



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2024

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Project updates-the Zodiac tubes were purchased for \$3500, for a great deal. A new "small" Zodiac was donated to us. It was a 2024 demo-brand new. Chief will ask for a small trailer and motor for it from the ATAX board. Emergency response bags are in as well as gloves, flashlight, other gear, and t-shirts. Stop by station and get yours.

Open Forum:

Jeff Sira asked if there is an issue with weather, what will be the procedure to notify us. Chief said by Group me or Big Text. And we will cleanup like we did for Debby. Ken said if cells are out, he will go to our houses and get us. Jeff suggested making a directory for all of us with address, cell and email. Bess said yes to making a directory for everyone, so send your info and it will go to the Chief.

The vending machine is at the Civic Center; thanks Chris Outland who painted it. It's a money maker. We need a volunteer to stock it, and ask the civic center folks what items they want.

BOSAR:

There was a lot of discussion on our rescue boat. Tommy Sandel asked about Bosar classes for volunteers. It's for boat crew members and boat operators. We need crew members. They offer spots but they are limited, but we should be next in line for classes. Mike Casey asked if the Zodiac belongs to the police. Chief says its 50/50 with us. And it has to be mutual between both Chiefs. Discussion also was on role of crew members, how many needed per boat, who will be called to operate it, launching of small boat.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Tommy Sandel reported we have made some big purchases such as Med air and Target Solutions. Last statement was \$23,732

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Annual Donation Letter: we have 3500 to go out. We will meet Sunday, September 29 at 1:00 pm at the fire station to stuff, stamp and address all in an assembly line! Chief will then take to post office.

2. Emergency Operations Trailer: the trailer is in need of 4 tires., and it has rusted chains. Motion made by Kate Hall to purchase 4 tires for trailer. 2nd by Noni Sallenger, approved unanimously. Wendy Griffin also requested a small air compressor and jumper box for it. Chief said he would purchase those. Doug Keefe asked for an awning but will table that request.

3. CRR handout supplies: Chief purchased \$500 of stuff for CRR bags. Chief asked a volunteer to hand out bags; Noni Sallenger volunteered. 60 smoke detectors are

available. They are the size of hockey pucks with a 10 yr battery. Cameron Andrews participated in a Home Training course in Columbia; he has 30 fire extinguishers

4. CPR/AED/ First Aid instructor update: Travis Sira and Wendy Griffin will get another instructor to help; Jeff Sira has gotten 3 quotes for the projector. Since they were essentially the same price, he suggested the Dell unit due his experience in the field.

5. CRR handouts are out for editing. Chief will send out once done

6. Upcoming Events: Wendy Griffin had signup sheets for the Fall Festival, Triathlon and Trunk or Treat at the Park. Everyone signed up for the events at the meeting!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wireless Kill Switch for rescue boat: Rich has arranged and received a wireless kill switch from Coast Key of Sweden at no cost. Coast Key has been manufacturing and selling wireless ignition products since 2005. This is a newer, related product since 2021 using the same technology as their ignition products that has been approved and released in North America.

2. Fire hydrant painting crew and planning: one has been painted so far; the rest need painting, sanding, primed, grinded, etc. Jeff Sira volunteered to work on a paint crew as head; several volunteers said they would help-Bill C, David E, Tom J, Noni, Kate. Let Jeff know if you want to be on the crew.

3. New Vending machine for watering hole: We will wait for donations before we purchase a new one. Chief has sign for the old one at civic center saying it's for the EBVFD

4. SCFA class # 1410 online emergency vehicle driver awareness class: anyone that does not have EVDT should take this class if they are going to respond to calls in their personal vehicles.

5. Christmas Party: Chief met with the town to have our annual Xmas party together again.

It will be BIG! Planning committee will be the Chief, Lindy Milam and Wendy Griffin. Portions of money to fund it will be from I & I. (1% return of tax money that comes back to us)

6. Target Solutions: Chief wants all volunteers to be enrolled in Target Solutions; it offers 1

TRAINING:

We did not do the hydraulic extrication tools training due to the upcoming storm-Helene

Instead, we had STORM DAMAGE TRAINING SAFETY. Chief talked about chainsaw safety. The chainsaw operator should wear chaps, gloves, safety glasses. IF a puller, wait until chainsaw is done, then pull and watch. BE AWARE! Wear long pants, gloves, glasses, long sleeves. We are all pullers! Be safe, be aware of your surroundings.

NIMS-if you have not completed, please do!, Group Me- see Doug to sign up if you are not on it.

Respectfully submitted, Bess Kellett