



Attendees at this meeting:

RBCERTAA Board Members	Present	Guests in Attendance
President - Sandy Marchese	X	Noble Smith
Vice President - Doug Rodriguez	X	Bob Heil
Treasurer - Gary Horn (6:41)	X	Chris Meyers (7:22)
Secretary - Bob Applegate	X	Ken Carr
Phil Gilbreth	X	
Bob Kumler	X	
Marcelle McCullough (6:39)	X	
Susanne Rengo	X	
Monty Ruth	X	
Courtney Steeneken	Excused	
Board Position 11 [Position Vacant]	-	
Number of Board Members Present	9	
Fire Department Liaison		
Chief Frank Mead	X	
X = Present, A = Absent		

The regular monthly meeting of the Redondo Beach CERT Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 6:31PM, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

I. Moment of Silence

- A. Sandy called for a moment of silence to commemorate the two firefighters killed while battling the Station Fire — Captain Tedmund "Ted" Hall and Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo "Arnie" Quinones.

II. Introduction of Guests: Sandy

III. Presentation of Agenda Order and Request for Additions/Deletions: Sandy

IV. Nominations for Board:

- A. Monty nominated Chris Meyers for the open board position. Chris demurred.

V. Swearing in of New Board Members:

- A. Recently elected board member Susanne Rengo was sworn in.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Treasurer's Report: Gary
 - 1. Presentation and call for approval of Treasurer's Report.
 - a) Current balance: \$4591.74



RBCERTAA President Sandy Marchese listens as Treasurer Gary Horn speaks.

2. Revenues received.
 - a) None
3. Reimbursement requests and presentation of current bills for payment.
 - a) None
- B. Other items
 1. Escrip
 - a) Our eScrip account has been setup. We can now start using it by logging in at escrip.com and entering our grocery cards and credit/debit cards. The program is free and will generate revenue for RBCERTAA every time you use your cards.
 2. Banner for CERT Class
 - a) The banner is now up on Inglewood Ave., just south of Artesia.
 3. Dodger Days Fun Raising
 - a) Marcelle is organizing a group purchase (discount for 10+ tickets). Contact her for more info or carpool coordination. Individual tickets also available.
 4. Vehicle Donation
 - a) Chief Mead noted that the city mechanic is currently checking out the vehicle. New tires and brakes are being supplied by the city.
 5. Callout List – Marcelle (Becky Sims, Monty, Mike Grady)
 - a) Looking for volunteers for the callout list update effort, currently scheduled for Sept. 26/27, location TBD. The volunteers will be contacting all RB CERT alumni to update contact info and encourage attendance at the next CERT training session.
 6. CERT Class 41
 - a) 17 students are currently signed up, although more are expected by the start of class. Marcelle offered to contact the local media regarding the class dates.

VII. New Business:

- A. Topics of discussion:
 1. City Council Meeting August 18th
 - a) Sandy attended the meeting. The city approved going forward with a CERT mutual aid agreement between Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Torrance and Lomita. Marcelle wanted to know if this included training together? Sandy said she's look into it.
- B. Fire Department Corner:
 1. Chief Frank Mead was in attendance in Captain Bliss' place. Chief Mead noted the following:
 - a) A strike team had been sent by RB in support of the Station Fire.
 - b) The RB EOC construction was 90% complete.
 - c) There was a brief discussion of PR opportunities regarding the upcoming CERT class.
 - (1) Chis Meyers suggested approaching the local air force base and national guard units to get personnel stationed locally and living in RB to attend CERT training.
- C. Committee Updates:
 1. Communications - Bob Applegate
 - a) Newsletter - Bob reported no further progress on the monthly newsletter.
 - b) Website - Bob Kumler
 - (1) When we move to the new web hosting service, Sandy wanted yourname@rbcertaa.org email addresses to be limited to board officers. Bob A. suggested a more open approach, offering use of the new email addresses to the entire board. For now we'll limit the addresses to RBCERTAA officers.
 2. Equipment - Phil
 - a) Mike Grady has donated a 2½" fire hose nozzle. Now we just need to get the hose.
 - b) Monty recommended cycling through the gasoline in the trailer and replacing it with fresh gasoline. He also recommended writing the date the gasoline was changed on duct tape on the side of the gas cans.
 - c) Gary stated that we could not get free vehicle storage for the new/used van from our current storage vendor. A parking space would cost us between \$156 and \$180/mo.

