



CHRISTMAS TREE HILL NRG
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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES **Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Attendees: Brandon Hemley, Stephanie Seiler, Cynthia England, Steve Kaplan, Rebecca Shrunck, Anita Bock

The meeting was held via Zoom and convened at 4:00 PM.

1. The chair welcomed new Zone 2 Block 7 Block Captain Ashley Dutra; and thanked and acknowledged outgoing Zone 5 Block Captain Ann Bentley.
2. **Financial Update:** At the end of June 2023 the CTH NRG fund stood at \$3,094.49. Generous contributions from a number of members boosted the balance. Pending expense reimbursements (for food and refreshments provided at the end-of-summer get together) total approximately \$200.
3. **November Drill Activity:** Those present discussed the proposed November daylight savings change activity - a table top exercise. Having determined that a majority of members expressed little interest in meeting on Saturday, November 4th for a table top exercise, the chair recommended as an alternate a radio exercise coupled with a command center activation exercise. To aid in strengthening team work block captains participating in the radio exercise will get together in person in close proximity to the command center team. Those present endorsed the idea. The activity will take place on Sunday, November 5th from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. With only a month left planning and organization needs to commence promptly.

Action items:

- Anita will send out an invitation with a request for prompt RSVPs, **if enough people RSVP—at least 4 Zone Coordinators and 15 Block Captains—then planning will commence** using radio exercise scenarios prepared for a radio exercise conducted some years ago;
 - Brandon offered his large deck as a suitable location for both the command center activation exercise and the radio exercise;
 - A lead zone coordinator volunteer is needed to plan and coordinate the command center activation exercise.
4. **NRG Trailer Placement:** Options for relocating the NRG trailer were explored. Anita suggested that the resident's yard in which the March 2023 first aid field unit exercise was conducted would provide an ideal location for the trailer – the large yard being enclosed, secure and well situated.

Action item:

- Anita asked Brandon approach homeowner Jackie Hubbard to find out if she might consider housing the trailer in her yard.

Post meeting update: Jackie has graciously agreed to house the trailer in one of her vacant garages. Brandon will work out access details with her and then he, Soren, Chas

and Jordan (the trailer maintenance team) will coordinate moving the trailer to its new location.

5. Reports of homeowner's insurance policy cancellations are once again surfacing.

Action item: Please let us know via email to cthnrg@gmail.com if you hear of residents whose policies have been cancelled so that we can officially provide feedback on the issue to the legislature.

California lawmakers to hold hearings on homeowner's insurance crisis

Ashley Zavala, SACRAMENTO, California

California lawmakers are slated to hold a series of hearings this fall as the state attempts to avoid a collapse of its homeowner's insurance market. Major insurance companies, including State Farm, Allstate and Farmers, have either stopped selling new policies or are limiting them in California, pointing to increased financial risk after devastating wildfire seasons coupled with rising inflation. "This is an incredibly urgent issue," California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas told reporters on the Legislature's final night to pass new laws. Key stakeholders were unable to reach a last-minute deal to salvage the market ahead of the deadline. Rivas announced the effort to hold the hearings statewide in order to get community members involved. Exact details, including the location and dates of the hearings, had yet to be released as of Tuesday night. "We wanted an ironclad guarantee that consumers would be protected in any type of legislative effort," Rivas said.

Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins said policymakers need to hear from the public.

<https://www.kcra.com/article/california-homeowner-insurance-wildfire-crisis/45212954>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_27rK7r4So

6. **Repeater Installation Update:** Amy Glenn of Lower Chapman NRG inquired about ownership of the property and antenna at the top of CTH as this location has been proposed as the ideal location for a repeater. Anita suggested that she contact the Town and asked Mark Brooks to weigh in if he knows who owns the property. CTH NRG has not yet contributed towards the purchase of the repeater - once location placement has been determined and the costs are known CTH will make its contribution.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Sunday, October 29th at 4:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE: November drill activity - Sunday, November 5th 10:00 – 11:30 AM

NEXT RADIO TEST: Monday, October 16, 2023

Please be reminded to keep your radio charged at all times.