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**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 10, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Roger Christensen, President, WCFD #14  
Therese Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> V-P, BTC  
Jason VanderVeen, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Lynden  
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17  
Theresa Sygitowicz, Treasurer, WCFD #16  
Russell Brock, WCFD #1  
Erica Work, WCFD #2  
Howard Adams, WCFD #9  
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11  
Bob Busch, WCFD #11  
Henry Hollander, WCFD #13  
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17  
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW  
John Geleynse – Lynden  
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance  
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance  
Jim Wagner, Red Cross, resigning member  
Jodie Ryan, Red Cross, applying member  
Bruce Rustad, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol  
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council  
Don Chumley, WCFD #4, Guest  
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,  
Bonnie Robinson, NREMS  
Keri Snodgrass, Council operations manager

**ABSENT:** Klaus Wergin, Consumer  
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD  
Geri Chumley, WCFD #4  
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4  
Shaun Ward, WCFD #8  
Micah Quintrall, WCFD #7  
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #8  
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14  
Bill Boyd, BFD  
Bob Lovelace, Consumer

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Roger Christensen, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Joseph's hospital to order at 7:06. He noted that the annual requirement of notifying agencies of their council representation was met.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made by all present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion (Sygitowicz /Cannizzaro) to approve the minutes of the January, 2006 General Council meeting with a correction to the protocol test due date in the Education Committee report carried.

## **REPORTS**

*TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT*– Theresa reported the current balance is \$303,760.63 with \$244,169.92 in the general fund; \$41,197.22 in ambulance fund; \$16185.60 in industrial CISM and \$5,573.64 in County CISM. She is recommending using Bitner Financial for investing the excess funds in the in order to receive a better return then the current savings and CD currently invested in. • A motion (McLane/Adams) to continue in the current direction with low risk investing after making sure there are no restrictions on the funds being invested. Motion was amended (Lapsansky/McLane) reserving two years operating expenses with a total investment amount of no more than \$175k. Motion and amendment were then withdrawn. *A motion (Chamblin/McLane) that the executive board upon consultation of a newly formed workgroup be authorized to make investment decisions with the balance of the general fund exclusive of two years operating expenses, after investigation of any restrictions that apply, with capital research management was approved*

*OFFICE:* The office has a surplus of old/outdated equipment (computers, printer, copiers) if anybody is interested.

*EDUCATION:* The committee recommends the council approve a north region off site, off hours EMT-B class with a minimum of 10 applications to hold an off site. *Motion (Kowsky/Sygitowicz) to allow the class to move forward carries.*

*CONFERENCE* – Therese reported that the conference (October 26-29<sup>th</sup>) planning is about 90% completed. There will be a simulation lab, a cadaver lab and a hands-on domestic violence class on Friday with a possible Thursday evening cadaver session. The keynote speaker is the New Orleans EMS director. Other speakers include Steve Berry, Mike Smith, Scott Bourne, Ed Racht, Ray Fowler, Janice Lapsansky, Dr. Carrero, Dr. Wayne and Mike Helbock. She is also looking into selling T-shirts, coffee cups, ect this year. She will need help during conference and is looking for somebody to help out and take over next year.

*REGIONAL COUNCIL* – Bonnie distributed a handout regarding North Region membership while encouraging better representation from Whatcom County. Pat Wentworth and Jeff Richey (at large) applications are pending, but alternates are needed. Roger might fill the Prehospital position. Bob Busch may fill the elected official

position. Discussion ensued regarding the wording of by-laws regarding the reps for law enforcement and ambulance association. A motion (Chumley, Busch) to endorse the ambulance association's recommendation of Rick Kowsky as their representative carries. • Bonnie also distributed the needs grant summaries. Dist 14 grant request for internet service was rejected. Districts 3 and 8 received funding of \$2700. New areas in Whatcom County now qualify for the Rural AED Grant. • Annual retreat is the 20-21<sup>st</sup> at the Bellwether.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – Winter newsletter was just printed. Copies can be taken from the meeting. Erica will continue to edit the newsletter but will not continue with the gathering of the articles. If somebody would like to take the chair over please let Erica know.

*EXECUTIVE* – At a meeting held immediately prior to this meeting the investment policy was discussed along with the rejection of the needs grant.

*MPD:* no report

*NIH:* - Janice reported that there have been survivors in all three CPR methods of the trial and 1 randomization error. Memos will now be distributed by hard copy as emails are not reaching the districts. Hard copies of the easy to read randomization schedule and the ResQ Times newsletter will be sent soon. Janice is recruiting helpers to visit the districts.

*Annual Committee Review:* Active standing committees include: education Committee (Chair -Desta Urbano); Public Education (Erica Work); Conference (Therese Williams). The inter ops committee has an interest in starting up again. Please let Roger know if you have interest in chairing.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Executive Board Member Voting* – Roger Christensen was reelected for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as President. Jason VanderVeen was elected for a second term as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

*Council Membership:* Resignations were received from Teresa Gregory, Dist 10 and Jim Wagner, Red Cross. Motion (Sygitowicz/Chamblin) to accept new application from Jodie Ryan, Red Cross carries.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Janice has a western student looking for a 20 hour project is anybody needs help • A house bill passed that exempts air ambulance services from insurance regulations so that they may have a subscription service by 2007 • Congratulations to Erica, John and Henry on their new positions • Jeff Richey will set up LZ training if needed • With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Snodgrass