to all members using the domain name “react.org”. Mr. Besing to look into
the technicalities and expense of providing this service to the members.

21) ECOM Program: Discussion about Mr. Tom Currie’s ECOM training program, available
from the Internet, computer disk, or paper copy from REACT International (via Tom).
Motion by Mr. Fry, 2nd by Mr. Murrell to resume promoting the availability of this program
in various formats (electronic or paper copy) in the REACTer or internal mailings. Motion
passed.

Meeting recessed at 5:30pm, July 15, 2002 until 8am July 16, 2002>
Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m. same in attendance>

22) Fundraising proposal: Mr. Thompson read materials from an independent TeleWrx
Communications rep (member of Reli REACT) proposing to market long distance /
telecommunications services with Internet Services to our members. Mr. Besing suggested
referring this to Mr. Charlie Land (Texas) who works in the industry regarding reliability of
this company or their offer. Mr. Fry discussed 3.x cents per minute calling cards and cell
phone offers. Mr. Knott suggested the members were capable of selecting their own phone
service and we didn’t want to be in the middle of it, especially if the provider failed.

23) Agenda Items requested by Director Leef
A) Regional statistics: Membership count by team by region on monthly basis to allow
comparison of this month against status of last year same month. Mr. Besing directed to
ask computer services committee to modify database to start accumulating this data.

B) CAP MOU: Mr. Leef reported the MOU is being passed among various CAP personnel
for discussion but moving slow.

C) Calendar: Mr. Leef reported members have not been submitting photos for this project,
and the project is considered dead.

D) REACT in Mexico City, Philippines, Caracas: Translating current brochures into
Spanish at present time.

E) Toll Free Number: Motion by Mr. Leef, 2nd by Mr. Knott to acquire 877-REACTINFO
for a toll free number terminated at the office. Recommendation to have it terminated on
the second line in the RI office (301-316-2901). Motion passed. Mr. Charlie Land has
offered to cover the cost of this line as long as usage remains “reasonable”, but reserves
the right to submit the bills to RI should usage rise above a level he was willing to donate
out of his pocket. New bumper stickers should use new number. Answering machine
may be needed for second line since current machine only answers line 1. Message needs
updating.

F) PSA by Oklahoma County REACT will use new toll free number and perhaps web
address.

G) Awards: Team/Council Website contest to be run by RI Awards committee instead of
convention host.

H) Computer Services: Review of status for “member only” area to allow signing up new
members via the website by team officers.

I) Publication Review: Mr. Leef said there were some modules on the shelf in Suitland that
were factually obsolete but were still being distributed from our office. He has been
working with Mr. Tom Currie and Mr. Stuart DeLuca to replace these booklets with a
combined module that address those subjects, plus new materials.

J) Monitoring Reports: Mr. Leef discussed the absence of monitoring reports by teams on
an annual basis. Only 7% of teams have taken time to complete the reports. Discussion
held on simplifying the report to keep the usefulness while making it more likely they
will be completed and returned. Mr. Leef suggested that “man hours” should be tracked
for monitoring and event communications on an existing form, plus room for reporting
any abnormal or significant events or calls (which would be referred to PR for action).
Mr. Besing suggested a version of the “early bird” contest for those teams who submit
their “man hours report”. Motion by Mr. Leef, 2nd by Mr. Knott to eliminate the
existing monitoring report form and substitute a new annual reporting procedure to
collect total team hours spent for monitoring and public service activities. Motion
passed. Mr. Knott also suggested that this information be collected via the website on
the team update form page.

K) Caps and Flashes: Caps discussed earlier, will be placed before delegates at open board
meeting on Thursday. Flash would be separate patch below existing patch. Discussion
held on size of patch, fit on baseball cap being affected by added flash. “Volunteer
Communications” is 24 letters, resulting in tiny lettering not very readable from distance
if put on 1-line. Consensus of the board is to support the 2-line version of the flash.

L) Insurance Claims: Mr. Leef asked if our office if receiving copies of any/all claims filed
by/against REACT Teams with our coverage.
M) MOU updates: Mr. Cooper met with American Red Cross to discuss their “partners” and got a contact directory of these other agencies. Mr. Thompson has reviewed our existing agreements but we have not approached any of the other agencies for updates.

