

TE CERT MINUTES

July 21, 2021

Attendance: Sharon Denson, Steve Watkins, Tom Briggie, David Bliss, Dan Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Mary Wadman, Cathy Faggioni, Charlie Rizzo, Mickey (Marianne) Mattson, Don Mattson, JoAnn Campbell, Barry Campbell, John Bibeiro Guests: Dan Tuttle, Jim Bolton

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

Secretary's report: Draft minutes of the regular June Meeting, The Executive Committee meeting of 06/29/2021, and the Emergency meeting on 07/05/2021 were sent to members prior to the meeting for review. Steve moved and Tom seconded to accept all reports as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance; checking \$494.85, savings \$844.29 for a balance of \$1,339.14. Dan produced the bank statement for the group to review.

Sharon reported that a tour of EOC has been scheduled for August 10th at 10:00 am. She must submit a list of attendees prior to the visit.

Tom reported on the website development. He wants a photo of the members and the equipment for the website. A date will be scheduled for the photo after Laura returns.

The TE Fire Dept. trailer has officially been donated to CERT. It has been delivered to a business that is removing their identification. After that is completed, it will be brought back to TE and we will take possession. We have permission to park it in the TE lot with our current trailer. It is to be used for storage of supplies and could be used for field triage or transport of injured to a central triage area. Dan will get a license plate for it pending delivery of the title. Dan will look into the cost of putting our logo on the trailer.

Sharon reported on the work of the Manatee County CERT coalition. Sharon will send a copy of the mission statement and goals to our membership. They are currently trying to iron out the communication issues that will arise in a disaster, particularly the role of our HAM operators, and the process for meshing with EOC.

Code enforcement will attend our August meeting and make a presentation about damage assessment in a disaster. They have developed a common shortcut "language" to reduce the length of messages during emergency communications.

The recent potluck picnic was discussed, and members were enthusiastic about continuing. Mickey moved and Charlie seconded a motion to have a potluck quarterly. Motion carried. One will be scheduled in the fall.

At the Executive meeting on 6/29, it was decided that we needed our HAM operators to meet regularly. It was decided to make them a committee which will meet and report

back to the membership. Dan will be in charge for the first meeting and the group will decide their organizational structure and leadership at that meeting. The meeting will be held at Tom's house Monday, July 26th at 7 pm.

A discussion was held about our recent activation for Elsa. It was a very good opportunity for the group to have a drill since the storm damage was minimal. Charlie was complemented for his stepping up to lead and the great job he did. There was some necessary zone coverage shifting as well as poor reception for some two-way radios. Tom suggested a one page "cheat sheet" for members when we activate. Charlie suggested keeping two-way radios on even after leaving your zone and returning home.

We discussed the possibility of using a TE facility in a disaster to set up. It was suggested that we get with TE, who is developing their disaster plan now, and see if we can arrange usage of TE facilities. Sharon will follow up.

Sharon reported that in addition to the trailer, the TE Fire Dept donated many medical supplies including two backboards and several neck braces.

Steve brought and set up one of the two cots that Judy and Frank donated to CERT. They will be handy in an emergency. They also donated HAM radio equipment, which Dan has now, but the HAM group will decide the best use of the equipment at their meeting.

Barry also said he had some HAM equipment to donate. Dan will meet with him after this meeting.

Steve brought some emergency "sleeping bag" blankets which he found, He brought several to the meeting and members may purchase them from him today at \$5.00 each.

Dan reported that Bruce Smith had had a bad fall and was in the hospital in Sarasota.

Mary Lou made a motion to adjourn. Charlie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Duane Trotter, TE Board member and the Board member in charge of writing the Disaster Plan for the TE common areas, stopped by. He indicated that he would be interested in working with CERT to include use of facilities by CERT in the TE plan. Sharon will follow up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Smith CERT Secretary