



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2025

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Chief handed tax credits out. It went from \$3000 to \$6000 credit!

PROJECT UPDATES:

12 Zodiac Boat: Chief stated anyone can be a boat operator, but they must take the class; and it's not for the "weak". He will let us know when the next class is available. He also stated it will be the first time we have had 2 operating boats.

VOLUNTEER ACCOUNT STATEMENT REVIEW

Tommy Sandel reported that our account is "very comfortable". Large donations continue to come in. The budget for the t-shirts is \$4000 July 1-June 30. We need to budget more for T-shirts. The chief says he keeps track of accounting for t-shirts.

Again, the Chief emphasized Donation money keeps coming in!

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Relief mission Christmas trip to N.C. and Emergency Operations Trailer: It was extremely successful. Four people and two vehicles went with 10,000 lbs. of "stuff". It was very rewarding for those who went. All the toys were given away immediately and a cash donation of \$500 was used to buy more toys at the local Walmart! Much needed sheets, blankets, clothes, etc. were given out.

Before the NC trip, new brakes and tires were put on and the trailer was re-wired. The Chief wants the check-off sheet for the trailer to be utilized again. Wendy Griffin suggested getting together this Sunday, Feb 2 to take gear off of trailer and do the check list. Contact Wendy if you can help! Use GroupMe.

Community Engagement Committee Review (CRR):

Cameron Andrews submitted all documentation for 2024 thru Jan. 31. The Home Safety visits were a great success. They did 12 houses. CRR covers Town of Edisto Beach and 5 neighborhoods in Colleton Cty. The 5 neighborhoods do not have hydrants-The Neck, Jeremy Cay/Cowpens, Flowers Ct, Edisto Oaks, and the Hammocks. Dry Hydrants (hydrants that pull water from a body of water) could be a solution but are very expensive in the range of \$30-50,000. (Engineering and installation is the biggest cost). Jeremy Cay and the Hammocks said no.

CRR is also trying to encourage CO2 awareness, and maybe can purchase some CO2 alarms

Rueben has been working with Wyndham on Fire Extinguishers for renters. He is trying to get reflective stickers to mark where the fire extinguishers are stored in the rental units.

Cameron also mentioned that the snowplows destroyed the blue markers on Palmetto Blvd that mark the fire hydrants. The chief will get them, and the fire hydrant crew can install them.

CPR/AED/First Aid: Basically, they will have to start over. The instructor was "Slack".

Hydrant Painting: 20 have been painted so far by volunteers and the Chief's crew. Jeff Sira said he would head up the volunteers again to paint some more when the weather is nicer. The chief thanked all those that helped.

Push to get everyone enrolled in Target Solutions:

We need to do the training. They help us to be more aware. Ken Sallenger, as part of the training, encouraged us to start at the newest and go backwards. He also stated the 1st three months of the year are the most important, so get them done!!! For instance, Blood Borne Pathogens-we need to do this one. 8 of 10 people could have Hepatitis C and not even know it.

He said if any of us were to be exposed, we need to contact him 24/7 at 803-448-7378 for documentation, which is key if you are exposed. "SAFETY GEAR DOES YOU NO GOOD IF YOU DON'T USE IT. So, check your bags and wear your protective gear!

NEW BUSINESS:

OFFICER ELECTIONS BY PAPER BALLOT AND HAND COUNT:

Officers must be full-time residents of the beach or island; Nominees must be volunteers in good standing; and must be nominated by a volunteer in good standing. Paid staff cannot vote. Tommy Sandel nominated Wendy for President. Ken Dasen nominated Mike Casey for VP; Bess Kellett for Secretary and Tommy Sandel for financial officer and Thad Daise for Asst. Financial Officer. With a show of hands, all were voted in unanimously.

Chief asked for \$5000 for crew member gear for rapid response 12 Zodiac- this boat will be used for beach rescues by immediate sight: the Chief wants life jackets, water booties, and other safety gear specific for that individual. All by Stearns. Tommy Sandel thinks ATAX can pay for it but Chief says you have to be specific and will use them as backup. Therefore, a motion was made by Jeff Sira to approve up to \$5000 for new safety gear for the 12 Zodiac rescue boat. It was 2nd and approved unanimously.

New Vending machine for Watering Hole: the old machine is at the Civic Center, painted and looks good. Chief and Wendy will go to Costco for goods to stock it with. The chief stated we need to find a machine that can handle the heat for the watering hole at the station. And no chocolate!

Training:

Fire Blanket for electric battery cars:

We went outside and learned how to roll out the blanket and Ken explained how it is used, how to cover a car, golf cart, boat, etc. making sure no air can get to the fire once the blanket is put in place. We then folded it back up and put it back into the bag. These are quite expensive for one-time use; with an exception made on rare occasions to use it twice.

Bess Kellett, Recording Secretary