



**BBV-CERT General Meeting Minutes  
On-line Session  
May 22, 2023**

Present: Susan Elliott Nancy Karlson  
Dede Hermon Tom Hermon  
Marie and Jim Smith Norma and Bob Grimes  
Ed Williams Maria Laverty  
Steve Elliott

Call to Order:

- Susan called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Treasurer Report:

- Financial Report:
  - Dede reported that the balance in our account as of April 30 totaled \$4,775 with no activity during the month except for a small interest credit. She noted that the insurance renewal of \$1,654 was paid in May.

New Business/Old Business:

- Upcoming Elections:
  - Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (mid-term replacement)  
Susan noted that elections will be held in June and requested help from the group in considering participation. Ed mentioned that he would be willing to assume the Treasurer role.
- Upcoming Local Community Events:
  - Tour de Big Bear, August 5  
Susan noted that the BBV-CERT team will be stationed at the Snow Valley location and encouraged the group to promote participation.
- Upcoming Fundraising Events -
  - Susan reported that fundraising events will be placed on hold for now except for Maggio's and participation with Tour de Big Bear.
- Asset Committee (Next Steps, if any):
  - No update at this time.

- Renewal of CERT licenses:
  - Susan mentioned that this issue is now receiving elevated attention based on her recent discussions with local officials and OES.
  
- Training/Topic Scheduled for the General Meeting:
  - Discussion about Susan’s meeting on May 3 with Jeff Willis, Mike Maltby and Nick Bruinsma (and Steve).
    - Susan reported that the meeting went well and BBV-CERT might have opportunities to support the local communities. More news to follow.
    - She shared that, since her meeting on May 3, an individual has been hired at OES that would be assuming CERT oversight responsibilities.
    - Susan commented that there is a general consensus and goal to get the BBV-CERT program active again. She noted that her next meeting with OES is tomorrow.
  
- Upcoming Training/Other Events:
  - Ham Radio Testing and Preparation (Available through K6DDZ.com)
  - BBV-CERT Recruitment – Tentatively targeting the week of August 20
  - Red Bag Training: Back on the radar with date TBD
  - American Red Cross Piloting Program (June 24, Trails End Mobile Home Park)
    - Susan reported that this new program is an expansion of “Sound the Alarm” and will include education on wildfires and Defensible Space. Susan added that CERT members are welcome to participate, as either a “Day of” or “Team Leader” volunteer and to contact her if interested.

Other Comments:

- Next Meeting: June 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm, Big Bear Lake Fire Department Station.

Meeting adjournment: There-being no further questions or comments, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
by Nancy Karlson, BBV-CERT Secretary, June 2023*