



RBCERTAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2011

Attendees at this meeting:

RBCERTAA BOARD MEMBERS	Present	Guests in Attendance:
President, Gary Horn	x	
Vice President, Marc Lear	X	Sandy Marchese
Treasurer - Nancy Nickels	X	Sgt. Jon Naylor (RBPD)
Secretary (acting) Susanne Rengo	X	Fire Chief Lapore
Debra Bina-O'Brien	X	
Dave Buckland	X	
Bandy Harkins	X	
Florene(Flo) Hartfield	X	
Marcelle McCullough	X	
Doug Rodriguez	x	
Courtney Steeneken	x	
Fire Department Liaison:		
Capt. Dan Bliss		
A = Absent		

1. **Call to order/announcement:** The regular monthly meeting of the Redondo Beach CERT Alumni Association was held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 6:34 PM, the President being in the chair.
2. **Introduction of Guests:** The guests shown above were introduced by Gary to the RB CERT Board.
3. **Presentation of Agenda Order** and request for additions/deletions: Gary distributed agenda for meeting.
4. **Call for Approval of Minutes:**
The minutes of the last meeting were corrected and approved. (Sandy noted that she did not attend the Disaster Corps/Red Cross class with Marcelle (item VI.E in minutes)

5. Presentation by RBPD – Sgt. Jon Naylor; “Medical Marijuana”

It is never legal to sell marijuana and cultivating it is illegal; the laws are clouded and hard to enforce. The police dept. has a mission to educate the public on current laws. Based on his presentation he wants us to help spread the word to our friends and contacts against the possible widespread use of marijuana which can also lead to use of more dangerous drugs to get high.

- A. Prop. 215 Marijuana can be obtained from store-front dispensaries based on doctor recommendation for ailments such as cancer, anorexia, aids, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine headaches or other illnesses for which marijuana allegedly provides relief. It also gives the right to cultivate for seriously ill Californians. The dispensaries are run illegally and the doctors are not personally present to examine the patients but are viewed over the internet from satellite offices using a laptop computer. A fee is collected for the referral. It is acceptable to cultivate the marijuana collectively with no sales involved. The LAPD Devonshire Div. had 60 store-fronts in operation and this number has been reduced to 3. In Redondo Beach there is a store-front in operation on Artesia Blvd. next to the Performing Arts offices.

- B. Senate Bill 420 allows cooperatives distribute a reasonable amount of marijuana to members based on doctor recommendations which are good for a 30 days (prescriptions are not necessary) for medical reasons.

- C. Prop. 19: Persons 21 years of age may possess 28.5 gm (1 oz.) cannabis for personal consumption and it is not to be used in public places. It allows for a public establishment license for cannabis sales and consumption and a 25 sq. ft. area for growth of the weed/grass. It authorizes the sale of up to 1 oz; regulates location of the sale, size of the crop growth area, hours of operation, signs and displays similar to the requirements for liquor stores. Some of the packaged items would be Buddafingas, Stoners, and marijuana brownies. The ingredients in the packaged items are not regulated and could contain metal, fungi, mold and cyanide among other things from the cultivation field. People using this cannabis have a 30% higher risk for injuries from vehicle accidents and increased risk of fatalities when accidents occur.

6. Fire Dept. Corner:

- A. Capt. Bliss took individual head shots of the new CERT board.

- B. The upcoming CERT class #45 begins on Thursday, Sept. 8. There will be 8 sessions with the graduation conducted at Fire Station #2 on Saturday, Oct. 29. The CERT class is a Fire Dept. job to recruit participants and provide instruction. CERT helps by assisting with the class and distributing brochures at events such as Family Night Out and the Safety Fair but the Fire Dept. should provide the brochures.

- C. The fire dept. will issue press releases about the class and a banner will be hung at the King Harbor Site on PCH.

- D. Capt. Bliss apologized for the fire dept. not providing the pancake breakfast which is customary for the Relay for Life event at Alta Vista Park on July 24.

- E. September is National Preparedness month and there will be a CERT presentation at the main RB library from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. We requested that the fire dept. contact librarian Brannigan to put a flyer in the elevator to advertise the event. The Medical Reserve Corps of BCHD has developed a Family Communication Plan.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. TREASURER’S REPORT – Nancy

- i. Presentation and call for approval of August 1 Treasurer’s Report; approved
 - Ending Balance from July 7 = \$3,590.22
 - Expenses/Debits: = \$ 246.81
 - Adjustments = \$.26
 - Ending Balance = \$3,485.19
- ii. Sandy indicated there is a refund from the park for \$75.00 and Donation from April Fools performance for \$16.00.

