



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2023

Chief welcomed and introduced new guests: Dru Nix, Noni Sallenger and Travis Sira

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Connelly thanked all who completed their call logs and info for end of year checks.

Triathlon: The Chief heard nothing but Good feedback from the community; everything ran like clockwork. It made us look really good. 206 athletes competed. A great success!

Remember, there is a chain of command. All Volunteers should check with their chain of command first before discussing any issue related to the EBVFD. Rich Barreto our President is first, followed by the Chief, then Wendy Griffin, our VP.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Thad and Tommy were absent tonight, but our finances are in good shape. Chief pulled money out of one account to put into an investment account

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ice Machine Quotes: Joe Stalvey has a quote for \$4500; Doug Keefe has one for \$6000 but it is a dispenser machine which will be more sanitary.

Motion made to purchase ice machine only; 2nd, approved unanimously.

Facebook page: Doug has many new posts; we need to delete the old town account and just have this one account.

T-shirt order bids: We use Cotton Exchange for our t-shirt orders. They have the best price, quality, consistency and the designs are free. The Chief and Wendy will get 3 quotes for bids this spring.

Fire Extinguisher distribution: we want to make sure they are available for everyone in our fire district which includes the beach, the Neck, Hammocks and Jeremy Cay and Edisto Estates. Some have already been distributed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Weather station to tie into state weather forecast: Bess will talk to SCDNR climatologist about costs for a weather station like what they have at Botany Bay WMA. Charleston.weatherstem.com. Discussion was on warning flags for the public as well but there are risks. Chief will look at re-doing the safety pamphlets for water risks that are in the rental houses on the beach. He has also talked to the town lawyer and administrator on the legal issues.

Rich and Chief will plan our annual budget for the year and itemize each need.

The Fire Board and Fire Committee meetings will be combined and held quarterly instead of monthly beginning in January 2024.

Christmas Parade Volunteer participation: the parade is December 9th at 2:00 pm. At least 9 volunteers are needed to work traffic and after a show of hands, most all will be there to help. Meet Police Chief Daniel Seyle at 1:00 pm for assignments. All fire trucks and maybe the boat will be in the parade. Volunteers are welcome to ride but Wendy reiterated that traffic control is first priority.

The Town Christmas party is Monday, December 4th at the Waterfront. There will be a white elephant gift exchange. Everyone should have RSVP'd by now.

TRAINING:

EVDT Training roster-Big Vehicle training for driving/moving fire trucks. Most all volunteers were interested but it will be a 3 -4 day training. Date will be decided.

NIMS: There are approximately 10-12 new volunteers that need to take the NIMS courses. December 16th, 9:00 pm at the fire dept has been set. All need to bring a laptop and NIMS 100 will take about 4 hours. NIMS 200 the same. They can choose to take both in the same day, or schedule another Saturday.

Community engagement committee: Rich said all classes should be complete by December 2023 and we should qualify as a Fire Safe Committee.

Red Bag and supplies for it: The Chief needs to spend \$1500 to buy more gear for bags. Motion made to spend \$1500 for new gear, 2nd, and approved unanimously

The Chief also wants to buy heavy duty Job shirts for everyone. Will table until January.

MetLife, Dental and Masa sign-ups: see the Chief

Blessing for our hamburger supper and meeting adjourned.

Bess Kellett