

RBCERTAA BOARD MEETING
March 3, 2009

Attendees at this meeting:

RBCERTAA Board Members	Present	Guests in Attendance:
President- Marcelle McCullough	X	Stephanie Blumenthal
Vice President- Mike Grady	X	Chris Meyers
Treasurer- Sandy Marchese	X	Courtney Steeneken
Secretary- [Position Vacant]	-	
Jennifer Adam		
Bob Applegate		
Phil Gilbreth		
Gary Horn	X	
Bob Heil (Reporting)	X	
Bob Kumler	X	
Doug Rodriguez	X	
Fire Department Liaison:		
Dan Bliss	A	
A = Absent		

1) CALL TO ORDER ~Marcelle

The meeting was called to order at 6:37PM by Marcelle.

2) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ~Marcelle

The guests listed above were introduced.

3) PRESENTATION OF AGENDA ORDER and request for additions/deletions ~Marcelle

There were no changes to the agenda other than recognizing US Storage (Agenda Item 5B) was moved to the start of the meeting.

4) CALL FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Sandy

Marcelle asked for and received approval of the Feb minutes as corrected.

5) OLD BUSINESS:

A. TREASURER'S REPORT ~ Sandy

i. Presentation and call for approval of March 2009 Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

ii. Revenues received, reimbursement requests and presentation of current bills for payment
No additional receipts were presented for reimbursement.

B. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO U.S. STORAGE

Marcelle presented a plaque to Stephanie Blumenthal thanking her and US Storage for the equipment storage facility they have generously provided to RBCERT. Stephanie presented rental agreement papers for free rental

which need to be executed and returned to US Storage. Stephanie also indicated that she would provide a ground floor storage unit to replace our current second floor unit.

C. OPEN BOARD POSITION

Marcelle noted that there was still an opening on the BOD and also that the executive board position of Secretary is still open. Doug R. nominated Courtney S. for the open position on the board and she accepted the nomination.

C. CLASS 40 GRADUATION ASSISTANCE

Marcelle noted that graduation for class 40 is March 28th. Marcelle asked for volunteers to help at the graduation. Mike G., Chris, Sandy, and Gary H. all indicated a willingness to participate.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

A. REVIEW MEETING WITH CAPTAIN BLISS

Marcelle met with the Captain who apologized that he would not be able to attend today's meeting.

i. Mandatory Training:

The two 2009 training sessions will be Sunday, April 26 and November 7th (Sat). The FD will be swearing in members as disaster service workers and taking photos. Each CERT member must attend one of these trainings to remain on the roster of active CERT members. Mike G. asked that we send weekly emails to all current CERT members to remind them of the need to attend at least one of these training sessions. Bob K. will also place a notice on the Web site.

ii. Board Position Prospects:

Open Door – Nominations for the next board will open in May with the election in June. Mike G. mentioned that Sandy has indicated a willingness to run for President of the BOD next year. Marcelle indicated that she thought Sandy would be an excellent President next year. She also expressed her thanks for Captain Bliss' support this year.

iii. Finances:

- a. Raffle Tickets/RBFD – Mike brought a supply of the raffle tickets. \$5.00. Drawing is to be June 7th at the annual picnic. Mike suggested that we invite people buying raffle tickets to attend the picnic to try to generate more interest in CERT. He went on to point out how easy it is to sell these tickets in support of our good cause. Sandy added that she has been successful in selling raffle tickets at local businesses. Marcelle noted that this was a great opportunity to educate the community about our existence and purpose. Mike suggested that CERT applications be readily available when selling tickets to recruit future students. Sandy offered to buy the TV from the raffle winner for \$500. Marcelle noted that we really need to generate donations to build up the bank balance. Mike suggested that raffle tickets be taken to the CERT Class Thursday to try to get the students to sell them. 2501 -2600 for class.

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT CORNER - Captain Dan Bliss (Absent)

Captain Bliss previously told Marcelle that he is pleased with the way the current class is going. He indicated that he would take some raffle tickets to try to sell on behalf of the RBFD. [Numbers 2401 – 2500] Bob Heil noted that the current class is being very professionally run. Chris M. noted that Pelican Products has a new owner and he is trying to recruit a new contact for donations.

C. NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 RBCERTAA BOARD MAY 2009 – MARCELLE

- i. June is the end of terms.
- ii. Board members need to have attended 2 board meetings within 6 months and have valid First Aid/CPR card. Requirements for board are shown on our web site.

D. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- i. Communications ~ Bob A. (Absent)
Newsletter: Marcelle asked that potential content be sent to Bob A.

Website: Bob K. indicated that he will be making an update to the website. Marcelle gave Bob a CD with photos from the November drill. Mike asked that the availability of raffle tickets be noted on the website. Bob K. solicited any corrections or improvements for the website. [training, picnic, raffle, ...]

Upcoming Events - Gary

St. Patricks Day Parade – We will not participate this year.

Relay for Life July 2009 – Gary attended last month's organizational meeting and will attend next week's meeting on 3/10, 6:30 pm. He will contact both Manhattan Beach (George) and Hermosa Beach (Kelly) CERT programs to try to interest them in this. The fee for teams is normally \$10, but is also usually waived for CERT.

Chris is selling bricks for the Veterans group. He felt that CERT could set up an information booth at the event. to be held at the RB Center for the Performing Arts. He will provide more information.

Marcelle noted that Leadership Redondo is having an event March 14 at SeaLab from 3:00 to 7:00, tickets \$25. This will include a wine tasting. They are looking for raffle prizes.

ii Equipment ~ Mike -

Update on inventory: The storage box and the trailer were emptied, inventoried (photographed) and repacked. Excess material was taken to the storage site. Marcelle asked that copies of the photographs be entered into the CERT records. There is still a need to inventory all of the material at the storage locker (and photograph it all). Chris suggested that perhaps a local Boy Scout group could be recruited to help us to move from our current storage unit to the new one.

iii Funding & PR ~ Marcelle

Sandy mentioned that there was recently an article in the Daily Breeze and also in one of the beach papers which mentioned the CERT program. Marcelle mentioned that she and Noble had made a presentation to a local group and that there were more opportunities for other to help get out the word on CERT.

Marcelle also attended the mayor's State Of The City address. The mayor mentioned CERT and showed some photos from our recent drill. This went well.

iv. Community Relations – Gary

There was no update this month.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris is still selling bricks and now benches (\$3000 each) to raise funds for the veterans group. He is looking for a Coast Guard contact. Sandy indicated that she may have a contact. Chris suggested that the Coast Guard to get involved with CERT.

8) OPEN FORUM

Sandy is participating in a comedy/improv show Saturday March 21 at 7:30 pm second story theatre in Hermosa beach. See Sandy for tickets.

Marcelle suggested that the next BOD might consider setting up meeting with local groups (police, parks

9) **ADJOURNMENT** ~ Marcelle made a Motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Meeting closed.

Attendees are reminded not to forget to pay for your food.