



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept

Meeting Minutes

05/25/2023

EBVFD Secretary Bess Kellett

Welcome; 14 members in attendance; food by Tortugas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Station Large TV screen: it was suggested by Scott Epps to the Chief that we purchase a new Smart TV to replace the ancient TV at the fire station. A Motion was made to purchase one under \$1000 by Joe; 2nd by Marion, approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Emergency operations trailer wrap: Rich met with Neil that does the graphics for area fire trucks out of St. Paul's. Neil will have a design for the 2 sides and top and we should have a draft by the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Full "red bag" check: Rich reminded us that we must have the proper gear to do our job. Check your bag! And let him or the Chief know if you need anything! Also, you can purchase boots at Command by Johns free with I.D.

Update on Marine rescue boat navigation system: it's installed and working great. Training on it in the next couple of weeks; you can see objects in the dark with it!

Facebook Page: Doug has it up and running. Check it out.

Asset Tags: they are in; tags will be put on all of our equipment by the 26th.

New ID and Accountability cards: Doug can do them if you don't have yours

TRAINING:

Community Risk Reduction Programs/Fire safe communities: Thad Daise presented an abbreviated version of a home fire escape training. How to make a plan and he gave us an exercise to do. YOU have 2 minutes to get out of your house when a fire is burning. Do you have an escape Plan? Think about a route to get out; check smoke detectors; make sure doors and windows are easy to open! Kate brought a rope ladder as well.

The committee will invite the community to come in and they will train them. A date, time and venue will be decided. Thad wants to purchase 100 fire extinguishers for \$2200. Motion to purchase, 2nd by Joe, passed unanimously. The goal is to train folks on how to use fire extinguishers and Wendy suggested we give them out to the public at the training. The Chief said he would buy pet alert stickers for houses; and ask Charleston County for the smoke trailer and other stuff.

Financial:

We made some large purchases, but our finances are in good shape.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief has recruited several new volunteers for the fire department. Ken Salinger will become full-time! Scott Epps will be a part-time fireman. Chief hopes to hire more.

Donation Letter: The Chief made another huge deposit from the donation letters; it has done so well this year. The Chief is asking for volunteers to help send Thank you notes out. Please come to the station and help!

BOSAR marine rescue training: several have attended the training. If interested in becoming a member of the boat team, then contact the Chief.

Chief thanked us for purchasing the following much needed items:

Gas meter and flame detector handheld device.

Station office chairs/tables

Barracks room lockers-(on order)

Wendy sold \$330 in T-shirts at Kings Daughters plus \$440 in donations from them by setting out a boot. The Chief will order more T-shirts.

Motion to Adjourn, 2nd, passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bess Kellett