

### **Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department**

# Meeting Minutes 04/29/19

**Guest speaker Glenn Hamm of Hamm Hardware in Prosperity**, SC gave a presentation on the G4 and G5 pagers by Unication for the fire department to consider. He outlined all the features, bells and whistles of these pagers. It will require training to use them and Rubin Carter agreed to program and try out both pager models and will report back to the Chief.

**Kelly Moore**, special Projects Coordinator for the Town of Edisto Beach asked for volunteers for the Edisto Beach Cookin' on the Creek BBQ festival May 31-June 1. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets, t-shirts, beer, and be servers for the cooks for 2 shifts times on Friday, and 3 on Saturday. Volunteers will receive free admission and a t-shirt for working. All proceeds will benefit Bay Creek Park. She will send me a schedule of shifts to send out. Scott Epps suggested we wear our EBVFD t-shirts, and also, sell our EBVFD t-shirts.

Scott Epps talked about Brandon Gruber, a firefighter with breast cancer; he wants us as a group to sponsor a hole for \$100 for the Big B Charity golf tournament, May 11 at the Plantation Course to benefit Brandon. Chief Conley wants to put a team together; \$80 a team. It was discussed and everyone agreed.

Mike Casey then thanked our guest Glenn Hamm and called the meeting to order.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

March meeting minutes approval-motion made, second, approved. Mike Casey said several inactive members have asked to come off of the EBVFD. Wendy Griffin expressed disappointment in not knowing what to do when responding to a call or anything; she wants better training. Mike promised he would make sure we do a better job on training. Chief Conley noted we have a 2 hour meeting once a month; we only train for 30 minutes and then have our meeting. He invited all volunteers to come to the station anytime to get trained! It was also discussed to have t-shirts sells at all Edisto Beach events. But Mike emphasized the proceeds from t-shirt sells could not be used for donations (as in the Brandon Gruber situation).

#### **New Business:**

Final draft of donation letter was presented by Mike, emphasizing "what the money is earmarked for" and listed them in the letter for the public to know. We have been doing very well with fundraisers! Motion to approve the letter was made, seconded, and approved.

ID's are being made by Chief Conley. If you need one, then go see him, text or email picture to him.

Great new t-shirt shirt design was presented in both adult and kids sizes for the EBVFD to sell to the public-motion made, seconded and approved.

Mike also presented to volunteers a Columbia "fishing" shirt just for the EBVFD to wear. It will have left chest embroidery and possibly an embroidered design on the back. Scott Epps proposed embroidery of our names



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on the shirts. Sample sizes will be ordered for volunteers to try. After discussion, motion made to buy the fishing shirts, seconded and approved.

All Safety gear for our "goody bags" is on order; everything is coming in piece meal.

Mike discussed selling our unused fish fry equipment, small enclosed trailer and cookers. He wants volunteers to find out value of the equipment. Bard Prochaska and Rubin Carter agreed to find their worth. Scott Epps wants to sell them at the BBQ fest. Mike said we will keep the large trailer. Motion made to sell equipment once we know its value, seconded and approved.

#### **Training:**

Storm duties-volunteers have access to the island during evacuation and afterwards. Chief needs volunteer to help with cleanup, tree removal and traffic control.

Next meeting in June will be purely training meeting; Mike hopes all the "goody bags" gear will be in; one hour minimum with a short business meeting.

#### Financial:

Mike stated our account statement is in good order.

#### **Chief's Report:**

Mike has gloves, flashlights, gear bags, vests, medical gloves ordered with our EBVFD logo on them. We are waiting on the bags and gear to arrive and will get to all us ASAP. All is on order. Chief got us some heavy duty medical gloves for us and it was emphasized that we ALWAYS wear gloves to protect ourselves. Be safe!

#### Thanks to Andrew Van Dort for supper.

Motion to adjourn; seconded, approved

Respectfully submitted,

Bess Kellett



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