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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2010

PRESENT: Dawn Cannizzaro, President, WCFD # 17
Roger Christensen, past President, BFD
Randy VanderHeiden, 1st V.P., BFD
Duncan McLane, Secretary, WCFD #11
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Ben Boyko, WCFD #7 Guest
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD #14
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
John Swobody, NWFRS
Erica Work, SWFA
Scott Farlow, BFD, Guest
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Kent Nelson, Mt Baker Ski Patrol
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: Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P, NWFRS
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4
Howard Adams, SWFA
Cole Gates, WCFD #16
Michael Whittley, Lynden
Gary Baar, Lynden, Lynden
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council

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.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was a typo in the executive section. Minutes stand with correction.

REPORTS

Finance: Marianne resigned from the council in early December. The executive board is looking at people to fill the position. Suggestions from the general council are appreciated.

Office: A motion (Duncan/Anson) to purchase a new computer and software up to \$1100 was approved.

Education: Instructor/evaluator workshops are scheduled for T/TH/SAT of this week with the focus on report writing. A subcommittee is working on the BLS transport protocols. Denise reminded all to turn in the state trauma verification grant requests.

Conference: A conference job and timeline chart has been developed. Please contact Keri or Randy if you are able to help with any aspect of the conference. Randy reported a topic is excited delirium with Dr. John Peters. Potential speakers are GEMS writer Brian Bledsoe, Randolph Mantooh (Emergency!). Topics may include firefighter rehab, co poisoning and police/medic interaction • Dr. Wayne reported that Massimo will be a sponsor and Taser a vendor; on-star is a possible vendor. • Bonnie reported that North Region is receiving a childrens grant that we could possibly add to our conference as a joint project.

Regional: Bonnie reported that the state is trying to get everybody using WEMISIS. A table top planning exercise is scheduled for April 8th. The prehospital and education committees are meeting tomorrow.

CQI: Jerry Martin introduced the new co-chair Janice Lapsansky. Janice reported that they elected officers and developed the communication process. Janice is co-chair with Dr. Wayne, Scott Farlow is secretary, and Jerry Martin is QI coordinator. The first agenda item is how best to deliver Epi in an anaphylaxis patient. She has been meeting with the security department at St. Joseph's hospital to ensure that all PeaceHealth and state laws are being followed. The first quarterly meeting will be held on Feb 18th. There is representation from all agencies including dispatch.

Executive: The committee has been looking into different pricing options for insurance, with the goal to have something in place by the April meeting. A motion (executive committee/Lapsansky) to approve to approve membership applications pending proper signatures was approved.

MPD: Dr. Wayne reported that he is in the process of adding a trauma tourniquet. The cost will be ~\$25-35. He will make a recommendation to the education committee soon. He is also looking into whether EMT's can be trained to administer epi in a bottle

Clinical trials: Janice reported that the NIH is still considering the most recent grant application from ResQ. It may be February until we hear anything more. If approved, then participating agencies would go thru refresher training. The county has better resuscitation rates due to the increased practice.

Planning: Input was not received from the ambulance advisory board. The committee will be meeting in February.

By-laws: A meeting will be scheduled soon. The goal is to have the updated bylaws distributed for review and evaluation before the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Helmets: the order arrived on Friday. The paperwork has been drafted and is working on being finalized. Leslie Pederson will be the contact for the fire districts. Lois Blough is the contact for the hospital. Duncan is working on a contact for law enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations committee: The committee will consist of Duncan McLane, George Ratayczak and Marv Simonson. The positions open for election are President and 2nd V.P.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Whatcom safe kids meet tomorrow.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:54
