

Low Country CERT Board Meeting- November 7, 2012

Location: Charleston Fire Department, Daniel Island

Attendees: Tom Crosby, Jim Tarter, David Dawson, Barbara Eggers, Danica Sancic, Harry Sosa, Valarie White, Adam Colley, Mahala Garrett, Mario Formisano, Matthew McNamera, Skyler Jennings, Harold Krominger

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Tom Crosby.

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

Motion to approve- Tom Crosby

Second- Danica Sancic

Financial Report- Dave Dawson reported that the financials have changed since the last meeting with bills for Go Daddy, the 10 radios, post office box rental and costs for the annual meeting. The balance shows (\$8,822)

County Reports:

Mario reported:

The Dorchester County class will graduate 10-11 on Saturday November 10th in St. George. There is a \$6K grant request for L.A. Preparedness in Summerville area. Dorchester County needs to consider districts and teams. Should they use the existing EMS structure? Same for Berkeley County.

Berkeley County- no report

Charleston County- Jim Tarter- class graduated 22 on October 6th. The next class is scheduled for summer 2013. Tarter et al are moving in January 2013 to Palmetto Commerce Park.

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. We need to do some advertising to get this committee started. Should we talk to people at the Exchange Club, The Chambers, should we be looking for a volunteer with fund raising experience? Any ideas please contact anyone on the board.

Membership/Continuing Education Committee- Barbara reminded everyone that we need to be collecting CE and volunteer hours from everyone including board members and district liaisons/team leaders. She asked Jim to send out a gentle reminder to the membership to get their hours in by the end of the year.

TEEN CERT- Harry said that the program graduated three teens. There is space for 30 teens who can “come and go” (14-20 years of age). Valarie and Harry would like to have 10 acting as a team. They now have a Face Book page and they are connected with the County website. They have a trailer that has been transferred to the program and uniforms for the participants. Skyler and Harold joined us from the program this evening. Danica is looking for funding from the Highland Games for LCERT as well as TEEN CERT.

Election Committee: Danica Sancic and David Dawson’s terms of service will end this year and there will be an election at the annual meeting. Nominations for these offices will be closed January 26th. There will also be a ballot at the annual meeting for changes to the by-laws.

New Business:

Valarie asked that we nominate a TEEN CERT of the year for an award in February.

Motion- Tom Crosby

Second- Dave Dawson

Passed

Also asked that we establish a TEEN CERT Executive Board

Motion- Danica Sancic

Second- Dave Dawson

Passed

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Tom brought up changes to the by-laws including the change of address for LCERT effective in January 2013.

This is under Section III- Jim Tarter will continue to keep records for all counties.

The Post Office Box in North Charleston will be kept for now.

Article VI- Change section on advisor to advisors since we now have three counties and need to include advisors for each. There will be a collective vote

Jim also brought up the Citizens Corps Advisory Committee.

Tom moved to establish a temporary committee (including Dorchester and Berkeley)

Second- Jim Tarter

Passed

Article II- Purpose- Jim Tarter has agreed to pull together a by-laws draft for our review.

Tom moved that changes listed above (pending draft) be presented and discussed at our December meeting. These changes would go on the ballot for member voting at the annual meeting.

Second- David Dawson

Passed

Our special meeting to set up the annual meeting will be held on December 5^h, Wednesday, location TBD. (6 p.m.)

Old Business: David Dawson mentioned there will be log sheets for members who want to check out the radios we purchased. Instructor manuals are available and there is technical training.

Please bring donations for the Low Country Food Bank to our Annual Meeting in February. We will remind you all later.

Open to the floor:

Jim Tarter- there is a S.O. Guide available for all three counties. He is sharing with Mario and Nick.

Harry Sosa mentioned that we can write in LCERT on the United Way donations and he wants to share that with city of Charleston employees (for next year).

Harry- Does Dorchester County want to do a TEEN Cert Program or work with the existing one?

Next meeting- December 5, 2012- Wednesday at 6:00 pm- location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Barbara Eggers, Secretary