Trailer Estates Minutes
Community Emergency Response Team
November 18, 2026

Members in Attendance: Marie Young, Sharon Denson, Tom Briggle, Mary Lou Smith, Dan Smith, Steve Watkins, Annie Trout, Aileen Mirabito, Charlie Rizzo, Kimberly Chubbuck

Dan Smith, Director Pro tem, brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

Sharon moved, seconded by Marie, to approve the minutes of October. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

- Dan presented the financial report of $4,902. Comments were made on the great letter received from Bayshore Gardens for our lifeguard donation. Sharon commented that the community will also support children in the swim program.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING:

- An educational program on Head to Toe first aid assessment was added to the agenda of the March 17, 2027 meeting.
- The January 13, 2027 CERT Open House was discussed. Sharon will contact the fire department, sheriff's office and code enforcement for their participation. Tom presented a 5X7 flyer to act as the first draft for the event. Other forms of advertising were announced.
- We are in need of someone to take over promotions on Facebook which was tabled until the December meeting.
- A holiday greeting and meeting of the combined Manatee County CERT Coalition and Manatee West CERT Coalition will take place December 10 in the Emergency Operations Center. Sharon wanted an RSVP for anyone interested to contact her.
- Dan is setting up HAM radio training to coincide with the HAM test on February 20, 2027. The dates of February 8, 10, 17 and 18 have been selected with training in the Pelican Room at 7 PM for those dates.
- Marie and Kim offered to form a committee to initiate planning for the 2027 breakfasts. 2027 breakfasts were confirmed as January 11, February 8, March 8 and April 12.

- Tom provided an update for drone coverage of Trailer Estates following a disaster. He said the FAA gives expedited approval for flying drones to organizations responding to natural disasters, with one of the categories Search and Rescue, through their Special Government Interest (SGI) process. He said the catch is that Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) are issued to block drone access when certain conditions exist, one of those which would be hurricanes. He will continue searching.
- Sharon made a motion, seconded by Steve to reimburse Dan for supplies purchased for the Cedar Hammock Open House, November 7. Motion passed.
- Dan will order new tire covers to replace the deteriorated ones on the trailer.
- Tom reported that the cert-te.org website had 76 new users in October. It was suggested we advertise the website more through a slide show at breakfasts and banner. Steve is looking into the URL advertised on the back of CERT shirts.
- Volunteer Florida requested our hours by month with estimates for November and December and a total for the year. Tom reported 1,261 hours, which at a rate of $34.88 came to a total $43,983.68

A motion was made by Marie, seconded by Annie, to adjourn at 10:04.