N) Team Handbook: Status still needs updating to replace obsolete information. We keep a master “hard” copy in the office, but do not have most of it in electronic format. Mr. Besing suggested a company in San Antonio (DM2000) could scan the document into electronic format to allow distribution via disk or website.

<Meeting recessed at 10:15am, July 16, 2002 until 4pm July 16, 2002>

24) REACT Cap bids: President Thompson presented samples of black caps with REACT patches (made in USA) with sewn on patches from USA Industries of Oklahoma Inc. $4.75 mesh and $5 solid /each for 1,000 caps. Same quality cap as provided to the US Military, made in Georgia. He would supply and apply embroidered REACT patches to a hat of our choice for $1.95 each. A second bid was presented from Caps Unlimited in Garland, Texas at $3.40 for 1,000 caps (not made in USA) with embroidered patches heat process/glued on front rather than sewn. Color had been previously set to solid black at the February 2002 board meeting. Mr. Besing suggested we bring this to the floor during open board meeting on Thursday.

25) Budget review – mid-term: Based upon our average monthly expenses, we should end the year breaking even or in the black.

26) Report on Disaster Response Procedures Committee: Mr. Kaster presented a one-page draft version of his report as of this date. He stated it was incomplete and not ready for release. A modified Emergency Plan was distributed based upon the Florida Council’s plan. Mr. Leef distributed a one-page report. Discussion held about encouraging Teams/Councils to develop contingency plans for disaster response. Discussion on Homeland Security. Mr. Besing suggested that RI’s purpose in a disaster was threefold, 1) coordinate manpower & equipment offers from outside teams/sources, 2) coordinate information flow both directions, and 3) to coordinate donations. Discussion to be continued on Thursday.

<meeting recessed at 5:33pm July 16, 2002, until 10am July 17, 2002>

27) Announcement (if any) of Officer Changes: None

28) Consider Status of any Director who has missed two consecutive meetings: None

29) Consider appointment, if needed, of directors to fill vacancies: Region 9 has been filled with the earlier appointment of Kenny JagdeoSingh of Trinidad and Tobago. Region 1 is still vacant. Discussion held with decision to have President and Chairman send written letter to each team in Region 1 asking for nominations for consideration. Remaining term of office for Region 1 is 1 year, with elections to be held in 2003.
30) Other Business: Need to generate paper certificate awards for committee chairs and plaques for former director/officers who resigned this year. The winner of the design contest will receive a check that is being held presently by Mr. Cooper.

31) Convention Site Selection: Mr. Cooper reported that the only bid for 2003’s convention was received from Vanderburgh County REACT in Evansville, Indiana in conjunction with the Indiana State REACT Council. There is no bid active for 2004 at present time.

32) Further discussion about Disaster Plan, reports regarding RI operations involved with 9/11/2001 focusing on the response by RI to support council and local operations. Scope of Bob Kaster’s committee was to develop what RI’s response should be to develop a database of manpower, resources, appointing a contact person to handle coordination and information flow during major disaster operations. Mr. Kaster stated he would take this information presented and flesh out his committee report before returning to the board for final presentation and action. Mr. Murrell suggested we could handle this via email and verify any votes at the February Board Meeting. Mr. Thompson explained that the bylaws allowed for this remote process with unanimous vote by all directors.

33) Motion by Mr. Fry, 2nd by Mr. Cooper to establish a base line supply of convention ribbons to be kept in RI office for delivery to each year’s convention host. The convention host will pay the cost of ribbons used during the convention. This will maintain consistency over the years and ensure adequate supply during conventions. Motion passed.

34) Mr. Stuart presented a story about Texas Council joining Another Way Texas Shares to raise a few thousand dollars per year. He suggested that RI and councils should consider joining regional or national federations of similar scope and purpose. Motion by Mr. Leef, 2nd by Mr. Thompson to approve the Treasurer to investigate memberships in possible fund raising federations. Motion passed.

35) Mr. Thompson reported that he had overlooked a couple of policies, those dealing with state council policy and revocation of team charters. They were not in electronic format and will have to be retyped. He will review these and distribute via email to all directors for action “Real Soon”.

