

Low Country CERT Meeting- April 30, 2013

Attendees: Jim Tarter, Dave Dawson, Tom Crosby, Valarie White, Harry Sosa, Matthew McNamera, Kathy Harren, Mike Volosin, Nick Marino, Tony Pecorara, Barbara Eggers

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Tom Crosby.

We reviewed election results from the Annual Meeting. Congrats to Kathy Herrin our new vice-chair and to David Dawson who has been reinstated as treasurer.

Tom Crosby mentioned the following numbers of attendees at the meeting:

18- Charleston County

12- Berkeley County

5- Dorchester County

We all agreed that there were many more people at this event than these numbers reflect.

ACTION: We need to find another meeting location for next year's annual meeting. Wannamaker Park has increased their cost to \$900. Please let us know your ideas.

Annual Meeting Minutes- Tom moved to accept the minutes, Dave seconded the motion

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

Financial Report- Dave Dawson reported that we presently have \$8732 in our treasury.

County Reports-

Berkeley County- Nick reports that their present class graduates next week. They now have a trailer for their supplies up in Moncks Corner. Next class tentatively planned for Fall.

Dorchester County- Matt mentioned that they just recently graduated a class. They are tentatively planning another class in about 6 weeks.

Matt also mentioned that they need funds to help support their activities. This started a conversation about revitalizing a fund raising committee for LCERT. Funds raised through LCERT can be appropriated to the three counties.

Charleston County- Jim mentioned the EOC event planned for June 26th. He discussed the new EOC location that we can hold board meetings and other meetings there. Jim also told us that forms for LCERT are available on the lcert website and there may be a new Charleston County class starting up this Fall. Jim also mentioned the SOG's (Standard Operating Guidelines) which are now available on the website.

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

The snake class was held on March 3rd., great success!

Kiawah community appreciation day at Fresh Fields- March 13th. St. Johns FD wants to work with us.

Practiced radio transmission- March 17th

Assisted in triathlon in Mt. Pl. parade (10 hours)- March 20th.

Improving TCert website with photos, # of "likes".

Discussing summer fest (money, training, possible future event).

ACTION: ask LCERT to support the "venture crew" which opens up scholarships, merit badges, team building skills (BSA)for the participants.

Motion to support- Tom Crosby

Second- Dave Dawson

Motion passed unanimously

BC Junior Firefighters are interested in the TCERT Program

Old Business: Scheduled Events: Hurricane EXPO'S

May 18th - James Island Lowes

May 22nd - MUSC

June 1st - North Charleston Lowes

Emergency Awareness EXPO- Goose Creek- May 4th and 5th (contact Nick)

Safety Fair- Del Webb location- May 18th - (Contact Nick)

Please post all county events on www.lcert.org.

New Business:

Tom presented us with an application for membership which we would like to distribute to new course graduates and others who may choose to be members of LC CERT. We do know that many of the people who take the program really only want the knowledge to help themselves, their families and their neighbors. Many of the graduates don't want to participate in volunteering and taking CE classes. It would be easier for the membership committee to only have to track active members. This application will also be available on the website.

Motion: Tom Crosby moved that we initiate this application immediately.

Second: Kathy Harren

Motion passed unanimously.

Action- We are looking for a Membership Director, a new position appointed by the board that will last for one year. This person will have voting rights at board meetings but will not be a member of the board. The director will be in charge of the membership committee which will expand to include persons from all three counties.

Barbara took an action item to draft the position description which will be shared with all the coordinators. They in turn will forward the request so we can get candidates for the position.

Action- We discussed the need to start up a fund raising committee.

Action- Nick took an action to contact Gene Alaura and see if he is interested in working on a committee.

Open to the floor:

Nick offered the following training sessions (Board members only)

Event Security Planning- July 25th and 26th - 8-5 pm at BCTC in Moncks Corner- Eastern Kentucky University presentation

Disaster Recovery- August 22nd - 8-5 pm- Cypress Gardens, Texas Engineering Extension Service presentation

Harry Sosa mentioned that the TCERT face book page has 62 likes. There is a link to their website from www.lcert.org. Partnering students with Trident Technical College Corporal White.

We discussed having a newsletter and decided it isn't necessary at this time.

Next meeting- August 7th- Wednesday at 6 pm- location TBD

Meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Eggers
Secretary

