



Meeting attendees:

| RBCERTAA Board Members | Present | Guests in Attendance |
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| President - Sandy Marchese | X | Mike Grady |
| Vice President - Doug Rodriguez (7:23) | X | Sally Plante |
| Treasurer - Gary Horn (7:42) | X | Bob Heil |
| Secretary - Bob Applegate | Excused | Ron Cody |
| Phil Gilbreth | X | |
| Marcelle McCullough | X | |
| Nancy Nickels | X | |
| Susanne Rengo | X | |
| Monty Ruth | X | |
| Courtney Steeneken (6:44) | X | |
| Vacancy | | |
| Number of Board Members Present | 9 | |
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| Fire Department Liaison | | |
| Captain Dan Bliss & Chief Paul Lepore (7:24) | X | |
| X = Present, A = Absent | | |

The regular monthly meeting of the Redondo Beach CERT Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 6:31PM, the President being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction (Brandy Harkin's name was misspelled).

I. Introduction of Guests: Sandy

- A. Mike Grady introduced Ron Cody, a retired fire fighter from the Redondo Beach Fire Department, and former CERT Instructor (He taught at the first Redondo CERT class). He would like to help us do a fundraiser for CERT. Ron proposed an idea for a concert fundraiser with Captain Matt Johnson's band. He handed Sandy a proposal paper with cost and potential profit estimates. Marcelle mentioned the possibility of involving other cities to participate. Ron also talked about a Rotary Club fundraiser that made them about \$1500 doing a whiskey tasting party. It has very little overhead cost associated with it. Marcelle will follow up closely with Ron on this proposal.

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

III. Fire Department Corner: Captain Dan Bliss or Representative

- A. Captain Bliss confirmed that we will be doing the luau on May 22 and that the RBFD will be there. May 8 will be Fire Service Day. Sally and Nancy will be coordinating CERT booths at both fire stations.
- B. Monty asked Chief Lepore if he had any update on our request to use the [Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center](#) for the Shakeout drill in October. He said that he did not have any info at this time. Monty said he would send an email reminder to Captain Bliss, with a copy to the chief. The chief asked Monty if he knew how the funding would work for this facility use. Monty said that he did not know for sure but was told that the Performing Arts Center would donate some of the time.

IV. Election for Open Board Seat - Candidate Sally Plante:

- A. The vote in favor of Sally was unanimous.

