

Seymour Ambulance Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Attendance: Jesse Rallis, Alexis Scianna, Adam Shields, Mark Morris, Mike Konwerski, Scott Andrews, Karen Spargo, Bryan Ryan

Meeting Called to Order at 6:34 p.m.

Pledge

Approval of Minutes: No comments or changes

Financials: The Board did not receive financials.

- Scott Andrews: The financials are not done because the total amount of revenue was incorrect. The software was not working so the problem could not be fixed. Once it is corrected, Debbi will send out the financials.

Chief's Report: Handed out by Scott Andrews. Read by Board with no questions or comments.

Deputy Chief's Report: Handed out by Bryan Ryan. Read by Board.

- Alexis Scianna: Have the tac medics signed the contracts yet?
- Scott Andrews: It will be done by the second distribution of the gear.

Assistant Chief's Report: Handed out by Mike Konwerski. Read by Board with no questions or comments.

Old Business:

- Jesse Rallis: Are there any updates on the cameras from the town?
- Scott Andrews: The Board of Education has gotten involved and the discussion of cameras has slowed down. They are questioning who will pay for the servers, software, and maintenance so it does not look like it will be happening. I would still like to install the cameras. I am looking to install 16 cameras. The cost was in the range from \$8,500 - \$9,000. These prices were estimated close to a year ago so we will have to get a new cost.
- Scott Andrews: I met with Pat Lombardi and Jason Weaving from the EMSOC Board. They are putting together the yearly report for the Board of Selectmen. The report should be presented at either the December 3 or December 18 meeting. We should try to have people present at the meeting. Jackets will be ordered tomorrow and they will most likely not be ready for the Christmas party.

Motion by Jesse Rallis to move new business to number 10 on the agenda, Second by Karen Spargo, All in favor, None opposed.

New Business:

- Scott Andrews: The Dryer is out of service due to an incident when the 4th graders visited. They broke the vent pipe and dryer. A police report was made. Detective Denegris is looking into who did it. We are working with the town and Board of Education to get a new dryer. The High School had a bomb threat. Several people left work to staff the ambulances. Adam Shields, Mark Morris, and Keyvin Lewis came and helped. There was no bomb found. Richard Kearns wrote a thank you letter to us. ACES also wrote a thank you letter for letting the 4th graders visit. Fusion came out with a web-based EPcr. The cost would be approximately \$2,254 yearly. There is a \$1,500 one-time initial set up fee. This will help because when people have to leave quickly after their shift, they can do the runforms from anywhere that they have access to an internet connection. There is security features and the information is encrypted. Even if it was stolen, it would be very difficult for someone to access it.
- Alexis Scianna: Is the cost call based?
- Scott Andrews: It would be \$2.25 per call if we had less than 1,000 calls but once you exceed 1,000 calls it is \$1.13 per call.
- Motion by Jesse Rallis to go to web-based EPcr platform, Second by Karen Spargo, All in favor, None opposed.
- Scott Andrews: Last year there was legislative upheaval that affected EMS. Seymour went in with VEMS, Oxford, and Naugatuck to hire a consultant and lobbyist to affect good legislation. This was in reference to House Bill 6518. They were successful at blocking the proposed bill that would have severely affected EMS. The task force is working to change legislation on PSAs. We want to hire a consultant/lobbyist in order to keep us informed. The cost would be \$3,500 for us. The total cost is \$15,000 overall. We are still working in conjunction with other services. AMR called and asked to get service chiefs involved at meetings. Bob Pettinella would sign off on it. We would make a check out to Valley EMS and we would be able to make payments over a 7 month period.
- Jesse Rallis: What do they want to change?
- Scott Andrews: Communities have factual information to evaluate EMS services, such as response times. We want to have someone try to attend the meeting at the Department of Public Health to monitor what is happening. Alan Deckman is the consultant and he is from TCORS Capital Group LLC.
- Karen Spargo: Is EMS affected by the Executive Order 37? This states that any regulations over 4 years old need to be looked over. This is coming from the governor.
- Scott Andrews: I was not aware of this and I will have to look into it.
- Motion by Jesse Rallis to go hire a consultant/lobbyist but Seymour Ambulance's contribution will not exceed \$5,000, Second by Mark Morris, All in favor, None opposed.

Motion by Jesse Rallis to go into executive session at 7:28 p.m. and invite Scott Andrews in for discussion on stipends, Second by Karen Spargo, All in favor, None opposed.

Executive Session ended at 8:34 p.m.

Motion by Jesse Rallis to add approval of stipends and bonuses to the agenda, Second by Mark Morris, All in favor, None opposed.

Motion by Jesse Rallis to approve bonuses and stipends for Scott Andrews, Bryan Ryan, Mike Konwerski, Debbi Lavranchuk, Brandon Bowolick, Pat Bridge, and Ryan Hunt as they were discussed in executive session, Second by Karen Spargo, All in favor, None opposed.

Motion to adjourn by Jesse Rallis, Second by Mark Morris, All in favor, None opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Scianna