36) Discussion held on agenda for open board meeting Thursday. Mr. Besing suggested we needed to formalize the proposal to provide a one time fee reduction for charter members of future teams whereby new teams would pay the $15 charter fee, plus normal full dues per each charter member, but no insurance fee for the first year, and they would be registered for the current year plus the second year. During the second year, those affected charter members would be exempt from paying normal dues, but the team still pays the insurance fees in place at time of renewal for all members. Mr. Jennings stated that this action would be placed on the agenda.

37) Discussion of situation pending with life member who was being accused by local team for misappropriation of funds. No report has been official received as of this date. The council and directors directly involved have been informed of the details but no action has been referred to the membership committee of the board or the full board at this time. Discussion
held on past situations and procedures followed by Life Member Committee. Current
bylaws require any life membership or team charter revocation be reviewed and handled by
the board’s membership committee.

38) Board meeting with Committee Chairs:
A) Publication Review: Stuart DeLuca reported the REACTer will be under budget due to
the mailing list has been pruned down to eliminate dropped members, about 1/3 reduction
in the number of copies printed and mailed. He stopped in Wichita, Kansas to visit
Valley Offset Printing’s facility on way to convention and met with the staff. He
discussed the new “REACT Radio Systems” and “Planning a Community Event” manual.
Discussion held on process of obtaining approval and printing of new documents on
paper or PDF electronic format. Mr. Thompson recommended keeping the masters in
electronic format and printing “as needed” in the office.
B) Emergency Response: Bob Lumpkin suggested that the NDCAT model was not as
effective as a regional basis as doing this on regional/local team basis. Referred to Chris
Myers of Florida.
C) Joe Nadeau reported www.cyberstationusa.com carries his show live on 4:30pm-5:00pm
EST on Thursdays. He presented copies of the PSA he uses to make 30 or 60-second
announcements about REACT.
D) Ron McCracken reported on his resignation from PR Liaison six weeks ago. He offered
to submit a written report after the convention. He urged that his replacement be selected
who is on the same ‘wavelength’ as the board to avoid wasted efforts. He mentioned his
feelings on the ‘800’ number topic, the 40th anniversary logo design and the length of
time to get something approved.

39) Board meeting with Council Presidents (Wisconsin, Iowa, Pacific NW, Michigan, Florida,
Texas, Indiana, Minnesota, Illinois)
A) Discussion on process to approve new team charter applications. Policy will require
response from council / director within 35 days from initial mailing from RI, and will be
approved if no response received. This assumes team contacted RI instead of the council.
This does not prevent a council from working with a new team and taking longer to
complete the process if RI is in the loop and action is being taken. The problem has been
where action was delayed until the next council meeting, thus losing potential teams.
B) Mr. Thompson explained a new policy of charging new teams the ‘per member’ annual
dues amount without the insurance premium, and giving charter members the 2nd year
free. Insurance dues would be required for second year. Dues for subsequent members
will be charged.
C) Mr. Thompson instructed secretary to see that each council receives a full membership
list of all teams within their council on an annual basis or when new teams are chartered
in that council.

40) Open Board Meeting – 1:45pm, July 18, 2002
A) All directors/officers present, except for vacant region 1 & 9, a quorum is present.
B) Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank Jennings. Pledge & invocation, moment of
silence.
C) Indiana Council made presentation prior to the beginning of the meeting for 2003
council proposal.

D) Mr. Jennings made opening statements. President Thompson announced the
appointment of Paul Oby (MN) for Chairman of Convention and Site Selection, and
Leland Johnson returning to chairman of the Awards Committee, for the remainder of the
term expiring February 2003. CC Roberts was selected by the life members to be their
“Life Member Chairman” for the next year.

E) The new toll free number for REACT International membership will be 866-REACT99.
The number “877-REACTINFO” was not available when we tried to reserve it on July
17, 2002.

F) Mr. Thompson explained the new fee structure for newly chartered teams where the
members pay full year dues, but their member expiration date will be the end of next year
(in this case 2003).

G) Use of REACT Trademark by Teams/Councils:
1) Stuart DeLuca (Travis County REACT 3022, Texas) asked for clarification from the
board regarding use of the REACT Trademark by Teams/Councils. Ron McCracken
(Lake Simco REACT, Ontario) commented on the restriction preventing teams from
providing items not competing with RI, citing the Illinois Council with their mylar
REACT logo and others. Craig Hoephner (Iowa) showed his jacket with a flash
surrounding another patch.

