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Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

General Membership Meeting

September 29, 2015

Yves called the General Membership Meeting to order at 1940hrs.

Attendance: Nancy Sengstacken, Bill Min, Kathy Smith, Audrone Tarnok, Amin Seirafi, Ben Frimmer, Erin Finch, Rob Pocius, Ben Muller, Aliza Gross, Alex Galvao, Andrea Harmen, Brian Crane, Jay Paretzky, Isabel Blair, Russ Blair, Andrew Dinitz, Eric Hebert, Yves Cantin, Sandi MacPherson.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the June 30, 2015 General Membership Meeting were accepted as posted. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jay Paretzky, and seconded by Kathy Smith. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jay reported we are on target with the budget.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Andrea reported that the finance committee will meet at the end of October. Yves explained our new Investment Policy developed by the finance committee.

Fundraiser: Russ is drafting the letter and the same schedule as last year will be followed. The first mailing will go out after the elections, and the second will be mailed in February.

Member Relations: Jaime ordered the new birthday cards for members.

Training. Michael Salvatore reported the new EMT/EMR class has 30 students; 17 EMTs and 12 EMRs, the class will start on September 30th. A reminder the PPD are given in your birth month.

CPR: The AHA is releasing the new guidelines for CPR on October 1st.

Ambulance: Ben reported we had a meeting with the ambulance provider and the tentative delivery day may be in February for the first ambulance and 2 weeks later the second ambulance. The ambulance committee will be going to check on the progress of our ambulances.

Yves reported we received good PR from the Blues and BBQ festival. Andrew Dinitz was the grill master for WVEMS, and did outstanding BBQ. We raised \$3,100 plus from the DNR concert fundraiser.

Old Business: At the June 24, 2014 GMM we voted to spend \$6,000 to purchase a motorcycle. Through a series of events over several months we never made that purchase. The motorcycle was returned to the vendor. The vendor contacted the Police Department and offered the bike at a reduced price. P.D. found money in their budget to cover the price of \$4,500 for the motorcycle. The up-fitting for the bike would cost \$8,995. Yves made a motion to spend up to \$9,000 for the up-fitting/retro fitting. Andy seconded the motion. 18 voted in favor and 1 against. Motion carried.

New Business: Jay mentioned the Red Envelope Interactive Trial when we transport patients from Nursing Home, Shelters, etc. the envelope is not to be opened and given to the hospital.

Yves reported the Stryker service contract warranty has expired for our power loader systems. The BOD recommends the GMM to ratify the Stryker/ProCare service contract that was signed. Kathy made the motion to ratify the Stryker/ProCare service contract providing 5 year of service at a cost of \$11,600. Erin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The signs for "Heart Safe Community" have not yet been put up by the town of Westport.

A discussion was held regarding the fate of the advanced AEMT level and it was felt we should let the medical director know our feelings regarding this subject, that we should keep the AEMT level. The subject will be brought to Marc Hartog for further analysis.

There is a new Crew Chief's class with the following students; Erin Finch, Ruth Angrand, Chris Siano, Amin Seirafi, Ian Hunter and Yves Cantin.

Ben brought up the subject we should bring back the Crew Chief meetings.

Yves can you give me the names and the awards you presented regarding the Presidents Volunteer Program.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ben and seconded by Martin. The meeting was adjourned at 2056 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi MacPherson, secretary.