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Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

General Membership Meeting

May 24, 2016

Yves called the General Membership Meeting to order at 1835hrs.

Attendance: Yves Cantin, Nancy Sengstacken, Kathy Smith, Claire Grosogeat, Aliza Gross, Emma Finn, Anna Daytz, Rob Pocius, Steve Cappiello, Ruth Angrand, Erin Finch, Yashasvi Jhangiani, Isabel Blair, Russ Blair, Audrone Tarnok, Chris Siano, William Min, Nancy Surace, Brian Crane, Annika Morgan, Emma Baxly, Todd Smith, Jay Paretzky, Pasquale Salvo, Diane Salvo, Jaime Bairaktaris, Martin Iselin, Jonathan Huzil, Leah Foodman, Thomas Heisler, Kevin Doherty, Sandi MacPherson, Andrea Harman. Guests: Marc Hartog, Foti Koskinas, Vincent Penna.

As a point of order, Yves made a motion to change the usual agenda sequence so that the Nominating Committee and budget proposal could be heard first.

Motion Passed unanimously. Brian Crane, Erin Finch, Larry Kleinman, Rob Pocius, and Leah Foodman made up the Nominating Committee. Their proposed slate is: Yves Cantin – President, Martin Iselin – Vice President, Larry Kleinman – Treasurer, Sandi MacPherson – Secretary, Jaime Bairaktaris – Director, Kathy Smith – Director, Russ Blair – Director, Rob Pocius – Director. Yves asked the General Membership if there were any nominations from the floor to be added to the proposed slate, there were no nominations. Russ made a motion to close nominations from the floor. Erin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. We will vote on the slate at the June General Membership Meeting.

Jay presented the current budget performance report for 7/1/2015 to 4/30/2016. Jay also presented the proposed budget for 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017 to the General Membership. The proposed budget will be voted on at the June General Membership Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Rob Pocius made a motion to accept the GMM minutes for the March 28, 2016. Pasquale seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Our investments accounts transfer to Wells Fargo has been completed, including the line of credit. Our cash position remains in compliance with the investment policy, but barely.

Fundraiser: Russ reports the fundraiser is winding down. The fundraiser to-date is \$102,416.

Training: Brian reported the current EMT/AEMT refresher has 11 students and concludes June 25, 2016 with the state test. Students will earn 32 hours of training credits on Volgistics after completion.

Centrelearn renews in October. Mike looked at two other online educational services but they do not offer anywhere near the additional services we have with Centrelearn.

The most recent IPMBA bike program hosted by WEMS finished earlier in April. WVEMS intern EMT Nancy Surace successfully completed the course and has worked two special events as a Bike Team Member.

Bill Min successfully passed the Police Motorcycle Training in Troy Michigan.

New EMT program has 11 students and is being taught by Pat Salvo. Pat reports the class is progressing well.

The next EMR/EMT program (fall) is in the planning stages.

Erin Finch and Kevin Doherty are now EMS Instructors.

VFIS finally released a new driver training program to replace the videos that were made in 1980. We should have them shortly.

Infection Control Department released updates on Zika Virus via a Centrelearn lesson that needs to be completed by the end of the month.

CPR: Jay reported that from 7/1/2015 to 5/23/2016 we have taught 170 classes/1621 students CPR/First Aid.

Ambulance: There have been recalls on chassis for the new ambulances, which have been fixed. 603 will be sent out for GPS, backup camera/monitor, radio and chevron graphic to match the new ambulances.

PR: We had press on the turnover of the new ambulances to the town. The Mini Maker Faire was a success. The Dog Festival will be coming up June 5th at Winslow Park.

New Business:

Marc spoke about WVEMS going to new blue shirts like the police department. They would be polo style with embroidered name, (patches for Crew Chiefs), certification patches on the right and service patch on the left. This matter will be implemented in fiscal year 2016/2017.

New baseball hats were given out with the new patch, this is to be worn on shift.

St. Vincent Hospital sent down some shirts and water bottles for EMS week.

The Westport Young Women's League gave us a super grant of \$5,000 to be used towards the new ambulance purchases. Andrea Harman prepared this special grant request.

Our new director of EMS, Deputy Chief Vincent Penna introduced himself to the membership, and thanked WVEMS for our training and dedication.

Yves announced the President's Volunteer Service Awards. Marc Hartog and Deputy Chief Vincent Penna made the presentations to the following members. Bronze 2015 Award went to Jaime Bairaktaris, Steven Cappiello, and Diane Salvo. Silver 2015 Award went to Ruth C. Angrand, Kenneth Blount, Aliza Gross, Andrea Harman, Larry Kleinman, Kathleen Lott Smith, Christopher Siano, and Audrone Tarnok. Gold 2015 Award went to Claire Grosogeat, Jonathan Huzil, Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick, Leah Foodman, Michelle Lee, Alexandra Mignucci, Joshua Rosen. The President's Lifetime Achievement Award went to B. Christian Renne, Martin B. Iselin, and William E. Min.

Following the May General Membership Meeting members had a JR Food Truck Social.

A motion to adjourn was made by Yves, and seconded by Kathy. The meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi MacPherson, Secretary