



Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2025

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. 25 members were present.

The Chief welcomed guests Jim Olson, Georgia Rushton, Gary Canel, and Mike Higgins. He then introduced all the officers, training chief Neil Kurtz, and Asst. Chief, Ken Sallenger, and Cameron Andrews.

PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Zodiac-Ken Sallenger found a trailer with big tires, so it functions very well. Next, will get a jet propelled engine for it. The volunteers have given \$5000 for it, and only spent about \$200 for a battery.

FINANCIAL:

Tommy Sandel reported that our finances are in good shape! Donation monies keep coming in.

OPEN COMMENT:

Chief mentioned success of donation letter. Jeff Sira asked about our line item budget. Chief stated the town will approve it in July.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. CRR (Community engagement committee). Cameron Andrews talked about community education classes that we can take. He stressed education; need to take 4 classes; He wants to have a home safety visit training; and online classes are available for us. He also reviewed the Fire Safe Community Goals.
2. Annual Donation letter: the letter has done very well! \$60,000 so far received. We need to take letters to our unincorporated areas like The Neck, The Hammocks, Jeremy Cay, and Edisto Oaks, along with CRR info.
3. Emergency Operations Trailer: it's time to "re-assemble" it as an emergency trailer again. And continue to do the bi-weekly check off list. Chief has the new chainsaw in his office which needs to go in the trailer.
4. CPR/AED/First aid instructor update: the training program is now being updated; the instruction was incomplete and the instructor was "no good". Wendy and Travis will have to re-take the course to get certified.
5. Hydrant painting crew planning: 30 hydrants have been painted so far this year! And mostly by the volunteers! Jeff Sira will head up a crew to continue

painting the hydrants. Chief will look for blue reflectors that go on the road to mark the location of each hydrant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New vending machine for watering hole-we will table to next meeting in March

2. There are 2 upcoming events that Wendy asked for our help with parking and set up. (1.) April 5-Car show at the Edistonian-need parking people

(2.) May 2-Kings Daughters –help with tent set up at Lions club

(3.) May 3-Kings Daughters-help sell t-shirts and help with tear down.

All starting at 9:00 a.m.

3. Volunteer By-laws: Chief stated the few edits were in red that he edited;

A MOTION was made by Jeff Sira to accept all changes to the by-laws and how they read.

It was seconded and approved unanimously.

4. Town Hall Project Update: the town is building a new town hall (10 yrs in the works); they will tear down the small building housing the gym and the building next to it; the Police Dept will move into the existing Town Hall; the Fire Dept. will get the Police Dept. side. Also, the building will get sprinklers.

5. The Chief stated that our I.D. will get us on the beach in the case of a hurricane, or emergency, for those of us that live on the island. But make sure yours is up to date. And that you have one! See Doug Keefe.

TRAINING:

Training information review by Ken Sallenger

CPR/AED class will be held March 22 and 29. Let Ken know which date. 3 hours

EVDT -Emergency Vehicle Driver Training: Ken will train folks to drive these vehicles starting with the squad car; then will move to the bigger vehicles.

The more training, the better!

Emergency call log: remember to write down date: time of response; and how long. If you ever respond to a call not on Edisto Beach, remember to report to Incident Commander and ask what you can do to help

The emergency call # is 605-607-6018

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Bess Kellett