- B. Chief Lepore swore in Sally Plante as a new RBCERTAA board member.
- V. **Old Business:**
- A. Treasurer's Report: Gary
1. Presentation and call for approval of May's Treasurer's Report - ending balance of \$2926.60 as of May 4. Approval of this report was tabled until the next board meeting pending a few changes.
 2. Revenues received
 - a) None
 3. Reimbursement requests and presentation of current bills for payment
 - a) None.
- B. Other items
1. Vehicle
 - a) The lettering on the vehicle is progressing – target date of completion is May 15. Two decals for the doors have been ordered. Marcelle asked about upholstering resources. [The Trim Line Shop](#) might be able to help us. Sandy will talk to them. Sally mentioned that a boat repair place might be a more affordable resource for the repair. Courtney said that Gary sent her pictures and a list of equipment that we could request Gerber to donate. She will work on stocking the vehicle.
 2. Academy #42 – Graduation.
 - a) Graduation went well. 39 people graduated. They also raised \$106 at graduation for CERT.
 3. District Leads
 - a) Sandy is continuing to set up the list and procedure for this.
 4. [Riviera Village Summer Festival](#) RBCERTAA participation – June 26 & June 27 – 10 to 6PM.
 - a) We will have a booth there. Sandy will work on getting a signup sheet out for volunteers to work at it. We need someone to spearhead the event. Nancy will coordinate.
 5. RBUHS – Radio (Ham & FRS) Operators Participation – Rededication of track June 5 –
 - a) Doug is looking for volunteers for this event.
- C. **New Business:**
1. Review of Refresher on April 25, 2010
 - a) Nancy thought it went well. It was her first time to be an incident commander. She thinks that these refreshers are very useful and that the fire department did a great job in planning the scenario. Bob H. Said that everyone made mistakes and was able to learn from them. Courtney said that the cribbing experience was confusing because she has been trained in a lot of different ways to do it.
 2. MBCERT – Comments on Speaker of April 7
 - a) Sandy said that this was an excellent event. A speaker who was at the Haiti disaster relief effort spoke and shared lessons learned as a responding nurse. Marcelle asked if the videotape of the speaker would be available to CERT members to view. Sandy would check into it.
 3. Election Procedure
 - a) Sandy said we would take board member nominations at the luau picnic. There are a number of people who are eligible. Election will be at the board meeting on June 1.
 4. Sea Fair – Boating & Safety Open House May 16, 1PM to 6PM
 - a) RBCERTAA decided not to participate due to full schedule for May.
 5. Committee Updates
 - a) Community Relations ~ Gary -
 - (1) Saturday, May 8 – Fire Service Appreciation Day 10AM to 3PM – Update from Sally & Nancy – Nancy says that she thinks that she has enough people to cover station #1. Sally will cover station #2 with volunteers.
 - b) Luau Committee Report – Sally Plante
 - (1) She is looking for a pole for the limbo contest Sandy says she has RSVPs of about 35 people up to now.
 - c) Funding/PR ~ Marcelle
 - (1) Marcelle had an idea to give CERT Members a loose change jar to have members put all of their loose change into and them to have them donate it to CERT.

Currently our hard operational costs are around \$2000 a year. She would like to do a membership dues drive as a suggested donation — \$15 annually would cover our costs if we got enough people to donate. Many suggestions were made by the board on how to go about this. Marcelle said that whatever we decide to do, we need the entire board to buy in to it. She feels that the financial commitments of this group have changed and we need to have a different mindset of how to continue funding. She feels it would be better if we don't continue going into each year financially blind, so to speak. Marcelle would like to discuss this further at our next board meeting. Sandy will give more time to this subject for our next meeting.

- d) Apparel ~ Chris Meyers
 - (1) Marcelle mentioned that Chris needs more help from people to be available to work with him on the committee at events.
- e) Communications ~ Bob Applegate
 - (1) No Report
- f) Equipment ~ Phil
 - (1) He wants to get the shelves put up in the storage unit and needs help.
- g) Shakeout
 - (1) Monty will have more info about when the next meeting will be in a few weeks.

VI. Announcements

- A. Tuesday, June 1 – Next RBCERTAA board meeting at Billy's
- B. Saturday, May 8 – Fire Service Appreciation Day 10AM to 3PM
- C. Saturday, May 22 – RBCERTAA Luau/General Meeting
- D. Tuesday, June 1 – Election of RBCERTAA Board
- E. Saturday & Sunday, June 26 & 27 – Riviera Village Summer Festival
- F. Thursday, October 21 – Shakeout
- G. Saturday, November 13 – CERT Refresher
- H. Sept 9 thru Oct 30 – CERT Academy #43

VII. Open Forum

- A. Courtney wanted to know if anyone has asked us to help at the Relay for Life. The Lifesavers group welcomes us to join them. July 17-18 at Alta Vista Elementary School grounds.
- B. Doug says that he is working on getting a HAM radio transferred for the van.
- C. Jared Van Sloten sent us a nice thank you note for letting him borrow our pop up for another community event. He sent us a \$50 donation.
- D. Gary commented that we still have major repairs that we need to be done on the Van – about \$3000 worth and we need to start thinking about how we are going to fund that.
- E. Courtney wants to know if anyone is tracking our volunteer hours. Sandy commented that we are registered with the presidential volunteer service. Courtney will check in to seeing how we can access that info to track our CERT members.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:53PM.

Bob Applegate, Secretary, from notes taken by Monty Ruth