

SERT CLUB Board Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Tom Porter at 4:00pm

Board Members in attendance:

Tom Porter, John Slayton, Sandy Reinhardt, Natalie Madson and Rosemary Bray.

Topics Discussed:

1. **Approve minutes** from February 3, 2026. Minutes were approved by all as amended.
2. **Membership Update** – Sue had reported via email that we have a total of 318 members, 57 are ERT and 27 are Lifetime. Some group numbers are still being updated: the total is correct.
 - a. Need for Volunteers - Sign up for:
 - i. Emergency Response Team
 - ii. Safety Coordinators – there is a critical need for more in this category
 - iii. Helping Hands
 - iv. Family Care Givers
 - v. Social Events Coordinator – we still have NO coordinator for social events; it must be a club member and not a BOD member. The upcoming article in the Village Voice will mention this need.
3. **The Treasurer's Report** - Sandy sent her report via email on April 1st. \$6587.00 is in the bank at this time with \$2000 held in reserve. All also received the Profit and Loss abatement thru March and the yearly budget as well.
4. **4. Social Club Presidents Meeting April 6 Update** – Tom attended the meeting yesterday. Social clubs are 501.C7 Corporation. There are 2 new Social Club board members and some ambassadors are being moved around to other clubs. Should the HOA send a blast email to the clubs if there is an event that is open to the entire community? This is under discussion. Two clubs have outside vendors that provide training and they make a profit. Some clubs also have members that want to be trainers and get paid for the instruction. As all club members are volunteers this could be a problem. For SERT, are we considered a subcontractor to the American Red Cross for classes? We break even financially so this might not be a concern for us. Tom is looking at co-sponsoring Club W's *Senior Driving Safely Course* in September – perhaps we can be part of it.
5. **Townhall Meeting Dates** for 2026 – Tom
 - Wednesday, June 10, 1-3 pm – Potential Topic (Community Safety – Guest speakers to be Oceanside Police and Fire Authority – Pending. Cal Fire would be a good topic. Vegetation safely and plant distance from structures is important as some plants are flammable. 5 ft of separation is needed. Tom and John will talk with Cal Fire and the Oceanside Fire Dept to see if we are in compliance. The Master Board should be involved in this – then a Townhall can be set to discuss it. The June 20th topic could be Cal Fire and the new regulations.
 - Wednesday, September 30 1-3 pm (Usually Earthquake Safety and Preparation related)

6. **SERT Social Dates for 2026** – Events are 5-7:30PM on the Lanai
 - a. Need social coordinator – if we do not have a coordinator then the event will be cancelled. More volunteers are needed to help in this and events should “break even” financially.
 - b. Thursday, May 14 (Has a Date Conflict – needs to reschedule)
 - c. Thursday, October 22
7. **OHCC Community Driveway sale May 2, 2026** - Participation Cancelled - Tom reported that Lynn Williams said she would help. Previously several neighbors’ houses have been used to store items for sale. The situation has now changed though and Tom suggests that we do not participate now. This can be reviewed again for the 2027 date.
8. **Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor** – Natalie reported the following:
 - a. Family Caregivers – meeting had only 3 people attending. An article about this is due out in OHCC Living and we are hoping this might bring more interest and activity to the group.
 - b. Helping Hands – Move to container and internal buildout needed. Stan has cleared out some items. We are still sharing space with the HOA and their things. There will be a great improvement once the container has been cleared out fully. The target is mid-May to change the containers and install our ramp. This will make a full inventory possible.
 - c. Safety Coordinators – Discuss reorganization – All streets are not covered so instead each village will have a few people trained. Each village has buddy groups. In an emergency we would be more equipped to help others. Each village has a Welcome person who can give SERT information and written material and get the new resident into the buddy system. If trained, ERT’s can quickly help those with the red HELP sign in view and hopefully save lives. John agrees this is a resource that is not being utilized. Some streets have no one to help. Village Presidents can be of help here. Hydra is a strong village with a good number of SERT members in it.
9. **OHCC Living & Village Voice** – Tom would like SERT members to submit more articles to the Village Voice. Joe Ashby has extensive experience with FEMA and maybe he will be able to contribute some articles for us about his experiences. Joe agreed to consider his role and see what he can do to help us promote safety. Rosemary is keeping track of when the SERT articles are due to be sent in and when they actually go to OHCC Living and Village Voice. She also tears each article out of the publications monthly and keeps them in a folder for any future reference.
10. **Stop the Bleed** – John reported we have some renewed participation here but not much new interest.

11. American Red Cross –

- a. Review of Adult First Aid/CPR/AED r.25 course revision. John reported the new updated course will be available soon and it will be easier to train from this new version of the course material. Rosemary suggested SERT be mentioned at every Newbies event (in addition to brochures being on the take home table) and also to ask new residents if their “village welcome person mentioned SERT to you when they visited your house? Are you interested in participating? “

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Submitted by Rosemary Bray, Secretary