

# TE CERT MINUTES

August 18, 2021

Attendance: Laura Freese, Sharon Denson, Steve Watkins, Tom Briggie, David Bliss, Dan Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Mary Wadman, Cathy Faggioni, Mickey (Marianne) Mattson, Donald Mattson, John Bibeiro, Ann King

Guests: Dan Tuttle, Janet Brown

Our Code Enforcement presentation was delayed for a month by Code Enforcement. The presentation will be at our September meeting.

Meeting called to order by Laura Freese at 10:04 am, and began with a pledge to the flag.

Secretary's report: Draft minutes of the regular July Meeting were sent to members prior to the meeting for review. Sharon moved and Mary seconded motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$1,142.46. The trailer license (2 yrs) and registration were the only expenses reported.

Sharon reported that a tour of EOC was canceled by them per covid restrictions.

Tom reported on the website development. Photos will be taken on August 25 at 10:00 am at the beach. Tom and Dan will get the trailers moved. Bring your equipment for the photo.

Dan reported on the new trailer. He registered and licensed it. We do not need insurance. The towing vehicle insurance covers the trailer. He is checking on logo decals for the trailer. He can get 24" circular decals with adhesive backing locally for \$30.00 each. Sharon moved and Cathy seconded a motion to spend up to \$140.00 for four logos (two for each trailer) so the trailers will match. Dan is continuing to get information about the design of the logos. It was discussed about trying to get them in time for the photo, but it will probably take longer.

Sharon reported on the work of the Manatee County CERT coalition. She has been named chairman of the coalition. She is going to appoint a committee of HAM operators to further study the communications issues between us and Manatee County and report back.

Dan reported on the HAM communications committee progress. The group has met twice. Our HAM operators have many questions and are currently opposed to the hub structure that is being proposed. They will continue to discuss the communications issues and offer their input on a structure for communications.

Dan reported on the HAM general licensure class. They are meeting every night this week and the county test is on Saturday.

Sharon reported on the status of our disaster plan. We will meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> after the group photo to work on the plan. Laura will reserve a space.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Sharon pointed out the need for a permanent team leader for emergencies. Sharon made a motion as such, and Mary Lou seconded. Motion passed.

Steve nominated Tom Briggie. Mary Lou seconded. Tom indicated that he would be a ways away for sheltering during a storm but could get back fairly soon. Mary Lou pointed out that after we are allowed back in, it will take some time to assemble anyway. Our ICS system dictates that the first person to the command center will be the team leader. When Tom arrives at the command center, he will take over from the first to arrive. Tom accepted the position.

Steve purchased some more emergency sleeping bags and had them available for his cost of \$5.00 each.

There will be another potluck at the beach on Friday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars.

Motion to adjourn by Dan, seconded by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Smith  
CERT Secretary