

WESTPORT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 24, 2014

Martin called the General Membership Meeting to order at 1930 hrs.

Attendance: Yves Cantin, Jay Paretzky, Carol Dixon, Martin Diamond, Norman Coltin, Mary-Jane Cross, Isabel Blair, Aaron Greenspun, Joe Devermann, Jean Marie Wiesen, Todd Smith, Russ Blair, Rob Pocius, James Bairaktaris, Leah Foodman, Larry Kleinman, Audrone Tarnok, Nancy Sengstacken, Martin Iselin, William Min, Kathy Smith, Amin Seirafi, Brian Crane, Sandi MacPherson, Marc Hartog.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the May 27, 2014 General Membership Meeting were accepted as posted. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jean Marie Wiesen and seconded by Isabel Blair. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Yves circulated the Budget Performance Report updated since the General Membership Meeting last month. Few transactions are expected to be booked between now and fiscal year end. Yves expects to be able to move some additional surplus funds to the Vehicle Replacement Fund before June 30th.

Committee Reports

Finance: Yves circulated the Investments Recap. He stated that the value of the \$300,000 portfolio approved a year ago, now stands at \$313,000. A meeting is scheduled with the Investment Advisor for mid-July during which our cash position is to be further reviewed although liquidity is necessary for large purchases such as a new ambulance in addition to maintaining operating capital in the amount of \$135,000.

Grants: Russ Blair received the Soloman Fund Grant for \$2,100.

Training: Brian reported the EMT class is going well. The next refresher and last one for the year is starting in September. EMT/EMR class planned to start in

September. Kevin Doherty and Chris Siano in process of obtaining EMS-I Certification.

CPR: Jay reported we have taught 212 classes, and 1445 people CPR for the year.

House: Furniture will be in this summer.

Member Relations: Kathy Smith reported that the plans for the Summer Party are coming along; they have hired a caterer, entertainment and games. Kathy requested that we need to RSVP to the e-mail invitation. They need to give the caterer a head count. Martin asked that if anyone has a person they would like to nominate for the 4 awards we present each year; Explorer of the year, EMT of the year, Crew Chief of the year, and Volunteer of the year please let him know. We present these at the Summer Party each year.

Old Business:

Budget: Yves mentioned that having received no comments since the last meeting the budget proposal for the next fiscal year is up for adoption as presented at the last meeting and as it appears in the Budget Performance Report. Yves repeated some general observations regarding the budget: it is largely based on prior experience; it includes cash income from investments and generally, is conservative. A motion was made by Russ Blain to adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Larry Kleinman. The motion passed unanimously.

Election: The secretary cast a vote for the nominated officers; Martin Iselin – President, Yves Cantin – Vice President, Jay Paretzky – Treasurer, and Sandra MacPherson – Secretary. Two Board of Directors; Russ Blair and James Bairaktaris.

New Business: Marc Hartog reported the police department has the opportunity to purchase 2 motorcycles for \$6,000 each. One of the motorcycles could be purchased by EMS. Jean Marie Wiesen mad a motion to purchase one of the motorcycles for \$6,000 on approval upon arrival. Kathy Smith seconded the motion. After a discussion a vote was taken, 18 voted in favor and I opposed. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jean Marie and seconded by Carol Dixon. The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Sandra MacPherson, Secretary