



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

NEW BUSINESS:

Marine Rescue boat marine Reymarine chart plotter and navigation system: Chief and Scott Epps went to the training and are certified as well as Daniel Seyle, Police Chief. Cost for the navigational system is under \$5000. The Coast Guard uses Charleston City to help them but now with the BOSAR training, the Coast Guard can call EBFD to help with search and rescues on the water. The old technology we have is outdated. Joe Stalvey made a motion to bid the navigational system up to \$5000; Mike Casey amended the motion to include buying automatic inflatable PFD's at ~\$250 if money for the system comes under \$5000. Kate Hall 2nd approved unanimously.

Beach Wheelchair parts, wheels, brakes:

The EBFD has 17 wheelchairs, plus a new one purchased in 2022. We are the only agency in SC that loans out wheelchairs for free. We need 4 sets of wheels and brakes for ~\$1000. Motion made by Joe Stalvey to purchase parts, 2nd-Cindy Lenz, approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

New ID Accountability cards: Contact Doug Keefe to get 3 IDs made with your badge number.

Community Risk Reduction Program (ISO Points):

Rich pointed out safety, fire prevention; fire training classes; etc. etc. –as long as we document everything we do, we will get points for these when we have an ISO audit. Thad Daise is going to a seminar in Columbia. He wants to put together a committee to engage more with the community. One example: On March 12 when DST starts, remember to check your smoke alarms, Chief added to hand out 9V batteries. Put out a flyer and announce this and set up a table to educate the community. A safety idea!

The Chief said we had the most calls this year and we had to match the funds to pay everyone.

Town Hall received a small raise, so Chief may get to hire a new fireman

OLD BUSINESS: Donation Letter: Chief stated the picture on Point Street of volunteers and firemen was great and he will use that picture for the donation letter. It will be printed in a week and will need volunteers to help stuff, stamp, and label envelopes.

The trailer is ready for service: Doug Keefe has volunteered to head up monthly inspections; it still needs a couple more items such as a desk, chair, and a hitch. Bess is working on the artwork.

3 Volunteers have asked not to be volunteers anymore.

Scott Epps has finished the First Aid/CPR instructor course and classes have started; classes are free. The only charge would be the \$8 card; Talk to Scott about class schedules.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Tommy Sandel reported checks have been written for needs and we will be getting donation money soon, so our account is good.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Ventilation Exhaust Fan finally came in and is installed and works great. Table came in damaged with replacement hopefully coming the end of February. The chairs are 14 weeks out.

The Chief appreciated us showing up for the picture for the donation letter; he wants 99% participation this year!

Training: KEN SALLENGER

PPE-Personal Protection Equipment. Make sure you have respiratory protection (KN95 masks), bunker gear, coveralls, helmets, gloves (latex and leather), caps, boots, eye protection, hearing protection, sunscreen; all to help prevent injuries.

It is the last level of defense for us.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Bess Kellett