



**Minutes for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council (LBNC)  
Special Joint (EP) Emergency Preparedness/EP Communications  
and LBNC Board Meeting  
Flyaway Bus Terminal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Community Meeting Room**

Neighborhood



**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**1. Call to Order at 9:07 AM, by Committee Chair Linda Pruett. There were 22 people in attendance.**

**Voting committee members:** Dave Brown, Michelle Dornfest, Bill Hopkins, Sandy Joseph, Gary Kay, Heidi Okuhara, Rick Pederson, Mary Pennomon, Linda Pruett, Linda Schwering, and Dan Tomlinson (Quorum is 6). Michelle Dornfest was absent, Bill Hopkins was excused. Quorum Was met.

**2. Welcome – Introductions.** Attendees gave their name, their community, CERT training level, Red Cross and affiliations, and Ham radio call sign. Sally Thompson, CERT Battalion 10 Coordinator presented Certificate of Recognition to Dave Brown acknowledging his efforts with CERT.

**Minutes -** The minutes of December 14, 2019 were unanimously approved as corrected. May 11, 2019 minutes are outstanding.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. LAPD SLOs were not available.
- b. Public Safety, Chair, James Brown was not available.
- c. EP Communications – Dan Tomlinson reported.
  - A new DMR (Digital Mobile Radio now available for under \$100.
  - ACS Ham radio communications – There is now less LAFD emphasis, pursuing support with LAPD and associating more with Building & Safety.
  - The old rumor that Ham communications are outdated has been dispelled.
  - There is positive use of FRS/GMRS radios in neighborhoods and as a multiplier for Ham communications.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Sandy Joseph forwarded a Bug Out sheet to all attending the meeting.
- b. Dave Brown announced a RYLAN meeting Saturday, 02/29/2020, 12 PM-2 PM at the West Valley Regional Library in North Hills.
- c. Announcement - Linda Pruett advised that Bill Hopkins, EP Committee Member and President of the So. Cal. Preparedness Foundation (and VDPF Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair), was diagnosed with Leukemia in early December 2019. Bill was hospitalized December 16<sup>th</sup>. He had chemotherapy and developed a bad fungal infection. It is profoundly serious. Bill is home now.

The next VDPF meeting is 02/26/2020 at 2 PM at the West Valley Regional Library. Bill wants to put on the VDPF this year and needs help. Volunteers are needed. EP Attendees were asked sign a volunteer sheet in case they can be of assistance in any way.

- Remember the Lake Balboa Ham Radio Net and FRS/GMRS Walkie-Talkie check in each Sunday morning. Details are on the back page of the meeting agenda.

**5. MEETING TOPIC – “Bugging Out” in a Disaster presented by Erin Huey (EMT in L.A. and Ventura Counties, Gas Company Safety Operations retired, and teaches classes as SOS Survival Products in Van Nuys)**

- Erin provided an excellent presentation relating actual life situations showing how important it is to be prepared for a disaster.
- Stressed were the “P’s” of Preparedness:
  1. People
  2. Pets
  3. Papers
  4. Pictures

5. Prescriptions
6. Plastic (credit cards)

**6. Remember the Animals** – Operations Blankets of Love needs clean/new blankets and towels for dogs and cats in shelters, and for pets owned by the Homeless.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Schwering

**NEXT LBNC EP MEETING – MARCH 14, 2020**