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Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

General Membership Meeting

February 15, 2017

Yves called the meeting to order at 1910hrs.

Attendance: Kathy Smith, Donna Patchen, Nancy Sengstacken, Heather Brothwell, Martin Iselin, andrea Harman, Tonmay Mehta, Diane Salvo, Nancy Surace, Steve Cappiello, Brian Crane, Jaime Bairaktaris, Ruth Angrand, Rob Pocius, Sarah Acselrod, Helena Knoll, Willa Grimes, Urinda Kareddy, Jenna Doran, Nicole Avellane, Claudia Guetter, Luke Duffy, Emma Baxley, Thomas Heibler, Russ Blair, Larry Kleinman, Yves Cantin, William Min, Sandi MacPherson. Guests: Marc Hartog, Mike Salvatore.

Secretary's Report: Jaime made a motion to accept the GMM minutes for November 2016 as posted. Seconded by Rob. Motion pass unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Larry indicated we are in good financial standing at this time.

Committee Reports:

Finance: The Finance Committee is continuing to meet on a regular basis to monitor on what the market is doing. The Audley fund was re-balanced to a 75% equities 25% fixed income program per the advisor recommendation.

Fundraiser: Total fundraiser to-date is ??? Russ reported the second mailing has been sent out.

Training: The next EMT refresher will be in April.

Pat suggested we start the spring EMT class earlier rather than cram it into a few months in the summer as we have done in the past to accommodate college students.

CPR: Jay sent a report another AHA BLS-Instructor class has started. At this time we have nine Norwalk Fire Department members, one from WVEMS, one from Weston EMS and one from Norwalk Hospital.

Website: Jaime reported the website was hacked for approximately 24 hours by an outside source. The site was able to be reset by Green Tree hosting, who suggested an update in software. This hacking has led us to begin looking into other website hosting companies.

Ambulance: Marc explained what is on-going with 603. The ambulance is at PL Custom getting a new chassis full re-mount. Stryker informed us that the power load system and the stretcher needed to be replaced as a result of the accident. The Chief and Deputy Chief have negotiated a favorable resolution with the insurance companies which will assume all costs.

Stryker informed us that our stretchers have a 7 year life expectancy and we should look into replacing the stretchers.

Scholarship: Applications for the Audley Scholarship will be available starting in March.

State/Counsel: Jay stated the OEMS Training Coordinator has been filled. New exams for EMR and EMT's have been completed, still working on testing for AEMT's.

OEMS is looking for support to replace two Regional Coordinator positions that are vacant. Jay suggests we write our state legislators indicating our support funding for the positions.

Jay has been appointed Chair of the State Volunteer Committee.

PR: There was an article in Westport News on the graduation EMT class

Old Business: Yves reported on the progress setting up the You Make a Difference Program.

Yves mentioned that Marc and Martin worked hard to get our winter shirts due to various problems. Marc showed the summer shirt sample from Blauer which will be our official summer shirt. We should not have the problems with the summer shirts as we did with the winter shirts. The supplier has the shirts in stock.

Results of the day room refreshments survey are in and further review and meetings will be necessary.

New Business: April 22 is the date for the Mini Maker Faire which we should participate again this year. We had great success at last year's Faire.

Yves will take care of the get well gift from WVEMS for Dennis Finneran. Anyone wanting to make individual donations can go to [gofundme.com/dinnis-finneran-support-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/dinnis-finneran-support-fund).

The EMS State Conference will be held from May 31 to June 3rd. Registration fee will be paid by WVEMS. We must have a check for the registration which will not be cashed unless you are a no show at the conference. WVEMS will also cover 1 night lodging if you have 105 hours.

Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rob. The meeting was adjourned at 1955hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandi MacPherson, Secretary