



**IV. Nominations for Open Board Seat:**

- A. Christopher Meyers, Bob Heil and Phil Perles were asked if they were interested in serving on the board. All expressed qualified reservations and declined for now.

**V. Old Business:**

A. Treasurer's Report: Gary

1. Presentation and call for approval of Treasurer's Report.
  - a) Previous balance: \$3264.03
  - b) Revenues received: \$200.00
  - c) Payments made: \$698.24
  - d) Ending balance: \$2765.79
2. Gary also noted that Michael Acre, Manager made on behalf of [King Harbor Marina](#) a non-cash donation of marine batteries for use with our new van. Gary estimated the value of the donation at \$700. They also previously donated our van parking space.
3. Reimbursement requests and presentation of current bills for payment.
  - a) None
4. Marcelle expressed concern about our financial commitments, fearing that our current rate of spending was unsustainable. She also recommended that we adopt a financial planning calendar, allowing us to track and anticipate upcoming major expenses.
5. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

B. Other items

1. Vehicle
  - a) Gary presented preliminary rough designs of the proposed van signage created by Nancy.
  - b) Gary reported that Ken Carr has an old mobile radio that he's willing to donate to us.
2. Academy #42 – February 4 through April 8 (excluding Feb 18 & Mar 18)
  - a) 54 students attended the CPR/AED session of the class, with 42 of the attendees being new students. It was mentioned that this class marked the first efforts by new instructor, Ben Billante.
3. District Leads
  - a) We skipped this until the next meeting as Sandy is coordinating this.

**VI. New Business:**

A. State of City Address by Mayor

1. Marcelle described Sandy's reaction to Mayor Gin's speech as a relatively upbeat review of the last year.

B. Information on RB and HB Fire Dept.

1. Captain Bliss reported that the feasibility study was 80% complete. He noted that the issue may be on hold due to the recently upheld lawsuit against the city of Hermosa Beach. Click [here](#) for an update on Hermosa's response to the recent court ruling.

C. Ideas on what CERT can be used for by the City (non disaster related) Date for first refresher training in 2010.

1. Discussion moved to Open Forum.

D. Committee Updates:

1. Community Relations ~ Gary
  - a) Skipped
2. Funding/PR ~ Marcelle
  - a) Marcelle reminded the board of the CPK fundraiser tomorrow.
  - b) Marcelle discussed fundraising opportunities, including requiring a membership fee for RBCERTAA members. Bob A. suggested that RBCERTAA was having difficulty keeping members active and that imposing a fee would just give community members another reason not to be involved.
  - c) Susanne mentioned that Macy's had a program designed to help nonprofits by donating a portion of the revenue received from shoppers enrolled in the program.
3. Apparel ~ Chris Meyers
  - a) Chris reported that Owen Evans has created a CERT class-specific, logo'd RBCERTAA shirt. Gary recommended asking Sandy to include the shirts in her newsletter.

- b) Chris suggested including the apparel PowerPoint slideshow discussed in last month's meeting on the RBCERTAA website.
- 4. Communications ~ Bob Applegate
  - a) Website move & possibly new web master
    - (1) Bob reported that the RBCERTAA website had been moved to a new domain hosting service and that we were currently looking for new webmaster.
    - b) Bob also reported creating a vehicle recommendation document at Sandy's request for use by Sandy as a possible fundraising tool. Bob told Gary and Monty that he'd send them a copy of the document.
- 5. Equipment ~ Phil
  - a) Phil solicited help installing the shelving in our storage area. Chris Meyers offered to install the shelves during the weekdays, will coordinate with Phil.
- 6. Shakeout - Monty
  - a) Monty reported that 10 people attended the meeting (none of them from MB or Torrance).
  - b) Monty suggested additional training for CERT alumni in preparation for the Shakeout: cribbing, lessons learned, etc.
  - c) Courtney suggested adding a tsunami to the drill. The committee will hold its next meeting at 11:00AM on Sunday, March 21 at the [Catalina Coffee Company](#).
  - d) Bob recommended created a tiered CERT membership plan: essentially an 'A Team' and a 'B Team.' This would allow using the more experienced team members in more demanding roles during an emergency.



Typical used rescue truck for sale. Many such vehicles are available for sale on the Internet.

**VII. Announcements**

- A. Wednesday, March 3 – CPK ASAP Fundraiser (Mention CERT throughout the day)
- B. Tuesday, April 6 – Next RBCERTAA meeting at Billy's
- C. Thursday, March 4 and March 11 – First Aid Classes (need to reserve space with RBFD)
- D. Saturday, April 10 – Academy #42 Graduation
- E. Sunday, April 25 – CERT Refresher
- F. Saturday, May 8 – Fire Service Appreciation Day
- G. Thursday, October 21 – Shakeout
- H. Saturday, November 13 – CERT Refresher

**VIII. Open Forum**

- A. Chris Meyers spoke in support of an upcoming event with [General Russell L. Honoré](#) as the keynote speaker. The event will take place on April 30 from 9:00AM to 1:30PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro.
- B. Bob Heil spoke about a new two meter band spectrum plan. He said that more information may be found at <http://tasma.org>.
- C. Monty spoke regarding his experience with [Nixle.com](#).
- D. Monty also mentioned that he'd created a Facebook page for RBCERTAA.
- E. Monty noted that he'd attended a WMD course taught by Jim Crabtree through the L.A. County Health Department.

**IX. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:09PM.

Bob Applegate, Secretary