



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.

Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2024

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Welcome new members David Ebert and Eddie Froshour

Star Fish Award awarded to 8 members of the EBVFD for their work on the Fire Safe SC Community designation award

Chief stated that it's predicted to be a big hurricane season and we need to be prepared; we need volunteers to make sure the trailer is ready to go; Vito Cubelo asked about evacuation and Chief noted that we will be needed more after the hurricane for cleanup, etc.

The Circular Saw with cutoff blade is back from the shop; fixed for free

Chief recognized local celebrity author Mindy Friddle for her new novel.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Tommy Sandel reported very healthy numbers for our account

The town has approved the donation letter; the picture looks good so it should be printed by mid-June and hope to mail by July.

OPEN COMMENT:

How is Doug Keefe? He is doing very well, successful surgery. The Chief brought him flowers. He has gone back and forth to the hospital for checks, but he is home now. (all thanks to his stress test from the annual physicals!)

Vito suggested we need an allocation for a station LEGO set; Chief says Doug needs a LEGO; next month, a lady from the state FF association will speak to us

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wendy Griffin: Need parking help at the Civic Center for the Turtle Day, June 1

Also, need help for set up and take down at the ALOE Paddle for the Pups at Bay Creek Park on June 8.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR) bags for kids: they will be given out on July 4th parade with coloring book, helmet, backpack, squeeze thing. Always a big hit. Kate suggested also including red reflector tape for flashlights at night.

Mike Casey asked about the beach wheelchairs: one is damaged. The kids' one needs repair. Chief said one is being donated (we have 14) Tommy Sandel made a motion to repair 2 chairs for \$3000, seconded by Mike Casey, unanimously approved.

Trailer: we need 3-4 volunteers to maintain it monthly; ceiling is down as to put in new insulation; call Rich to finish it next week- Travis, Kate, and Chris volunteered.

Fire Extinguisher distribution list: Cameron has the list; need to get them out

Annual Budget Planning: Rich emphasized we need to be thinking about what we need. We are operating on about \$50-60,000 per year. Rich handed out an itemized list of our needs from communication to boat maintenance. He explained each line item and noted a few misc. items to decide on such as wheelchairs, station needs, the side by side. He noted that just because it's in the budget doesn't mean we are going to spend it unless it's absolutely necessary. Call Rich if you want to add anything to the budget. Ken talked about fridge magnets for CRR to have the correct addresses in places like Wyndham and the Neck. Right now, there are 2 generic addresses for those areas, not the actual ones.

Vending Machine: The Chief will refill the old machine. Wendy is still trying to get the old one to the Civic Center but having communication problems with the staff.

NEW BUSINESS: Prevention Handouts for CRR. A letter from the Chief, and he will add the fridge magnets with the addresses to the Wyndham rentals; it is very important to do this. There is not much cost.

TRAINING:

Hose-lays on the ladder. The volunteers went to Point St, with all trucks and learned how to roll out the hoses and put them back up. Ken explained different scenarios when fighting a fire and the use of the hoses.

Respectfully submitted
Bess Kellett