

Low Country CERT Meeting- August 7, 2013

Attendees: Jim Tarter, Dave Dawson, Tom Crosby, Valarie White, Harry Sosa, Matthew McNamera, Kathy Harren, Tom Robinson Barbara Eggers

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Tom Crosby.

April 10 LCERT Meeting Minutes- Dave moved to accept the minutes, Tom seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously. Review all minutes at www.lcert.org

Financial Report- Dave Dawson reported that we presently have \$8968.32 in our treasury.

County Reports-

Charleston County- Jim Tarter advised that the county will receive \$4800 in grant money to provide CERT training classes.

TEENCERT- Valarie presented the following news from this great new program:

- three new people have joined; seven recruits
- There is a new logo for TeenCert
- TCERT class beginning in September/October (TBA)
- CPD donated the old Boy Scout trailer and gear to the program
- Explorer Club being launched in middle/high schools
- contacted by person in TX who wants to start an Explorer Program
- investigating a Young Teen Cert program

ACTION: Ask LCERT to support attendance at the SC Fire and Life Safety Association meeting for Valarie and Harry. Cost is \$75/person.

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Meeting is scheduled for September 7th (all day) in Columbia at the Fire Academy.

Motion to provide \$150 for Harry and Valarie to attend – Dave Dawson
Second- Tom Crosby
Motion passed unanimously

Membership Committee- We are putting together a job description for the Director of the Membership Committee.

We have two drafts reviewed and will complete the description within a week. Discussion about the job concerned not putting too many stipulations on the description and also to keep the description simple and as short as possible. Matt recommended striking the term “active member” from the JD.

When the description is ready it will be sent out to the membership so that people who are interested can apply.

New Business:

Next Annual Meeting- That meeting will be held on Saturday February 22, 2014.

Motion: Tom Crosby
Second: Dave Dawson
Passed unanimously

We are looking for a new location to keep the costs down. Harry Sosa recommended the City of Charleston Police Department Gym on Lock wood Drive. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR LOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Discussion about electing the Chair and Treasurer at the same time- Dave mentioned that getting signatures registered with First Federal takes a long time and it would be easier if the two officers had concurrent terms and could sign the paperwork together.

ACTION: Tom moved that the membership have an opportunity to vote on this issue; the issue will be placed on the ballot for the next annual meeting. The motion is to amend the by laws so that the Treasurer and Chair are elected the same year.

Second: Kathy Harren

Passed unanimously

Open to the floor:

Jim Tarter mentioned that the bylaws still need additional amending and this should happen after the annual meeting in 2014.

Next meeting- November 6th - Wednesday at 6 pm- location TBD
(Possibly at the Lockwood Drive City of Charleston P.D facility.

Meeting closed at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Tom

Second: Dave

Ayes have it!!!!

Barbara Eggers

Secretary