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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2009

- PRESENT:** Dawn Cannizzaro, President, WCFD # 17
Therese Williams, 1st V.P. BTC
Duncan McLane, Secretary, WCFD #11
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer, consumer
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Erica Work, SWFA
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16
Matt Cook, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
John Swobody, NWFRS
Michael Whittley, Lynden
Gary Baar, Lynden, Lynden
Randy VanderHeiden, BFD
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD #14, Guest
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager
- ABSENT:** Roger Christensen, past President, Whatcom Medic One
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P, NWFRS
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Klaus Wergin, Consumer

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January meeting minutes stand as written.

REPORTS

Finance: Marianne presented the budget (attached). Account balances on 3/31/2009 were \$134,559.18 general fund, \$24,527.45 ambulance fund, \$16288.64 Industrial CISM, \$5573.64 County CISD, \$(816.50) ResQ Trial and \$(2498.48) for a total of \$177,633.93 cash balance. The Bank of pacific CD is at \$63, 482 and the endowment is down to \$50,947.

Office: The council office hours will most likely be changing in mid June to T/Th 8:30-2:30. A notice will go out when they change.

Education: They are working on updating the protocol addendum. The changes should be completed by the next education committee and posted on the website shortly thereafter.

Conference: The committee is comprised of Randy VanderHeiden, Micah Quintrall, Sean Farnand and Holly Salkeld. This year's conference will be held on October 23-25.

QA/QI: Jerry reported that the committee met on March 23rd with another meeting scheduled tomorrow 10:00- noon at Dist 7 church rd station. They are still in the planning stages and have not begun to look at any MIR's yet.

Executive: Duncan reported that the board has met twice since the last general council meeting and has worked on the following issues: developing a policy on handling operational and financial issues, such as training programs, min/max, research trail grants, and equip purchases • trial policies • annual budget • need for a bylaw review committee and standing planning committee • funding for bicycle helmets • Sending a letter regarding the elimination of the state EMS planning committee. • a meeting will be held between CISM and the e-board to get a resolution to the ongoing financial issues.

MPD: Dr. Wayne reported on the following topics: National registry testing begins on January 1st • the push to eliminate the EMS and trauma planning committee • Switch to King airway should be completed by the end of 2010 • need to advertise for conference in EMS today magazine or online • proposed fee for EMS personnel. A motion (Busch/Wayne) to send a letter from the council disagreeing with charging fees for EMS personnel to the governor, Senators and representatives was approved.

Clinical trials: The ResQ trial has been extended for patient enrollment thru December. A research assistant has been hired. If your agency has any issues with the manikins or needs supplies please let Janice know. The Immediate trial has enrolled 14 patients and is going smoothly.

Regional council: The education committee meets tomorrow morning, the prehospital committee tomorrow afternoon and the regional council on Thursday. The regional retreat is in May at the Tulalip Casino.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public education: Therese and Keri were unable to contact Geri Chumley. Dr. Wayne will contact Judy Smith at St. Joseph's hospital regarding an EMS page in the hospital community newsletter. There was discussion regarding community involvement of the council such education the community on recognizing signs of heart attack and stroke, a CPR training day, and adding a public CPR training day.

NEW BUSINESS:

High School AED's: Rick presented an opportunity to match funds from the Bellingham Central Lions to provide AED's too all the county high schools for a total cost of \$12000. He will be asking North Region for matching funds also. A motion (Dr. Wayne, Gary Baar) to go on record in support of the concept and give the executive board the authority to make the decision as they see fit is approved.

By-laws committee: Therese, Randy, Bob, Jerry, Roger, Dawn will be on a bylaw review committee.

Planning committee: A planning committee consisting of Rick, Randy, Jerry, Matt, and Duncan will meet at least once a year in order to be reactive to upcoming issues.

Bike Helmets: A motion (Dr. Wayne/Jerry) to allocate ~ \$1500 matching funds if the council receives the grant funds from the north region injury prevention mini grant to purchase bicycle helmets was approved. Duncan will apply for the grant for the council.

Elections: Duncan McLane was reelected as Secretary. Randy VanderHeiden was elected as the 1st VP.

Applications for membership: Motion (Duncan /Russ) to accept membership applications from Jerry DeBruin (Dist 14) to the general council and Sean Farnand (Whatcom Medic One) to the education committee is approved.

Budget: Motion (Duncan/Therese) to accept the budget as written is approved. The executive board will develop some guidelines for the ambulance fund monies

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.