

WESTPORT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 27, 2014

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

Attendance: Jay Paretzky, Joe Devermann, Audrone Tarnok, Shelby Marcus, Leah Foodman, Alex Galvao, Aliza Gross, Kenneth , Erin Finch, Chris Siano, Aaron Greenspun, Amanda Wildstein, Norman Coltin, Amin Seirafi, Nancy Sengstacken, Isabel Blair, Russ Blair, Yves Cantin, Alex Richards, Dorrie Harris, Joey Bairaktoris, Jaime Bairaktaris, Pat Audley, Todd Smith, Barbra Utting, Megumi Asada, Brian Crane, Mark Blake, Dorrie Harris, Sandra MacPherson

The minutes for the March 25, 2014 General Membership Meeting were accepted as posted. Motion of accept the minutes was made by Erin Finch, and seconded by Isabel Blair. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Yves summarized the Budget Performance Report which included numbers current up to May, 19. Our fiscal year ends on June 30th. Performance is generally as expected except for unexpected revenue due to high enrollment in the Explorer Post and EMT classes. This revenue will be offset in great part by the cost of running the classes. \$50,000 has been moved to the Vehicle Replacement Fund and an additional smaller sum may be moved into the account at fiscal yearend. The Major Equipment Fund now stands at \$21,000.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Yves presented the Investments Recap as of April 30th. Of the \$300,000 approved for the new investment program, \$65,000 still currently consists of cash to be invested in the program portfolio. The value of the portfolio after expenses is \$309,000 as of April 30.

Grants: Russ reported on receiving donations from the Young Women's League and the Westport Rotary Club.

Training: EMT class is in progress with about 25 students. The class will run until July 10th. Four members passed the Bike Certification; Chris Siano, Amin Seirafe, Ben Frimmer, and Ken Blount. Jay reported we have had 190 classes in CPR.

House: Martin is moving forward with the purchase of new furniture for the day room.

Scholarship: Jay presented the Edwin A. Audley Scholarships for 2014: Christa Iannoccone, Amanda Wildstein, Erin Finch, Megumi Asada, Aaron Greenspun, Amin Seirafi and Mark Kaminski. Scholarships have been given out since 1991 and with this year, 111 scholarships have been awarded. The scholarships are awarded to members of WVEMS, and family members based on their volunteering with WVEMS and pursuing a career in the emergency medical field. The scholarship was established to recognize Westport Police Lt. Ed Audley who started both WVEMS and WEMS in 1979 and who retired in 1991.

CT State: Jay announced the CT Legislators did not support the removal of the current A-EMT level of certification. Therefore the A-EMT will remain in for now.

Martin mentioned that Dr. James Gray is going to Minneapolis for Pediatrics, Dr. Chris Renne is going to Cincinnati for Emergency Medicine. And Dr. Rebecca Kaminski is going to Denver for

New Business: Mark Blake will be ordering name tags on Monday. If you don't have a name tag please contact Mark even if you think you have already spoke to Mark.

Yves presented the Budget Proposal for fiscal year 2014-15 which was adopted at the last Board of Directors meeting. Per the By-laws, the proposal is to be voted on at the next General Membership Meeting in June. Yves made general observations regarding the Budget such as its purpose, imperfect and conservative nature and the fact that it now includes investment income as part of operating revenue, etc. Yves also reminded everyone that in years where we run a surplus, we save those funds for a major item like an ambulance in a later year as the income in a single year is insufficient to pay for a major item like an ambulance in addition to our usual expenses. Yves invited questions and comments between now and the next General Membership Meeting. He went

over a few line items and an error was noted in the Training-Other expenses line proposal as it should have read \$22,000 rather than \$12,000. The total expenses proposal for Training, however is correct (\$38,000). \$10,000 was added this year to other training expense to reflect the cost of running an EMT class and offset the estimated income from that class.

Alex presented the nominations for the officers and board members for the coming year. Nominations were opened to the general membership. There were no nominations from the membership. The slate for the coming year: President, Marin Iselin, Vice President, Yves Cantin, Treasurer, Jay Paretzky, Secretary, Sandra MacPherson. Directors: Russ Blair, and James Bairaktaris. A motion to accept the nominating committee slate was made by Pat Audley and seconded by Dorrie Harris. Passed unanimously.

Alex announced there will be a summer picnic on July 23/ rain date July 24 starting around 5:00pm at Compo Beach. Picnic is open to families, and significant others. More details to follow.

Barbra Utting made a motion to adjourn and Dorrie Harris seconded. The General Membership meeting was adjourned at 2025 hrs.

Minutes submitted by Sandra MacPherson

Secretary