Gary has approached the managers of the marina where he lives and they've agreed to give us a free parking spot with 24/7 access and security, for FREE.

- d) Volunteers for equipment committee are Doug, Gary, and Monty. Additionally Monty indicated that Mike Grady would like to be a part of this committee.
 3. Funding/PR - Marcelle
 - a) Sandy mentioned previous Whole Foods "5% Wednesday" promotion, wherein RBCERTAA received 5% of the gross receipts/profit for the day. Previous efforts were quite profitable. It's been awhile since we approached Whole Foods for some sponsorship assistance – they might be more open to helping.
 - b) Marcelle is working with Brandy Harkins from BCHD on an enrichment grant application.
 4. Community Relations - Gary
 - a) Safety Fair – October 4th. Gary is looking for help with the booth. Volunteers for the Safety Fair include Chris, Susanne, Phil, Sandy, and Doug. It is suggested that the communications/radio booth be located next to the RBCERTAA booth.
 - b) Monty suggested including more people in the email distribution of committee meetings. He suggested including the "usual suspects" (my term, not his) in the distribution, noting that he would help if he understood that help was needed.
 5. Apparel - Chris Meyers.
 - a) Chris noted that he has no idea what's in our current inventory.
 - b) Gary offered to help him off-line with apparel orders.
 - c) Chris recommended the adoption of an official RBCERTAA uniform. He suggested a navy blue RBCERTAA polo shirt with khaki Dockers. He felt that this would be a more professional look at the booth and other events.
 6. Shakeout ~ Marcelle/Monty
 - a) The committee proposed a dual-effort drill to coincide with this year's The Great California ShakeOut:
 - (1) In the morning a callout email will go out to RBCERT alumni. Recipients will be asked in the email to review a checklist which will assist them in appraising their readiness. They will also be asked to supply some contact information and to report simulated "risks."
 - (2) These email replies will be compiled into council district-specific reports which will be given to the RBCFD later in the day.
 - (3) Alumni will also be called out in the evening to report to Alta Vista Park. Once there, attendees will have their go bags reviewed and they'll get a brief refresher on FRS radio usage. After that they'll be deployed in teams of two for a simulated search and rescue and radio check exercise.
 - (4) Bob A. reformatted and edited Marcelle's callout email (at her request). Sandy and Marcelle are currently reviewing the document.
- D. Recent Classes & Meetings
1. Area G meeting August 6th ~ Bob K.
 - a) Bob reported that the county's "Alert L.A." reverse 911 system was described. It can handle 1,000 calls every three minutes. Chief Whitaker was also there. Listed and unlisted county land-lines are automatically included in the system, for notification in time of emergency. Users can register online to also have their cell phones included in the system. For more info go to <http://portal.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/alertla>.
 - b) The next Area G meeting is scheduled for October 1 (location and time unknown).
 2. Pediatric Disaster Training Course ~ Marcelle
 - a) Marcelle and Courtney attended.
 - b) Marcelle reported that the session was directed primarily towards medical professionals.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Wednesday, September 9th – Citizen's Police Academy
- B. Thursday, September 10th – RB CERT Classes Start
- C. Friday, September 11th – Display your flag in memory/honor
- D. Saturday, September 19th – Emergency Communications Service Meeting

- E. Sunday, September 20th – Redondo Beach Dodger Day
 - F. Sunday, October 4th – Safety Fair
 - G. Thursday, October 15th – Southern California Shakeout & RBCERTAA Event
 - H. Wednesday, November 4th – Red Cross 25th Annual disaster Preparedness Academy
 - I. Saturday, November 7th – CERT Training (2nd of the Semi Annual Training for 2009)
- IX. **Open Forum**
- A. Sandy will thank Mike Martinet for the orange Area G jackets that he provided for the RBCERTAA board members.
 - B. Ken Carr noted that a new disaster communication group has been created to improve post disaster communications in the south bay. The organization covers the four PV cities, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. Ken encouraged local HAM operators to consider joining this group. More info may be found at <http://www.sbecs.org>. Meetings are held at the Hermosa City Hall.
 - C. A question was raised (Chris?) about the status of new RBCERT ID badges. Gary will look into it.
- X. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

Bob Applegate, Secretary