



BARROW COUNTY CERT OFFICERS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held November 13, 2019

Roll Call of Officers

Team Chief	Dave Mueller	Present
Deputy Team Chief / Training Captain	Vance Oakes	Present
Administrative Captain / Finance Officer	Richard Pepper	Present
Operations Captain / Communications Lieutenant	Mike Wolcott	Present
Safety Captain	Tina Watkins	Excused
Medical Lieutenant	Carol Goodnight	Present
Field Operations Lieutenant	OPEN	
Logistics Lieutenant	Michael Toney	Present
Planning Officer	Fern Oakes	Present
Public Information Officer / IT Officer	John Sliman	Present
Secretary	Steve Kemble	Present

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM.

Dave thanked everyone that helped out at the Auburn Fest, Spooktacular, and the Haunted House. We turned down a request for Statham as their request was too late to act on. John was recognized for the article that he got in the paper regarding Auburn Fest. Dave met with Alan about the remodeling that is going on in the building. We may need to be moved out of our current building because of this. If so, we will be moved over to a building on Lee Street.

Reports of Officers

Deputy Chief / Training Captain

All thirteen of the new CERT members have gone through orientation. We need to start planning for a new class. We have a few people signed up already. There will be a tour of Station 6 including the engine and med unit at the next general meeting. CPR class will need to be done in February. Dave mentioned he will contact GEMA about train-the-trainer classes. No information on the upcoming chain saw class yet.

Administrative Captain / Finance Officer

We have \$7,644.15 in the bank. We will be looking into purchasing a new tent with the money.

Reports of Officers

Operations Captain / Communications Lieutenant

The hospital put on a new roof and it caused problems with the antenna. The antenna is back up, but will be trying to get the antenna back on the tower at Winder Fire Station 1.

Medical Lieutenant

Nothing at this time.

Logistics Lieutenant

Nothing at this time.

Planning Officer

We have the Christmas Parade on December 14th. Regarding Auburn Fest, we need to look into leaving earlier – about 3:00PM. We are looking forward to working with Statham in the future.

Public Information Officer / IT Officer

We were in the Barrow County newspaper. We were also made an appearance in the Barrow County newsletter. We had a “thank you” come in from the Barrow County Clerk of the Commission, Danielle Austin for our help with the Haunted Jail. If you go to our Facebook page you will see a bunch of new pictures.

Secretary

John and I have been in discussions about the Whois Domain registration for our web site. Proposed is to have Dave listed as the Owner, John listed as the Admin, Richard as the Finance, and Steve as the Technician. Whoever is the Team Chief would be listed as the owner if there were any changes in the future.

John and I also talked about Chip and Tap. It is a method by which we could accept donations at our CERT tent by tapping a phone or inserting a credit card. The units run about \$60. It is something to consider in the future.

We may want to consider adding a section to the web site for Amazon affiliate links. These would be for things such as emergency preparedness items. If a person uses an affiliate link to purchase an item, CERT will get a percentage. This program is above and beyond the Amazon Smile program which we are already a part of. We will look into adding this to the new site.

John and I had a discussion about what prominence we should give sponsors and donations. I think we should place our sponsors on the main page. All other ways to donate or support us would be on a tab – including listing items the team needs. We will place information on our main page about Barrow County Emergency Services being our sponsor along with StorAway. Penny sent me an update about getting CERT listed on the Barrow County web site. She is still working on it.

Reports of Officers

Mark is back in the hospital so we need to look into having someone else work on our new web site. We have made a lot of progress. Fern asked that we look into a paid option to get this going quicker. Dave said he would like to have the new site up by January first.

Motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary

Steve Kemble