

CERT Minutes

April 20, 2022

Attendance: David & Mickey Mattson, Jim and Judy Brunett, Jim Lombard, Jack Lombard, Deb McMillan, Cathy Faggioni, Terri Lombard, Dan and Mary Lou Smith, Steve Watkins, Mary Wadman, Sharon Denson, Laura Freese, Tom Briggie, John Ribeiro, and guests Declan and Pat Tyner

Meeting was called to order by Laura Freese at 10:00 am, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the March meeting were passed as written.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,552.94 Motion to move \$2,000.00 from checking to savings. Passed.

Sharon introduced our new graduates from our Basic Training class, Jim, Jack, Deb, and Terri. Marcia has finished the class but couldn't attend today.

Motion for purchase of tires for HAM trailer. Passed. Tom will get.

Steve has installed shelving in the new trailer. Sharon and Mary Lou organized supplies totes and inventoried in preparation for our first breakfast next season.

Steve will scrape off the remainder of the old emblems off the trailer in preparation for the new CERT emblems which have already been authorized. Steve will get the new emblems and install.

501 Status: Dan has filed and valued the new trailer at \$1,500.00.

Motion for up to \$75.00 to get safety chains for new trailer. Passed. Steve will get.

Tom introduced Declan and Pat Tyner, prospective CERT members who recently moved here. They will take the next Basic Class.

Tire Covers needed for new trailer. Motion to have Dan Smith purchase tire covers passed.

HAM Class: Dan will hold in fall or early winter. It will be 4 sessions for two weeks, finishing the week before the County licensing exam (third Saturday every other month). Dan will get exact dates. The class will be open to anyone whether CERT member or not.

Sharon reported on CERT Basic Class. Our students were excellent participants, and all passed the written exam.

The power distribution in the Large Hall was discussed in relation to our breakfast needs. Dan will research 20 amp power strips and heavy duty extension cords.

Cathy asked about breakfast sponsorship from the merchants we buy supplies from. Discussion followed.

Sharon passed around the “kitchen cleanliness accountability” form as a result of claims that we left the kitchen a “mess”. Several weekend events were held, using the kitchen, with apparently no inspection between events, CERT being the last users.

The kitchen committee (any member who wants to participate), will meet periodically during the year to prepare for next season. It was suggested that we purchase a “Swiffer” floor cleaner for the trailer.

Future Breakfast dates: Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13.

Sharon reported on the Manatee County CERT Coalition. Their next meeting will be April 21st. They are working on a “team builders” concept, to offer assistance to new or established CERT teams in the county.

The March 2023 meeting will be held on March 22nd, not the usual 3rd Wednesday.

The Hurricane Expo will be held on May 17th from 4 to 7 at the Convention Center. Volunteers are needed for our booth. Tom, Steve, Sharon, Mary Lou, and Mary W. volunteered. Dan will set up the computer to stream our videos at our booth.

We need to update our membership and call list to include our newest members.

Tom will prepare a mock disaster drill the first or second Thursday in May. It will include EOC and Cedar Hammock Fire Control District.

In June, TE will host a Hurricane Preparation presentation. Misty Servia, our County Commissioner, as well as other County officials will present information and answer questions as well as passing out literature.

Laura asked us to be aware of new residents and getting them to sign up for our notifications if their property is damaged in an event.

Motion to adjourn at 11:35. Passed.