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**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 12, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Dawn Cannizzaro, President, WCFD # 17  
Roger Christensen, past President, BFD  
Randy VanderHeiden, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., BFD  
Jason VanderVeen, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P, NWFRS  
Duncan McLane, Secretary, WCFD #11  
Russell Brock, WCFD #1  
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1  
Bob Busch, WCFD #11  
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14  
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD #14  
Matt Cook, WCFD #16  
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17  
John Swobody, NWFRS  
Erica Work, SWFA  
Howard Adams, SWFA  
Gary Baar, Lynden  
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance  
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance  
Therese Williams, BTC  
John Granger, Airlift NW  
Bob Lovelace, Consumer  
Klaus Wergin, Consumer  
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC  
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD  
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager

**ABSENT:** Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4  
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4  
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7  
Ben Boyko, WCFD #7  
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8  
Michael Whittley, Lynden  
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council  
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,  
Kent Nelson, Mt Baker Ski Patrol

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Dawn Cannizzaro, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Luke's Health Education center to order at 7:00.

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**INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made by all present. Gene Bell, the new treasurer introduced himself before excusing himself from meeting due to previous obligation.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the January meeting stand as written.

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## **REPORTS**

**Finance:** The financial statements were distributed. Current balances are \$133,038 general fund, \$24,527 ambulance fund, \$16,289 industrial CISM, \$5574 County CISD and \$37,416 immediate trial for a total of \$219,066. The investment account balance is \$74,082. The budget will be presented for council approval at the next meeting.

**Office:** A motion (Lapsansky/R. Christensen) to use up to \$800 towards website redevelopment, software, training and yearly subscription to survey monkey carries. Please email Keri any suggestions you have for web redevelopment.

**Education:** Leslie Pederson is finalizing the BLS transport guidelines. They should be done by the May education committee meeting. The committee will be developing new Epi training for agencies wishing to switch to syringes. Therese gave an update on the new national EMS guidelines and how it will affect the local EMT training class.

**Conference:** Chair, Randy VanderHeiden, reported that St. Luke's foundation will award up to \$7500 in matching funds to the council this year. He has been working with the foundation to find additional funding sources. A supplemental letter will need to be submitted indicating we are requesting \$7500 in matching funds while looking for additional funding. Randy is looking for help with the fundraising.

**Regional:** Bonnie Robinson distributed handouts on WEMESIS, and Whatcom County representation on the North Region council. She will be sending out injury prevention grant information this month. The state just put together a min/max workgroup for air response. There is a new group working to build a system for emergency cardiac and stroke with the hopes of having the system in place by the end of January 2011.

**CQI:** Co-Chair Janice Lapsansky reported that they are nearly ready to provide outreach to educate the agencies on what CQI is about. The CQI forms will be available thru the website. Forms available will be the Request for Disposition of a Patient (ED Disposition), ED/EMS event form (EEE Form) and an agency quarterly report. The next meeting is July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive:** Secretary McLane reported that in the last year the board has developed a policy on how to deal with significant issues, worked on obtaining council insurance, and developed trial policies. Gene Bell has been appointed as the new treasurer. A motion

(Marv/Kowsky) to accept the executive board appointment of Gene Bell as treasurer passes. The operations manager was given a cost of living wage and three paid vacation days.

**MPD:** The attorney General has said there is nothing in the law to state on how Epi is administered. King County EMS will host an Epi training module on their website if we develop it.

There has not been a clinical study that shows the cervical collar makes a difference. It may cause airway compromise in some cases. It should not be an automatic use, but one that is through thru first.

**Clinical trials:** Dr. Wayne reported that the ResQ trial is done as there will not be any more funding. The pod we used for the trial is not FDA approved, however other pods are. County agencies may choose to use approved pods. The study has agreed to swap out 1 for 1 the study pods for FDA approved pods. Dr. Wayne stated that the trial was very successful in Whatcom County due to Janice's efforts.

The Immediate trial is going well. Over 3100 patients have been screened.

**Planning:** Chair, Duncan McLane, did not receive the requested feedback from the ambulance committee. The planning committee will meet in the next month or two. The plan to the region is due at the end of this year.

**By-laws:** Committee chair Rick Kowsky thanks all those who assisted with the bylaws changes. A motion (McLane/Kowsky) to accept the latest revisions with the following additional changes: change MPD from a voting member to an advisory member, paper ballots must include the name of the person voting in order to be valid, with the amendment to change council staff be changes to operations manager, and change the word employment to appointment in Article 3 section 1 is approved.

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Applications for membership:** A motion (executive board/Kowsky) to accept applications for membership from Ben Thompson (CQI), Scott Crowe (general council) and Gene Bell (general council) is approved. Approval for Ben Thompson is pending proper signatures on the application.

**Budget:** The budget will be presented at the July meeting for approval.

**Elections:** The nominating committee submitted the slate for executive board positions. The recommendations were Bob Busch, president and Denise Christensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Marv Simonsen nominated Jason VanderVeen as a floor nominee for president. Jason accepted the nomination. A ballot vote of eligible members ended in an 8 to 8 tie with

one vote abstaining. The current president cast the tiebreaking vote in favor of Bob Busch. New executive board members are Bob Busch, president and Denise Christensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Thanks to Dawn and Jason for their work on the board.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 8:50.

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