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**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 12, 2004**

**PRESENT:** Roger Christensen, President, WCFD #14  
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17  
Jason VanderVeen, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. , Lynden  
Russell Brock, Dist 1, guest  
Howard Adams, WCFD #9  
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11  
Henry Hollander, WCFD #13  
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14  
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance  
Keri Snodgrass, Council Staff

**ABSENT:** Erica Work, WCFD #2,  
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4  
Geri Chumley, WCFD #4  
Ray Chenvert, WCFD #6  
Don Jenkins, WCFD #9,  
Teresa Gregory, WCFD #10  
Kristen Nelson, WCFD #10  
John Granger, Airlift NW  
Therese Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> V-P, BTC  
Klaus Wergin, Consumer  
Dave Hammers, BFD  
Bill Boyd, BFD  
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance  
Marvin DeGraaff, Lynden  
Tom Ardavany, Airlift Northwest  
Bruce Rustad, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol  
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD  
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC  
Bob Lovelace, Consumer

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Roger Christensen, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Lukes Community Education Center, to order at 7:05.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made by all present. Welcome to Russell Brock from Dist 1, a new member approved at last meeting.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved/seconded (Chamblin/Cannizzaro) to approve the minutes of the April 2004 General Council meeting with a correction to the MPD section. Motion carried.

**TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT:** no report

**OFFICE:** EMT-B fall registrations are available with a due date of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reminder that manuals, videos and cards for CPR are available from the council office. Checks will go out next week to agencies for EMT Reimbursement. A local support grant of \$500 was received from North Region. Conference brochure will be proofed tomorrow. Online registration will be available soon. The vendor letters have been sent.

**EDUCATION:** Modesta reported that Sean Farnand has begun working on the 2005 OTEP. A survey of all EMT students and random sampling of OTEP students will be sent out to insure quality of programs.

**CONFERENCE:** Therese was not in attendance to report.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL:** Desta attended the annual 2 day retreat at the Bellwether. Nothing significant to report.

**MPD:** Dr. Wayne wants us to investigate joining King County's on-line OTEP training. King County said that they would make some space available on their site in the fall and want to work with us to use their system.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** *The e-board meet immediately preceding this meeting and discussed the following items:*

- The East County is working on holding an EMT Course in their area.
- John Marvin has resigned as treasurer on June 30<sup>th</sup>. as treasurer of the council. He made a verbal resignation of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Any suggestions for Treasurer position will be appreciated.
- A letter was sent to Pete Kremen and Mayor Admundson regarding the EMS council not having a position on the Technical Advisory Committee. They both responded to include a representative from the EMS Council.
- In response to concerns regarding drug testing and background checks, as well as issues with multiply agencies conducting classes; the E-Board will look into the option of having the council manage the EMT-B class and contract with the college to instruct the class. Discussion ensued regarding having one central county location for background checks for all agency personnel.
- A reception will be held to acknowledge several long time members: Dave Hammers, John Marvin and Gary Hedberg. Any suggestions or help would be appreciated.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** *EMS Planning:* no person was available to report this evening.

*Rural EMS-* Roger wrote to federal government that governs the rural designations. The response was that it cannot add zip codes. Rep Rick Larson's aid is now investigating it.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned (McLane/Cannizzaro) at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted: Keri Snodgrass, EMS/TC Council Staff