

Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

General Membership Meeting

May 25, 2015

Martin called the General Membership Meeting to order at 1922 hrs.

Attendance: Yashasvi Jhangiani, Kathy Smith, Audrone Tarnok, Andrea Harman, William Min, Isabel Blair, Jay Paretzky, Larry Kleinman, Rob Pocius, Diane Salvo, Alex Galvao, Aaron Greenspun, Kenneth Blout, Leah Foodman, Chris Siano, Yves Cantin, Russ Blair, Martin Iselin, Sandra MacPherson. Guest: Kevin Doherty.

Secretary's Report: Kathy Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 24th GMM, and seconded by Jay Paretzky. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Jay circulated the budget for 7/1/2014 to 5/26/2015 and the proposed budget for 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016. We will vote on the proposed budget at the June General Membership Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Member Relations: Chris reported we will present years of service pin at the summer picnic.

Fundraiser: Russ reported the fundraiser is at \$126,000 and donations are still coming in at a slow rate. Doing the second mailing helped boost donations.

Training: Brian was away for the GMM but sent Martin his report which he read. 17 students enrolled and all paid for the current EMT class.

Members are reminded to check their EMT and AEMT certs with link sent via email by training department to sign up for next refresher class starting May 27. All classes via Centrelearn.

We have 5 members in driver training at this time and will be cleared ASAP. C/C's be sure to get them road time when they approach you to drive. As a reminder C/C's must be in the front ANYTIME they are driving.

Next orientation for new members will be the middle of June. We have several prospective members.

Bike Unit: We have been covering many standbys already. Team members please get on the bikes and start riding. Ben goes out weekly for training so if you want a partner to ride with get in touch with him. He has also responded to a few calls just by chance. Thank you Ben!!

Bill Min, Chris Siano, Ben Frimmer, Brian Crane and Ken Blount have really stepped up this year covering events thanks to them again.

Bike unit researching bike purchases once the new budget goes into effect. The plan is a couple replacement bikes and replacement of some gear getting very tired.

Scholarship: Scholarship applications have been extended to June 1st.

CPR We will be teaching Hands Only CPR at the Yankee Doodle Fair, June 18-21 and the Westport school nurses on June 3rd.

Ambulance: A discussion on the purchase of 2 ambulances, one this year and another next year. There is a need, we have 2 ambulances that are having issues.

Old Business: The summer picnic will be August 9th at Camp Mahackeno. Andy Dinitz will be preparing a feast for us. There is a swimming pool and lake for canoeing. We will be having a challenge softball game between the Explorers and EMTs. We are looking for someone willing to organize other games and relays. Other suggestions for entertainment welcome send to Andrea, Kathy, and Jaime.

Rob read the proposed WVEMS officers and Board of Directors slate to be voted on at the next GMM in June. Officers: Yves Cantin for President, Martin Iselin for Vice President, Jay Paretzky for Treasurer, and Sandi MacPherson for Secretary. Board: Brian Crane, Erin Finch, Andrea Harman, Chris Siano, Kathy Smith. Rob Pocius was nominated from the general membership. Yves made a motion to put Rob Pocius on the slate for board of directors. Seconded by Jay. Vote passed unanimously. Jay made a motion to close nominations from the floor, seconded by Russ. Motion passed unanimously. We will vote on 5 board members. The proposed slate is posted on the board in the day room.

A motion was made by Jay to increase the uniform incentive from \$1.35 to \$1.50 per hour volunteered starting July first for a maximum incentive of \$250 for six

months up from the current max of \$200. And to increase the maximum incentive for one year to \$350 from the current \$300. Rob seconded the motion. 16 voted in favor and 2 abstained. Motion passed.

Yves, yes Yves made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 for a display at the Yankee Doodle Fair CPR booth. Kathy Smith seconded the motion. 16 voted in favor and 2 abstained. Motion passed.

Martin made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Isabel. The meeting was adjourned at 2032 hrs.

Minutes submitted by Sandi MacPherson, Secretary