B. Other Items:

- i. BCHD will have a meeting room available for CERT for our board meeting on Thursday 9/01/2011.
- ii. On Tuesday, August 23, there will be a plaque presented to the City of Redondo Beach Emergency Operations Center (EOC) from Gary Horn and RBCERTAA . The City Manager, Bill Workman, will be accepting for the city. Both Mayor Gin and RCPD Chief Leonardi have been invited. This is an honor for all involved. As many CERT board members as possible should attend this presentation. We should gather as a group in the police station to be escorted to the EOC.
- iii. On Monday, Sept. 19 the CERT board and other members are invited to attend the Public Safety Commission Meeting. There is the possibility of another presentation at this meeting for the fish clean-up.
- iv. Reverse 911 Research: The electronic call-out for emergency CERT responders could use a reverse 911 program. The system used in Hermosa Beach is called “Code Red” and is based on a system used in Florida; it cost HB \$10,000 and involves 60,000 entries. Brandy suggested “Collaborative Fusion” which is a state program used by BCHD. Gary wants to study other bids before a final decision is made for RBCERTAA. We will continue to make manual calls based on council districts.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. From the President:

- i. Board members were photographed with headshot pictures during the meeting.
- ii. Member involvement: We want to encourage all CERT members to attend our monthly meetings and remind members to submit dues/donations on an annual basis. Marcelle will send a draft of last years request letter to Gary.

- iii. **CERT Uniform Protocol:** We must be cognizant that when we are wearing our CERT shirts or hats to conduct ourselves in a professional manner and not do anything that might reflect back negatively to our organization or the RB Fire Dept. We should not wear CERT gear to obtain personal discounts.
 - iv. **Submission of Written Material:** Proposed letters for distribution to members should be sent as a draft document to Gary for review prior to distribution for our general members.
 - v. **Class Training Suggestion:** We could provide at a future class a Safety Officer Training video suggested for development to BCJCO. We will devote at least one hour to shakeout information to encourage RB CERT participation in the joint shakeout drill on Oct. 15, 2011.
- B. WHEELCHAIR DONATION:** Mike Grady has donated a wheel chair to our equipment inventory. It can be borrowed by any CERT member in need of a wheel chair. It will be stored in the van and can be used at events in which we participate.
- C. COMMITTEES:**
- i. **Setting up new Committees and Chairs:**
 - a. **Equipment:** Marc Lear and Gary Horn
This will include the van, storage, radios, trailer and all the supplies and equipment stored.
 - b. **Communications/Public Relations:** Marcelle McCullough, Brandy Harkins
This will include press releases, releases to alumni, community involvement (Riviera Village Summer Festival, National Family Night Out, BCJCO Shakeout, Relay for Life, Safety Fair, etc.)
RBCERT Newsletter: Courtney Steeneken
I.T./Website: Dave Buckland
 - c. **Fund Raising:** Debra Bina-O'Brien , Committee Chair, Marcelle McCullough, Committee Co-chair, Courtney Steeneken, Brandy Harkins and Gary Horn
This will include donations for silent auctions as well as raffles and dues solicitation of donations from members annually.

Apparel: Nancy Nickels, Susanne Rengo and Gary Horn
We will conduct an inventory of apparel available and bring samples of the apparel (shirts, lanyards, hats etc.)to the CERT classes to solicit donations.
 - d. **Special Projects:** Debra Bina-O'Brien

9. Announcements:

- i. **Tuesday, August 2** – National Night Out at Target, Redondo Beach
- ii. **Tuesday, August 23** – Plaque for the City at RB EOC @7:30PM
- iii. **Thursday, September 1** –RBCERTAA Board Meeting, BCHD@6:00PM
- iv. **Thursday, September 8** – CERT Class #45 begins @ RB Library @6:00PM
- v. **Tuesday, September 13** – CERT presentation at RB Library 6:30 – 9:00PM
- vi. **Sunday, October 2** – Safety Fair, RB Civic Center 10:00 – 3:00 PM
- vii. **Monday, October 3** – RBCERTAA Board Meeting @6:00 PM (Fire Station 2)
- viii. **Saturday, October 15** – BCJCO Shakeout Drill

- ix. Thursday, October 20 @10:20 AM official California shakeout
- x. Saturday, October 29 – RB CERT class graduation at Fire Station #2
- xi. Sunday, November 13 – RBCERT Semiannual Refresher Class Fire Station #2

10. OPEN FORUM:

- A. Hats (blue with red CERT logo) were donated by Jim (Independent Auto Repair) to CERT at a cost of \$5,000. We should check with him how much he has been reimbursed and how much he expects from us. Possibly he used them as a tax write-off. Gary felt that all graduates from the CERT class should be given a hat at graduation.
- B. RB CERT purchased two folding tables and four chairs which are stored in the van for use at community involvement events.
- C. We should acquire paper weights to control handouts at events from blowing away.
- D. Somebody questioned if CERT volunteers should have background checks including live scan finger prints since we sometimes interact with volunteers from the high schools.
- E. We will need a photographer to be included under public relations to document our activities.
- F. The economy has affected the RB Fire Dept. staffing. Currently there are 20 fire fighters on duty at any one shift at all three fire stations, including the harbor patrol. This is to serve a population of 67 thousand.
- G. Marc will remind Marcelle to pick up a supply of tri-fold brochures for the CERT display at National Night Out.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM