

**TE CERT**  
**Minutes**  
September 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Laura Freese.

Roll Call: Sharon Denson, Mary Wadman, Mary Lou Smith, Steve Watkins, Bruce Smith, Tom Briggie, David Bliss, Laura Freese.

The secretary's report, which had been emailed to members, was approved.

The treasure's report was as follows: Checking \$1110.84, Savings \$844.18. Disbursements were made for tourniquets, gauze, blood coagulant powder, and CERT business cards.

**Old Business:**

Search and Rescue presentation. Laura gave a copy to the Fire Dept, and they will post it on their bulletin board.

Trailer – The A/C works well. Tires are needed. Sharon moved and Steve seconded a motion for David to buy 5 tires and make covers for the tires to protect them from the elements. Motion passed. He plans to make plywood covers that double as tables. We need to have more keys made.

Sharon made a motion for David to use the CERT credit card for the purchase of the tires and the supplies needed to make the covers and finish the detail work on the trailer, as well as ant treatment by the trailer. Motion passed. Steve made a motion and Sharon seconded for David to buy stainless screws to finish securing the Air Conditioner to the trailer. Motion passed.

HAM Radio Classes. There will be a test in October for licensure. Dan will assemble the class the week prior to the test to refresh members taking the test. Laura is checking on room availability.

**Programs:**

Stop the Bleed – Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Active Shooter – Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Laura reported on the drill with the fire Department 9/15/2020. It gave CERT a chance to interact with the Dept and educate them to what we are trained to do. They were surprised to find out that we could do many things to assist them. We have changed our coverage zones to match those of the Fire Dept. She reported that the Red Cross would furnish meals to anyone needing food during the emergency.

Sharon will contact Lakewood Ranch to see if we can park the trailer there if it needs to be removed in the event of the hurricane. David will move the trailer if needed. Sharon and Bill also can move it. Charlie also can move it.

Breakfast Planning: Sharon moved, and Steve seconded a motion for Sharon and Mary Lou to use the CERT credit card for breakfast purchases. Motion passed.

Tom from EOC picked up our excess bags and helmets to redistribute by Manatee County. He volunteered for he and Steve Litch\_\_\_\_\_ to attend one of the breakfasts and give a presentation. It was also suggested to bring the trailer to the breakfast they attend. Sharon will send the dated to them.

Sharon passed around the T.E.C.E.R.T. Procedures, with additional suggestions from the Fire Dept.. Sharon and Laura reiterated that nobody that has not had the formal CERT training, may be out in the field during an emergency that we respond to. They may assist at the trailer.

### **New Business:**

We need to purchase yellow "caution tape" to carry in our back packs and have at the trailer. One of the biggest things we can do to assist the Fire Dept. is to cordon off dangerous areas (downed power lines, etc.). Dave will purchase the tape, a large roll for the trailer and smaller rolls for back packs.

It was suggested that we furnish the Fird Dept with more information about our training. Laura will handle. Steve has his manual that he will loan.

Tom videoed the training session last night and is making one for us and a separate one for the Fire Dept. We watched the beginning of his work, and we were all impressed at the quality and professionalism displayed. We are lucky to have him in our group.

We hope this is the beginning of a great cooperative relationship with the Fire Dept.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.