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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2006

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, President, WCFD #14
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17
Theresa Sygitowicz, Treasurer, WCFD #16
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Erica Work, WCFD #2
Geri Chumley, WCFD #4
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Shaun Ward, WCFD #8
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14
Henry Hollander, WCFD #13
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
John Geleynse – Lynden
Bruce Rustad, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Klaus Wergin, Consumer
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Keri Snodgrass, Council Staff

ABSENT: Therese Williams, 1st V-P, BTC
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P., Lynden
Micah Quintrall, WCFD #7
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #8
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Teresa Gregory, WCFD #10
Bill Boyd, BFD
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Jim Wagner, Red Cross
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC

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 7:03.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion (McLane/Chumley) to approve the minutes of the October, 2005 General Council meeting carried.

REPORTS

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT– Theresa reported the current balance is \$243,893.86 with \$192,836.85 in the general fund, \$41,197.22 ambulance fund, \$18,937.23 industrial CISM, \$5,573.64 County CISD; (14,651.08) NIH study. An invoice has been submitted to the NIH study for \$16491.99. We have accounts receivable outstanding for \$69,891.99 (NIH study and conference) which should be received very soon. She still is working on the investment policy with the executive board. A decision was postponed until the next meeting.

OFFICE: 2006 OTEP manuals have been distributed- please call ahead if you still need some • A page on the website has been created for CE instructors • Funds from the north region education grant have been distributed, • Each agency needs to submit their monthly training reports by the 1st of each month for the previous months training. I also need each agencies 2006 training schedule.

EDUCATION: 75 instructors attended the CE instructors workshops in which Mike Helbock presented the online OTEP program • Almost ½ of the agencies are doing on-line OTEP this year and next year on-line OTEP will be the only option • The committee is planning a natural disaster MCI drill for September • The evaluator workshop the committee was planning is on hold until the states new recommendations on evaluators comes out • A test on the new state protocols is being developed. They should be out in February with a due date of June 1st. The BLS addendum is also being rewritten • An application process for an outside EMT-B class is being developed. It should be finalized in the next couple of months • A video of an ALS/BLS decision making lectures with case studies will be available at end of the month with a handout. The committee is looking into more video productions. Dr. Wayne suggested looking into 24/7 to use as a supplement.

CONFERENCE – Therese is not present to report but she is planning some special activities and bringing back some of the best speakers for our 25th annual conference.

REGIONAL COUNCIL – Jeff Richey will be a new representative from Whatcom County along with Pat Wentworth, Bob Bosch and Roger.

INTEROPERABILITY COMMITTEE – no report

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Erica reported that the winter newsletter is in production. Article deadline is January 27th. Please email her any pictures from a scene that she could use that shows responders but does not identify patients. Target date is mid February.

RED CROSS - no report

EXECUTIVE – No official meeting was held due to a lack of a quorum. Dawn brought forward the issue of stipends to the heads of the current actively functioning committees (conference, public education and conference). A motion (Dawn/Dr. Wayne) to award each chair a \$1000 yearly stipend was retracted by Dawn after discussion. A 2nd motion (Dawn/Dr. Wayne) to award each chair of the currently active standing committees a \$1200 yearly stipend was approved. The committee stipends will be addressed at every annual meeting to determine the status and eligibility of committees • The DEM will handle the auto injectors.

MPD: Dr. Wayne agrees with the new AHA CPR guidelines.

NIH: - Janice reported that the study is progressing well with no errors on which devise to use. 27 enrolled patients who met the inclusion criteria. Please remember to call on every dead person. Yellow stickers will be sent to put on all dashes to remind of this. A new question on the call in form is how many 1st tier responders were available to perform CPR. Any additional information is always helpful. Districts have been working on refresher training. She will work on developing some scenarios.

CISM: no report

OLD BUSINESS

Sales tax campaign – Bob Busch reported that the campaign was successful. The sales tax will have to be voted on again in 6 years. He would like to see EMS mandated by the state and would like the council to vociferously support this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subscription insurance for air transport: Jeff Richey reported that it is illegal in the state of Washington, although residents of the San Juan Islands are trying to push something thru the legislature that will address this. If this happens then airlift will see what they can do.

County wide needs grant – Dist 14 with the council have applied for grant funds to install high speed internet for all agencies that do not currently have it.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20