TRAINING:

Mike Casey stated we need to review basic 1st Aid; just a yearly review. Next month, CPR review only with no instructor. Therefore, Scott Epps went over basic 1st Aid using our supply Bag as a guide.

Points covered: first thing is to make sure the scene is safe; next, put those orange gloves on, safety eyewear. Protect yourself! Then identify yourself as a First Responder. Stay calm, talk calm to the patient. We can supply our bags for free from the fire station, with gauze, tape, cloths, cold and hot packs; whatever we feel comfortable using as long as we know how. If not, then don’t use it. As Mike pointed out: Key points for us- Scene safe/Body substance Isolation/ Then identify as a First Responder. These 3 are the only things we need to concern ourselves with. Step aside once the paramedics arrive.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

New ID’s need to be made by the Chief once the new machine arrives. They are working on it!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike wants to form committees; he will call us.

**Election of New Officers:** President-Mike Casey; Vice-President-Wendy Griffin; Treasurer-Tommy Sandel; Secretary-Bess Kellett. All were nominated, seconded, and approved for office.

Car Insurance ID requirement question was brought up; the main reason being for liability protection. Joe Stalvey talked about being covered fully by his old department in Pa. Mike will look into it.

**Non-participating members** have been moved to auxiliary or inactive status but they have the chance to be re-instated if they start attending meetings, trainings, and responding to calls, and meet the Fire Chief and Volunteer President for approval. But those inactive are off the roster.

Mike said tell the Chief if you cannot make a meeting! One of the perks for being an active volunteer is Dental Insurance through Met Life. Ask the Chief for the card.

**T-Shirt sales**: Wendy and Kate have been terrific and sold over $700 worth of T-shirts at the Chili Cook-off. But now we need to re-order T-shirts to replenish dwindling stock.

Tommy Sandel wants us to give a vendor in Walterboro a chance to bid on the shirts. He states his guy is a lot cheaper and would save us tons of money. He will get a shirt to take to vendor in Walterboro to get a quote.

Ted Kuntz was asked to research as to whether we are required to seek bids on T-Shirts. No indication that competitive bids required but Mike Casey requested that we adopt a policy of seeking at least 3 bids before ordering T-Shirts. Voted on and approved.

Therefore, Ken Dasen suggested to buy intermediate stock up to $500 to get the T-Shirts quickly and then we get the three competitive quotes for the next big order.

Thad Daise made a motion that we form a T-shirt committee with our new VP Wendy Griffin to make decisions on all t-shirt issues. It was 2nd and approved.

Wendy asked if we could sell the really old t-shirts for $5.00 to get rid of them. Yes from Mike or maybe sell two $20 t-shirts and get one old shirt for free as another option.

Tax Forms: Mike handed out the tax forms stating you need 70 points to qualify for the $3000 state tax write off and reviewed each section on how to qualify. Ken Dasen mentioned you could get audited if don’t have proof of some of the training classes you took. He did get audited. So have proof!

**Review of call log procedures:** Mike reviewed the call log handout extensively and told us to make sure we get our names in the Volunteer log book in a timely matter (2-3 times per month) It’s Our Responsibility! And we don’t get paid for routine stuff.

Target solutions update: Ken Dason stated there are 4 trainings due in January and 4 in February that we need to complete!

Mike stated he would like to spend more time on training per meeting and less business time!

**Financial Report:**

Tommy Sandel reported that our bank account was very financially stable! Motion was made to accept/2nd/approved.

Scott Epps thinks the cable TV should be upgraded in the fire station. A motion to receive Scott’s information on poor cable service at the Fire station was 2nd and approved. Mike and Scott will pursue matter by contacting several cable providers.

Chief’s Report:

NO REPORT as Chief was absent from the meeting.

Motion to adjourn/2nd/approved

Thank you Bilo for the great taco dinner and drinks!

Respectfully submitted,

Bess Kellett