

Low Country CERT Board Meeting- August 8, 2012

Location: Melvin's Barbeque, Mt. Pleasant S.C.

Attendees: Tom Crosby, Jim Tarter, David Dawson, Barbara Eggers, Danica Sancic, Alan Laughlin, Harry Sosa, Valerie White, Ellie Bishop, Joe Yantorn, Nick Marino, Ivan Lund, Charlotte Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Tom Crosby.

Minutes of the Board Meeting- May 2012 were approved by all.

Motion to approve- Dave Dawson

Second- Tom Crosby

Financial Report- Dave Dawson reported that the financials have not changed since the last meeting and there have been no transactions. Dave will update the finances on August 9th. (\$8,580.03)

County Reports:

Nick Marino announced the next Berkeley class will be in January 2013.

Announced a \$3200 grant from state redistribution.

The next Dorchester County class starts August 9th in St. George.

Charleston County class starts August 16th and there are enough funds for 40 adults (packs and textbooks).

Committee Updates:

Fund Raising- Anand has informed us he is no longer able to chair this committee. We need this committee and a new chair.

Communications Committee- All voted to dissolve this committee

Motion to approve- Jim Tarter

Second – Tom Crosby.

Agreed to separate out the Newsletter for further attention.

Continuing Education and Membership Committees- All voted to merge the committees into one committee.

Motion to approve- David Dawson

Second- Tom Crosby

Disaster Response and Education Committee- Voted to dissolve
Motion to approve: Tom Crosby
Second- Danica Sancic

Administration Committee- Voted to make this an Elections focused
Committee- passed
Motion to approve: Danica Sancic
Second- Tom Crosby

Youth Preparedness- Discussion about keeping this committee. All agreed to keep it with Harry Sosa and Valerie White in charge.

Harry announced that the middle school camp has completed and Valerie announced that the teen report is now on the website (7 students). There will be a September Teen CERT class. Many thanks to Harry and Valerie who received certificates for their great work on this program! This is the first TEEN CERT Explorer Post in the USA.

Membership Committee: Barbara discussed the new volunteer form which is on the website. It separates out CE and volunteer hours and asks each person to do the math when they submit the form quarterly. She reminded that in order to be considered active, 4 hours of CE and 12 hours of volunteer time are required per year (after the class). We will no longer accept "group" reports. Each individual must submit hours. A Membership Committee member will attend one of the last Charleston County CERT classes to discuss the form and take questions. We recommend that team leaders attend at least one class as well.

New Business:

Dave Dawson mentioned that the POB rent will be due in October 2012. The Go-Daddy website is due January 2013. Dave recommends we sign up for 9 years at \$114.12. All agreed to this renewal.

Radio Equipment: Discussion concerning two way radios for members of CERT. These would be used out in the field for communication among **CERT team members only**. These radios are not official for the military

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Pricing is 10 for \$292.80. Purchase was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve: Dave Dawson

Second- Nick Marion

Website for radios: [HTTP://www.amazon.com/Midland-GTX1000VP4-36-Mile-50-Channel-Two-Way](http://www.amazon.com/Midland-GTX1000VP4-36-Mile-50-Channel-Two-Way)

Next Annual Meeting: Much discussion and issue was not resolved at this meeting. However, on August 14th, Tom Crosby sent out a notice that he had not heard any options to his suggestion for Wanamaker Park in North Charleston. He has tentatively reserved February 9, 2013 from 11-4 pm for this meeting. It will be a covered dish, chili cook-off with awards and the election.

Open to the Floor:

Alan Laughlin mentioned sending in group class reports; we discussed that the Membership Committee tracks individual inputs and measures active and inactive status.

Alan also wanted the board to consider getting information from other reps about the radios and being certain the radios can talk with each other.

Harry indicated sending info to the BOD in advance of the discussion could be useful instead of waiting to discuss after the decision has been made. ***Is it feasible to hold all discussion points until the floor is open if someone in attendance has information or an opinion about an issue being decided by the BOD? Not decided.***

Ellie Bishop volunteered to put together an LCERT newsletter at the end of September. Thanks Ellie

Next meeting- November 7th- Wednesday at 6:30 pm- location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Barbara Eggers, Secretary