



# Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.

## Meeting Minutes

### January 25, 2024

Chief talked about what fun the Christmas party was!  
Chief welcomed and introduced new guest: Christopher ?

#### CHIEF'S REPORT:

Ice machine was purchased and installed by Doug with new plumbing. Doug ordered gloves to use with the scoop to take the ice out of the machine – more sanitary. Old ice machine will be disposed of or sold – needs a new bin.

Chief reminded everyone to pick up their tax forms with points indicating whether they have met the minimum to qualify for the deduction. Chief indicated that the form is followed very strictly.

Chief said that the UTB had been serviced.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Thad and Tommy indicated the balance of the account was \$54,457 and now the balance is \$43,302 after expenses. 2 of those expenses were \$5,500 for paying town for calls and \$5,193 for the ice machine.

The \$50k that was set aside made \$624 over 90 days at 5.5% interest rate – nice!

Chief said the donation letter is being prepared to send out for this year. It will include a picture of firefighters/volunteers. This donation effort is quite successful.

#### OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Facebook Page: Doug indicated there was difficulty getting info to log in to old page. A letter was sent to FB but went unanswered. Doug is keeping the new page up to date while still trying to delete the old page.

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. Chief and Wendy have received 2 of 3 bids back so they need to wait until the 3<sup>rd</sup> one comes in to make a decision as to who to go with.

Fire Extinguisher distribution: Cameron has the list and needs to create a schedule for distribution of the 25 for delivery.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Officers Elections: Chief discussed election of officers and handed out ballots – ballots were counted – same slate of officers as last year

Vending Machine Review: Chief, Doug and Wendy manage this. Machine is in place and is OK. Machine may not tolerate the heat so motion was made to look into a fully refrigerated machine and/or use a retaining wall or shade cloth to keep the machine cool. Then move the old machine into the bay or put it at Bay Creek Park – which has shaded areas. Motion was passed to look into a fully refrigerated machine.

Weather station to tie into state weather forecast: Doug reported that using the same system as Botany Bay would cost \$8,000 initially and then \$1,500 annually.

Another system suggested by local weatherman was quoted at \$900. Jeff Sira suggested an app called Weather Bug – station is given to you and then use the app to monitor the data. Jeff is looking into this more closely so on next month's agenda

Annual Budget Planning Meeting: Rich indicated that it is too early to plan as the budget is due in July as it is a June-July cycle. We are strong financially but need to wait a bit to get a feel for this year's expenses.

#### 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 and sign-up sheet was circulated.

NIMS: Volunteers were told to take the 200 NIMS course if they have already completed the 100 course. The 700 and 800 can be done voluntarily.

CRR: Cameron described how our town may qualify for this designation – a designation that means our focus is help save lives. We will know after Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> if we accumulated enough total points in 6 different categories. One of the categories is making sure our staff is trained – paid and voluntary

How Quickly A Fire Develops: Rich played a video showing how fast a fire can fully engulf a room as started by a small fire on a sofa. He was driving home the point that the volunteers can help out in small ways that cuts that time down!

Blood Borne Pathogens: Ken went through slides containing info on how the pathogens are transmitted, how to avoid exposure and what to do should we be exposed.

CPR Training: A list was started for this training which will take place on an upcoming Saturday TBD

MetLife, Dental and MASA sign-ups: See the Chief

ID Cards: See Doug

Blessing for our delicious tacos and meeting adjourned.

Bess Kellett (Lisa Cumming subbed in)