

CERT Minutes

9/20/2023

Attendance: Dan and Mary Lou Smith, Sharon Denson, Mary Wadman, Steve Watkins, Jim and Judy Brunett, Mickey and Donald Mattson, John Ribeiro, Cathy Faggioni, Sherrill Wise, Charlie Rizzo.

Meeting called to order by Sharon Denson at 10:10 am.

Pledge to the Flag

Minutes were approved as written. Motion Jim, second, Steve.

Dan reported that the December licensing exam is Dec 16th. A new class will start the second and third week in Dec to be finished before the exam. He will check with Laura and Tom to schedule a room and times.

Dan reported on check-ins with ARES. They are going to re-activate the committee to proceed toward computer linkage. Apparently we are getting high accolades for the numbers of HAM operators we are training.

Sharon reported on the CERT Coalition meeting. ARES is having problems with teams not understanding the procedures for reporting. Too many HAM operators from a given team are trying to report directly with ARES rather than using the ICS system to report through the team leader. We will focus more on this item in our basic training classes.

Steve reported that he ordered a kit to help with the application of the decals. He also discussed the need for yellow tape. He could not find any in either trailer. Sharon said we already have some. We will hold off on buying more tape right now.

Sharon pointed out the need to update our plan to address the triage issue. She will bring a draft to the next meeting.

Sharon will be teaching another basic class in November. A volunteer who lives in TE needs to attend each class since Laura will not be available. It is a great time for a refresher for members of CERT. Let Sharon know if you would be available for a session. She will provide a schedule of when a particular unit will be taught.

Mary Lou brought up the January 24 election of officers. She would like for someone else to take over the secretary position.

Sharon gave details of the Cedar Hammock Fire Dept. event on October 14th from 10-2 at the training facility on 53rd

So far:

Dan will do face painting

Steve and Mary will do traffic

Charlie will cook hot dogs

Sharon, Mary Lou, and John will park cars

We can use more volunteers for the event. Let Sharon know if you will be available to work that day.

The day conflicts with the Red Cross giving out smoke detectors.

Motion to adjourn, Steve. Second, Jim

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.