2) C.C. Roberts (Hawaii) asked about items not in competition with RI, such as a key
lanyard produced by a local team with “REACT” repeated around it on orange
background. He had approached a traffic safety vest mfg who was willing to produce
custom reflective vests with “REACT” on them. He described the black vest used by
many of his team members that appears to reflect as silver at night.

3) Joan Shrigley (Illinois) mentioned the Illinois Council’s attempt to market a 35th
anniversary patch with a small percentage paid back to RI. She suggested a similar
arrangement could be offered to teams/councils who want to produce a unique
product.

4) Tom Jenkins (Idaho) spoke on same subject. Pat Knight (Texas) stated several teams
in Texas had adopted the “all services” patch and said “boy howdy” that the members
should keep asking until the board got the message that they wanted these other
items. This gathered applause from the audience.

H) CC Roberts reported that the requirements for applying for Life Membership has been
changed to waive the 2 years of regular membership requirement for those aged 65 and
older. Doc Gruis (Iowa) addressed the topic in support.

I) Mr. Cooper reported the chair of the convention & site selection committee position was
vacant, so he received the original bid from Vanderburgh County REACT (on behalf of
the Indiana Council) and forwarded to the officers and board. The package has been
reviewed and accepted, and is now being presented to the delegates for consideration.
Motion made by Iowa, 2nd by Illinois to recommend that the RI Board accept the
recommendation for 2003 Convention in Indiana. Action by the board followed.
Motion by Mr. Knott, 2nd by Mr. Kaster to accept the 2003 Convention Bid from
Vanderburgh County REACT (Evansville, Indiana) for the date range of July 21-24, 2003. Motion passed. Chairman Jennings passed the traveling gavel to Director Jack Murrell (Indiana Council President) for next year’s convention.

J) Stuart DeLuca (Texas) reported that advertising rates in the REACTer have been reduced by about 50% to attract more advertisers, and he expects to see a noticeable increase in future issues. He would like to see someone to help sell advertising in the REACTer for a small commission. Contact Dick Cooper if you are interested.

K) Tom Jenkins (Idaho) reported the new 40th Anniversary logo decal stickers were in the REACT store at the convention. 26 decals, 3 sizes, for $2/package.

L) Bob Kaster (Oklahoma) presented two video clips to be used as PSA’s by REACT. These PSA clips were a class project of Oklahoma City Community College. One featured the World Trade Center photos from the RI website, the other was severe weather related. Comments were made concerning color of lights, ideas for verbiage or other photos to include. Archie Hawley (Illinois) asked for a longer version to be used at ham fests or other activities on a loop. Doc Gruis (Iowa) commented on lack of voice being a good attention getter, rather than an irritating voice, and asked if there were any protocols about displaying the US Flag in the background.

M) Mr. Thompson asked the delegates if they would be interested in having a personal email address through REACT International with the address “yourname@react.org”. Discussion held regarding importance for all Teams and Councils to obtain such address, and availability of access via community libraries, schools, or neighbors. He suggested any attendees needing help in obtaining a Hotmail or other address, see the operator of the computer in Hospitality or Operations following this meeting. (note: 9 new addresses were set up via Hotmail for this purpose)

41) Paul Deaver (Oklahoma) asked Mr. Thompson what the procedure was to approach the board to ask permission to produce an item with the REACT name or logo. Mr. Thompson asked for a written letter to outline what the proposal by the team or council planned.

42) Paul Oby (Minnesota) brought his team’s original charter for folks to see what they looked like. He brought some flyers from a local (to him) ham dealer who he had approached unsuccessfully to attend the convention. He had current price lists and pictures of a safety vest being used by their team.

43) Stuart DeLuca (Texas) reminded delegates that any team can get an updated charter on fancy certificate paper with the REACT logo watermark in the back ground, available for $5. Send the $5 with the order to Dora Wilbanks at RI offices.

44) Motion by Mr. Thompson, 2nd by Mr. Kaster that we stand in recess unless any business arises before midnight July 18, 2002, sine die. Motion passed.

45) Travis County REACT provided written request to be allowed to have a modified “All Services” patch made and resold to other REACT members, with 50 cents per patch being
donated to REACT International. Matter referred to board for consideration and passed by officer action at the direction of the board.

No further action was submitted to the board prior to set deadline to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by Lee W. Besing, Secretary