



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting Minutes

3/28/19

President Mike Casey welcomed new guest Bard Prochaska

Mike Casey stressed that all NIMS completion and CPR certification are required to be a Volunteer Fireman. He thanked Andrew Van Dort from BiLo for providing supper.

Mike stated all financials are in order. Tommy Sandel, Treasurer, reported our bank balance, and stated that all our money is in the bank! Mike also pointed out that \$50,000 is earmarked for renovation of the building which is at least 2 years away.

Mike stated he had a problem asking for donations with the amount of money we have in the bank. He would like to get our free money to a lower balance before asking for donations. He also suggested we state to our donors what the money will be earmarked for; i.e. renovations to the fire station; refurbishing of our ladder truck; getting an I.D. bag for all volunteers.

Andrew Van Dort questioned if we were a non-profit and could we use our monies to help organizations in need. No, we cannot; it is illegal. Our money is to benefit the fire department only. Mike stated he will talk to I & I to see if we can use some money for PR.

Scotts Epps suggested designing t-shirts for just the volunteer fire dept. volunteers which would separate us from those sold to the public. And a good allocation of funds would be to equip all volunteers with a safety gear bag-vest, flashlight, hat, t-shirt, etc. for all of us to have on calls. Thad Daise suggested we put together a list of items of what we need when we respond to calls and everyone gets them. Ken Dasen said he would be in charge of list.

A motion was made; any and all active personnel will be provided at no cost, the necessary emergency ID bag for responding to a fire call so as to be recognized; if you become non-compliant, then it must be returned to the dept. Motion seconded and passed.

Kate Hall suggested to get all the "old" t-shirts organized and in order. Andrew Van Dort proposed selling all the old t-shirts at BiLo on Saturdays to bleed down the old inventory.

Cindy Lenz raised concerns about not getting credit for responding late to fire calls after First Responders have left the scene. Scott reminded us that we have a 30-minute grace period to get back to fire station and report being there. It is in our by-laws. Talk to Chief Conley or Mike to report problems.

A motion was made to get our Safety gear bag for Volunteers by the April meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Mike suggested we use these Safety gear bags as training for next month's meeting.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bess Kellett