



Meeting attendees:

<b>RBCERTAA Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Guests in Attendance</b>
President - Sandy Marchese	X	Bob Heil
Vice President - Doug Rodriguez	X	Phil Perles
Treasurer - Gary Horn	Excused	Dick Rengo
Secretary - Bob Applegate	Excused	Salley Plante
Phil Gilbreth	Excused	Nancy Nickels
Bob Kumler	X	Monroe Weinstock
Marcelle McCullough	Excused	
Susanne Rengo	X	
Monty Ruth	X	
Courtney Steeneken	X	
Board Position 11 [Position Vacant]	-	
<b>Number of Board Members Present</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Fire Department Liaison</b>		
Captain Dan Bliss	X	
X = Present, A = Absent		

- 1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER ~ By Sandy at 6:32 p.m.
- 2) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ~ Sandy
- 3) PRESENTATION OF AGENDA ORDER and request for additions/deletions ~ Sandy
- 4) Voting on Board Member - 1 Position Open – Nancy Nickels was elected in as a board member with all board members present voting in favor. She was administered the oath of office by Capt. Bliss.
- 5) CALL FOR APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES ~ Sandy There being no objections or changes by the board, Sandy declared the minutes to stand as approved.

6) FIRE DEPARTMENT CORNER – Captain Dan Bliss

The Fire Dept. has had trouble getting the City Website updated to announce the schedule for the upcoming CERT Classes due to staffing cuts. Sandy commented that she is aware of only two people signing up for class 42 so far. Class 42 starts on February 4th.

The CERT Class Street Banner will go up at the corner of PCH and South Elena for two weeks starting January 11th.

Chief Carl Whittaker has retired, Chief Paul Lepore will be the new Chief of Special Services Division. Rob Rappaport will be chief of Fire Prevention.

Capt. Bliss asked the board when our new call out list will be given to him. He would like an updated list each quarter. Sandy said that she should be able to present it to him at the February board meeting.

Sandy commented that she has discovered that Redondo Beach is a Class Two rated Fire Department (out of Ten). Per Sandy there are 47,000 Fire Departments nationwide, 47 are class 1, L.A. County is class 3. We should be proud of our class 2 rating. Capt. Bliss noted that this rating is put out

by the Fire Insurance Industry and the rating affects the price of a properties fire insurance, particularly commercial properties. We are rated every 15 years and the criteria includes such things as the quality of the water supply, number of fire personnel, response to calls, and training.

## 7) OLD BUSINESS:

A. TREASURER'S REPORT ~ Gary – He will submit his report in February.

There were no Reimbursement requests or presentations of current bills for payment.

### B. Other items

i. Vehicle – The vehicle has been painted white, and is awaiting decals. It is currently stored at Mike Grady's Independent Repair Shop. Sandy is working with the DMV to reduce a \$200 late fee they have assessed for late vehicle registration.

ii. Red Cross Conference Sandy and Marcelle attended. Sandy felt that most of the sessions were geared more toward beginning level disaster preparedness audiences. Our CERT training already covers this level of information. However, Sandy did attend a session on the Hudson River plane crash response and on group organization that she found informative.

iii. Shakeout Sandy asked for volunteers to form a committee. Monty volunteered to Chair. Sandy will put Monty's e-mail up in the next CERT update requesting interested parties to contact him.

iv. CPK ASAP - Holiday Get together & Fund Raiser (Tuesday, Dec 1st) - Sandy reported that we received a check from CPK for \$101.19. She would like to thank Anza Hardware for donating the door prizes.

Thank You's (attending & prize providers)

v. Semi Annual Training – November 7 at Station 2

vi. Holiday Party – Chris Leist's Home – December 18th Great Guitar music was provided for our entertainment courtesy of Mike Grady and Phil Gilbreth.

## 9) NEW BUSINESS

A. A chess set was presented by RBCERTAA to Chief Carl Whitaker upon his retirement in gratitude of his service to the city and his support of the CERT program.

B. Potential New T-Shirt Vendor - Sandy has found a new potential t-shirt vendor. She will pass the info onto the Apparel Committee.

C. CPK ASP – First Wednesday of each month fundraiser

D. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Beach Cities Health District to Gary Horn and Chris Meyers for their participation in the H1N1 vaccination event.

E. Area G Meeting – There will be a meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 2 p.m. Two to three CERT Members are invited to attend from our group. Susanne Rengo said she would like to attend with Sandy.

F. Academy #42 – February 4th through April 8th (excluding Feb 18th & Mar 18th) The fee remains \$40 for residents to attend CERT Class. Nancy asked if there are any posters available to put out the word about the upcoming class. Sandy will ask Mike Grady if he can get some more posters printed for us from the business that usually donates them.

Doug suggested that we ask the Neighborhood Watch newsletter to include a CERT Corner section with new upcoming class info. Nancy said that she would look in to it.

G. Grant Writing Sandy says that we have someone working on grant writing for us.

## F. Committee Updates

### Community Relations

a. Super Bowl 10K Run - 6AM to 11AM, Feb 7th – We have an invitation to set up a booth at the event that day. Nancy and Sally Plante would like to work it.

b. Veteran's Day Event (11/11/09) – Nancy had a booth set up and handed out info at this event.

### ii. Communications ~ Bob Kumler

a. Web Site Move & possibly new web master – Bob K. announced that Feb will be his last meeting. He is handing over all web site related info to Doug. Nancy said that she would like to help on the web site update if she can be trained on it. She will try to meet up with Bob K. before he leaves. Bob

K. says that it would be helpful if more CERT members contributed photos of events to be posted on the site. It would be useful to whomever is posting site updates.

#### 10) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Wednesday, January 6th – CPK ASAP Fund Raiser (Mention CERT throughout the day)
- ii. Saturday, January 30th & Saturday, February 6th – Radio Classes
- ii. Tuesday, February 2nd – RBCERTAA Board Meeting at Billy's
- iii. Sunday, February 7th – SUPER BOWL 10K

11) OPEN FORUM – Monty would like to look into creating an RBCERTAA Facebook Page. Police Officer Ian Miesen has created one for the P.D. and might be able to give us pointers on it.

Courtney asked what the exact date of the Shakeout Drill would be. It is on 10/21/10.

12) ADJOURNMENT ~ Sandy Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Bob Applegate, Secretary (Minutes provided by Monty Ruth)