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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2008

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, President, Whatcom Medic One
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17
Therese Williams, 1st V-P, BTC
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P.
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer,
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
John Geleynse, Lynden
Michael Whittley, Lynden, Guest
Kent Nelson, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
David Phillips, Rural/Metro Ambulance
Klaus Wergin, Consumer
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Lori Sadusky, North Region, Guest
Lance Calloway, Whatcom Sports Commission, Guest
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager

ABSENT: Erica Work, WCFD #2
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Cole Gates, WCFD #16
John Swobody, NWFRS
Randy VanderHeiden, Whatcom Medic One
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,

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 7:07.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting carries.

Guest: Janice introduced Lance Calloway, director of the Whatcom sports commission. He has worked to install an AED at the Sportsplex and the Northwest Soccer Park. Purchase of the AED's was funded by the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club. Janice will be helping to train staff and volunteers. Lance thanked everybody for their assistance with the AED's.

REPORTS:

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Reports were distributed. Cash balances as of 3/31/08 are general fund \$133529.74, \$28388.77 in ambulance, \$8793.56 industrial CISM, county \$5573.64 CISD. The council has funds in a 6 Month CD at bank of the pacific earning 3.21%. \$1500 dollars was earned in the first three months. The American funds balance as of last Friday was \$77k.

OFFICE REPORT: Nothing of significant importance has happened at the office.

EDUCATION: Denise Christensen reported on the new King Tube airway device that Dr. Wayne would like us to use. It is easier to insert and the syringe inflates both tubes at the same time. It may also be cheaper. She read a letter from Dr. Wayne regarding the switch. The education committee would like financial assistance from the council to assist the transition. A Motion (Marianne) to provide up to \$5000 in replacement was not seconded. The total cost would be closer to \$11,000. A second motion (Jerry/Paul) for a 100% trade out with funds from the ambulance fund. The motion was amended to exchange at \$30 a tube with an \$8000 cap. With no further discussion the motion was approved. • The committee is rewriting the King County protocol book for Whatcom County. It will be a book they can be modified easily (taking pages in/out). • A PHTLS classes is being offered this month with another on scheduled later. The education committee is asking for \$100 per person to offset the class with a max of 50 students per class for a total request of \$5000. Motion (Duncan/bob) to reimburse \$100 per student with a cap of \$6k. Roger Christensen (president) spoke against the motion as the education committee should fund the classes with their grant funds. The motion was approved.

CONFERENCE: Randy was not in attendance – no report.

REGIONAL COUNCIL: Lori from North Region distributed handouts on the retreat. May 1st-2nd at the Bellwether. Please contact Lori if you are able to attend. • DOH has

been tasked by the state to implement a resource list by June 30th. Each agency needs to complete the spreadsheet from the state and return to her by June 1st. They need to know where each rig is physically located, if it is ALS/aid ect. She will be available after the meeting for questions.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: No report – Erica not in attendance

EXECUTIVE: The executive board met prior to this meeting. All committees' statuses will remain the same for the next year. The operations manager will receive a pay increase of 3.5%. The budget for 2008-2009 was approved. Applicants for membership were reviewed. A new travel reimbursement policy was adopted. .

MPD: No report - Marv not in attendance.

RESQ TRIAL: Janice reported that the sponsor has nearly acquired ½ of the data required. If there is a clear indication of one treatment over another then they can make the decision to stop early. A decision will be made by late summer. All agencies did a great job of transitioning into two arms.

QA COMMITTEE: Jerry would like to propose that the core people in the QA program meet face to face in May with the executive board instead of exchanging by email in order to be clear in what is expected by and of both parties. He did receive a list of 11 things asked of the QA committee. There are questions about the legal implications in regards to having such a committee. He would like the QI process to be expanded so that the healthcare providers in the field have feedback and to have a process in reviewing calls, making sure the goals are being accomplished in a proper way.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET: Marianne submitted a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Motion to approve the budget as presented (Marianne/Anson) passes.

ELECTIONS: Therese chaired the elections committee as the secretary was up for a position. After discussion a motion (Therese/Anson) to accept the ballot as put forward was approved. Dawn Cannizzaro will be the new president. Jason VanderVeen was reelected as 2nd VP and Duncan McLane will fill the vacated Secretary position.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Applications were received from Denise Christensen, WCFD #14 and John Swobody (NWFRS) for council membership. An application for the North Region education committee was received from Jerry Martin. Motion (eboard/Leslie) to approve membership carries. Michael Whittley's (Lynden) application for membership was lost by council office and he will resubmit for the next meeting. Move to accept the applications (bob/ Leslie) was approved.

YEAR IN REVIEW:

Financial: Marianne has been on the board for one year. She has fixed up some of the issues and invested some money in a CD and an endowment fund.

Office: New office furniture was received this year.

Education: Denise took over as chair a few months ago. There is more time to focus on other activities, such as education classes, since they no longer have to put together the OTEP program.

Regional council: They have been very busy in the last year with lots of meeting.

Executive: They have been meeting more this year than in past years to discuss such issues at QA and ambulance service.

ResQ Trial: Online training has worked well. The training video is on the same site.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Therese thanked Roger for the job well done in the last 8 years. Roger thanked the board that he worked with.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:25.