

Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service
General Membership Meeting

January 28, 2014

Martin Iselin called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs.

Attendance: William Min, Larry Kleinman, Beth Berkowitz, Norman Coltin, Jay Paretzky, Isabel Blair, Russ Blair, Alex Galvao, Ken Cordero, Ben Muller, Shelby Marcus, Jay Bairaktris, Alc Ybioca, Aliza Gross, Charlie Krawiec, Yves Cantin, Brian Crane, Reni Forer, Sara Banbury, James Bairaktaris, Christa Iannaccone, Amin Seirafi, Erin Finch, Kathy Smith, Carol Boas, Audrone Jarnok, Nancy Sengstacken, John Clorman, Sandi MacPherson.

The minutes for the November 19, 2013 General Membership Meeting was accepted and posted. Motion to accept was made by Kathy Smith and seconded by Isabel Blair. Motion was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Yves mentioned we are at the mid fiscal year point. He presented a summary of the Budget Performance report distributed at the meeting. Ordinary income stands at \$188,613, and ordinary expenses stand at \$106,832. Yves mentioned that income from donations (fundraiser, other donations, restricted donations) is \$5,200 below last year at the same date. We also seem to be running ahead of budget in the WEMS operating budget category, in spite of a \$5,000 increase for that budget from last year.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Yves referred members to the investments Recap distributed at the meeting. Yves mentioned that we continue to make progress in moving cash into the new portfolio investment (\$150,000 out of the \$300,000 previously approved has been moved thus far). The value of the portfolio currently stands at approximately \$307,000. Cash holdings continue to be significant and we may expect the Finance Committee to work towards making recommendations once the current program has been fully

implemented.

Fundraiser: Russ Blair stated the fundraiser stands at \$79,365.22. Donations have tapered off. He is sending out a second letter next week.

CPR: Jay reported on the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Public Safety Officers' Benefit Program (PSOB), will cover us while volunteering for WEMS. The amount of the PSOB benefit is \$333,604.68 for eligible deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2013. The benefit amount changes every October. There is a disability and education benefit related to the PSOB. The educational benefit for eligible child in a four year college is \$987 per month. This amount changes every year in October. We also have an Accident and Sickness Policy with VFIS, paid for by the (WVEMS) and this has a death benefit of \$100,000 while volunteering with WVEMS. There is also a sickness and income part to this policy. Both programs are not life insurance they are for injury related deaths only. Members need to keep current their beneficiary designation for these policies. I am working on a fact sheet to further spell out how these items work in finer detail.

Training: Brian reported that there are 14 people in the refresher class which ends February 8/9. There will be an EMT refresher class in June. The in-service this month is on Trauma and mechanism of injury, and we will have a guest speaker. Jay will be having a driver training class. Contact Mark and Jay for more information. State conference will be held on May 29 – 31 at Mohegan Sun Casino. We are planning to host and IPMBA bike certification class here in April or May.

Old Business: Russ made a motion to spend up to \$3,500 on second fundraiser letter. Seconded by Erin. Motion pass unanimous.

New Business: Martin is looking at vests, which would be "on duty wear" and a sweatshirt "off duty wear". He will get quotes and get back to membership. The vest would be eligible under uniform incentive expense.

Martin made a motion to spend up to \$30,000 on the Life Pack

15. Beth seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Russ made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Larry. The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Sandi MacPherson, Secretary