



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept

Meeting Minutes

04/27/2023

EBVFD Secretary Bess Kellett

Motion to approve March minutes by Joe Stalvey; 2nd –Wendy Griffin, approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Full Bag check: let Rich know what you are missing in your bag! Flashlight, gloves, safety glasses, vest, hat, batteries, etc.!

Gas meter 3M GMI PS200 Gas and Flame detector: our current one does not function; too much money to calibrate; Doug recommends buying a new one with a calibrator kit for \$1281 plus tax. Motion made by Andrew; 2nd-Kate, approved unanimously.

Welcome New Member Bill Cumming to the EBVFD. Bill was a volunteer fireman for 18 yrs. and an EMT for 12 yrs. in MA before moving to Ohio. He and his wife Lisa now reside on Myrtle St.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on Marine Rescue Boat with Reymarine chart plotter and navigation system:

With this system, we are now tied in with the Coast Guard and Charleston County for Water Rescues with a sophisticated grid system and we are all one team. Chief thanked us for approving such a big purchase last month, especially the navigation system. The equipment was ordered last Monday; it will take 7-10 days to install on the boat and the boat will be serviced as well. Mayor Moore was very happy with it and will help us get new pontoons if needed.

Facebook Page: Doug O'Keefe created it and will be the admin for it. He will restrict junk stuff; you can send info to him to post such as what's happening with the EBVFD; promote opportunities; where the donation money goes to (purchases); info such as wheelchairs are free ,etc. etc.

Asset tags: they are in; will be used for traceability and accountability of all equipment that we have with serial #; description; location.

New ID and Accountability Cards: see Doug to get your 3 cards; show Subway for a 20% discount.

OLD BUSINESS:

Donation letters were mailed, and the Chief thanked all who helped stamp, stuff, and address the 3000 letters; in 10 days we have received over \$29,000. The Chief is already gearing up for the next letter and plans on sending it out at the end of the year. It was suggested that we state in the letter that all the monies go strictly to the fire service only and list what we have bought with it in the last couple of years.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Tommy Sandel stated we are in very good shape; he also shared an email from a resident asking him where this donation money goes. Tommy proceeded to tell him in which the man said he would write a check!

Emergency Operations trailer wrap/paint/sticker graphics: Rich will take a draft to Nick and get a price. Rich prefers paint over wrap for durability. The trailer sat for 10 yrs., now it has a purpose with the EBVFD!

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Project and purchase updates:

Beach wheelchair parts are in; station table installed and in service; TIC, thermal camera has arrived and in service; Station chairs-ordered, 3 are here; Station Bay fans have been installed; Fire scene vent fan arrived and in service; iPad and Pre-plan arrived; Marine system-arrived

Enroll in MetLife dental if you have not

Make sure you have MASA insurance.

TRAINING:

Community Risk Reduction Programs (ISO Points/Fire safe Communities)

Thad Daise attended the summit in March on programs we as a volunteer fire dept. can do for the community. His committee met twice after the summit and proposed the following:

1. Put together a home fire escape plan
2. Give away CO2 alarms
3. Give away low frequency bed shaker alarms for the hard of hearing
4. Give away fire extinguishers.
5. Stickers to put on door to alert firemen of pets in the house
6. That all volunteers wear our volunteer t-shirts/shirts/hats when we attend town events
7. 1st aid/CPR training for the community

And for the future: home safety check for Seniors; make sure rental homes have a fire extinguisher; go through rental agencies; all houses have a street number on house: escape ladders.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bess Kellett