

## AMS/NWA MEMPHIS 20 MARCH 2012 MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening Comments, - a welcome to everyone and thanks for attending.
2. The 2012 scholarship committee volunteers were named and given thanks for their upcoming participation. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup> for scholarship nominees. Applications have been sent out to nearby colleges that may have students from the Memphis CWA.
3. Nominations for next year's AMS/NWA Memphis Chapter officers are due in May at the next meeting.
4. Jim Branda gave the treasurer's report; there is \$640.95 in the savings/scholarship fund and \$755.36 in the checking account with a new total balance of \$1,396.31 in available funds.
5. If anyone has not paid dues and would still like to; please see Jim Branda.
6. No other business was brought to the table and everyone was asked if they had any questions.
7. Introduction to the night's speaker: Matt Reagan a graduate student from Mississippi State University. Matt first discussed the climatology of cloud to ground lightning and severe hail in storms across the Memphis and Jackson NWS's County Warning Area since 2005, second he discussed his attempt in modeling cloud ground strikes in forecasting severe hail and how it compared to a logistic regression model. Third, the study allowed for a good script of lightning data for further study and flexibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Branda, Secretary

Approved,

Tom Salem, President