



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept

Meeting Minutes

06/29/2023

EBVFD Secretary Bess Kellett

The Chief started off the meeting by thanking everyone who has been working around the station, on donation letter thank you cards and maintenance (big thanks to Doug who can fix anything)!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Upgrade of cable TV, boxes, and 3 bunk rooms: Chief upgraded the system using 1 \$ 1 money. Tommy Sandel asked about a Firestick, but it won't work. It will cost \$40/month extra for cable. Motion to spend the extra \$40 per month made by Tommy Sandel, 2nd by Kate Hall, approved unanimously.
- Election of Replacement VP left by Scott Epps who is now a part-time fireman. Wendy Griffin and Marion Whaley were nominated; Votes by a show of hands; Wendy Griffin was elected.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Emergency Operations Trailer Wrap for graphics: Rich showed us the graphics and they look great! They are decals and the cost was \$650. Motion was made by Tommy Sandel to have the graphics done at a cost of no more than \$1000. 2nd by Cindy Lenz, approved unanimously. Discussion of where the trailer is kept came up; it is behind the fence under lock and key and is protected.
- Make sure your "Red Bag" is updated and you are prepared for the impending season. If you need any supplies for it, see the Chief.
- Facebook page: Doug Keefe is doing a great job with the page. He is putting events, history, old Fire vehicles pics, etc. Chief wrote an article on FB about a Cincinnati Ohio man who helped rescue 2 girls in the water who were drowning. The Chief wrote to the mayor of Cincinnati and the gentleman was recognized.
- New ID and accountability cards: See Doug Keefe if you haven't gotten your 3 made! One for wallet; red bag; uniform

Community Risk Reduction Program

- Thad Daise and the committee plan to meet soon to discuss more planning activities. 2 of 6 trainings have been completed; Best time will be in October for Safety Day

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Bank balance is very healthy.
- Tommy Sandel wanted to discuss where we ordered our T-shirts from. The Chief will be ordering soon. Tommy suggested we use INK Farms in Walterboro; he said they are less expensive; they deliver, and better-quality shirts. Wendy said she contacted them 3 times to no avail. The Chief said he would reach out again to them for a quote. Tommy offered his assistance.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Donation letters: we are still getting 5-6 donation checks coming in weekly; great success.
- BOSAR marine rescue training and boat operations are ramping up. Several members have attended the training. Chief asked if anyone else is interested in being a crew member. It involves one full week of training. Most likely October 16-20. Tommy, Ken, Joe, and Mike are interested. Scott Epps is already a member. BOSAR training August 7-11 and you must have Capt.'s license. We have joined the Charleston Marine Metro Team for water rescues. The EBFD and EB Police Dept. work together.
- Station updates: TV purchased and installed.
- 3 barracks, new beds, new lockers installed.
- Waiting on 2 chairs to come in.
- Doug Keefe is there weekly to fix stuff!
- 8 volunteers signed up for traffic control on the 4th of July parade.
- The Chief welcomed 3 guests: Vito Curbelo, Mindy Fiddle and Tom Johnson.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Bess Kellett