

Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

General Membership Meeting

September 23, 2014

Martin called the General Membership Meeting to order at 1936 hrs.

Martin introduced the First Selectman, Jim Marpe. The First Selectman thanked everyone at WVEMS for their service to the town of Westport. The abatement checks from the Town will be ready in October.

Marc Hartog presented a sign to the First Selectman that Westport is a “Heart Safe Community”. WVEMS has taught 1500 people this year in CPR. We continue to increase the number of people we teach each year through our numerous CPR classes.

Martin presented an award to Mary-Jan Cross, who is retiring for her 20 years of service to WVEMS

Attendance: William Min, Russ Blair, Mary-Jane Cross, Kathy Smith, Deanna Hartog, Leah Foodman, Amin Seirafi, Allie Mignucci, Larry Kleinman, Joey Bairaktaris, Beth Berkowitz, Brian Crane, Audrone Tarnok, Jean Marie Weisen, Jaime Bariraktaris, Ben Frimmer, Jay Paretzky, Barbra Utting, Alexander Galvao, Kenneth Cordero, Mehar Kirmani, Reni Forer, Aliza Gross, Martin Iselin, Sandi MacPherson, Mark Hartog, Kevin Doherty

Secretary’s Report: The minutes for the June 4, 2014 General Membership Meeting were accepted as posted. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Kathy Smith and seconded by Jaime. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Jay reported a plus of \$32,349 for the July 1 to September 19, 2014 time period, due mainly to the monies collected from the Town and for the new EMR/EMT class. We have not paid out anything for the EMR/EMT class during this period but expect to.

Committee Reports:

Finance: The new chair of the Finance Committee is Andrea Harman. Jay reported for the Finance Committee that they met with Morgan Stanley and transferred the last \$65,000 currently held as cash into the investment account,

bringing that account to \$300,000 as per approved by the Board and WVEMS membership at prior meetings. Jay also reported the investment account with the \$300,000 increased by \$17,000 since it was set up.

Fundraiser: Russ reported that we will follow the format for the fundraiser that we used last year. The fundraiser will go out after Election Day in October. Russ feels that we will probably do a second mailing, since we were successful with the one last year. But, we will wait and see how we do this fundraiser.

House: Martin has put up Memorial Day pictures in the day room. There are a couple to more pictures to hang.

Training: Brian reported the EMT class has started with 22 students. Pat Salvo is the head instructor. PPD will now be done by birth month at the Westport Weston Health District. If you decline the test for any reason you must complete a decline form.

Council/State: On the State level, CEMSMAC voted to support the continuation of the A-EMT level of certification and to adopt the National 2009 standards. The CEMS Advisory Board will review CEMSMAC's recommendation tomorrow at its meeting.

New Business: Martin thanked Andrew Dinitz for preparing his delicious BBQ for the General Membership.

Martin is ordering vests, anyone interested in the vest email Martin or put a not in his box with the size. The money will come out of your Uniform Incentive.

Martin would like to spend \$540 for Chris Siano to take the OSHA and Hazmat Instructor class. Chris will be able teach the class along with Mike Salvatore. The motion was made by Andrew and seconded by Jean Marie. Motion passed unanimously,

We need to decide if we are going to continue Centrelearn training. Beth Berkowitz made a motion to spend up to \$8,100 to continue Centrelearn training. Armin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Martin announced we will have a Holiday Party on Dec 4. Jamie made a motion to spend \$2,000 to supplement the \$4,200 already budgeted. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Todd Smith and seconded by Barbra Utting.
The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Sandi MacPherson