



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2024

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the blessing from Chief Conley and dinner provided by Tortugas.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Tommy Sandel reported that we did not spend any money in June and our account is in good shape!

OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Operations Trailer (EOT)-check sheets have been made for bi-monthly inventories in teams of 2. Teams will make sure the generator, lights, all work, and everything is in place in readiness for hurricanes, emergencies, etc. Everyone needs to be familiar.

Final budget proposal:

Rich Barreto handed out a final draft budget for ~\$64,000 per year. It is OUR budget to manage. He reviewed each line item and there were discussions. Tom Johnson asked about the cost of the new radios; the ones we have are old and outdated and won't communicate with the rest of the world; thus, the purchase of new ones. The Volunteers will now use the old radios to communicate during parades, the Triathlon and other events.

Tommy Sandel made a motion to accept the Budget; Kate Hall 2nd, All approved unanimously. Discussion-Jeff Sira asked about looking at budget updates quarterly and Rich said we could do monthly updates.

Chief is so glad we are finally getting a Budget!

OPEN COMMENTS:

Kate Hall asked about the vending machine being moved to the Civic Center. Phyllis McElveen and Chelsea Harrison said OK. It will be moved soon.

The Chief was proud to announce that Chris Barone is now at the Fire Academy. He started with us as a volunteer and now there.

Jeff Sira asked about getting beneficiaries on the SC Firefighters insurance policies. Chief gave us Marcia Greer's contact info: 803-767-4851 or her office is 803-309-5968; or go to their website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Prevention supplies children's handout: bags have been stuffed and ready to go

CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor Training update: Travis Sira and Wendy Griffin will take the course. 2 August dates were available, but Travis can only do August 10 date. It will be a 5-hour course.

Upcoming Events: Wendy Griffin said we need lots of volunteers for the Fall Festival in October and the Triathlon in November. She also stated that our volunteers are awesome!

Annual Donation Letter: it is completed and at the printer's now. Chief hopes to get it in the mail in August. He paid \$75 for a folding machine, and we will need volunteers to stuff the envelopes.

The Chief stated he had just signed the contract and sent in paperwork for Target Solutions. It offers great training online and we used to have it. We are credited for the training that we will take online with TS.

TRAINING:

EOT inventory review by Doug Keefe. We all gathered at the trailer and Doug gave us a checklist for the trailer and went over everything with us. The generator lesson was especially helpful! Great job by Doug. The 2-man monthly teams will be responsible for going through the checklist and making sure everything is working properly. We also made some suggestions as well:

1. Put snacks and water in the trailer before a storm
2. The very heavy metal caution sign stands that were in the officer side box will now be moved to stand up. Rich will make a holding box in the right rear of the trailer.
3. Be sure to check and charge batteries for misting fan when doing the inventories each month. (4 total)
4. Doug will get a 5-gallon bucket for misting fan and rags.
5. We have one gas can for the generator-Let Wendy know when it needs filling
6. Keep the dividers up to keep the front of the trailer cool.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bess Kellett