

Seymour Ambulance Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Attendance: Mark Morris, Alexis Scianna, Scott Andrews, Karen Spargo, Jon Lovisolo, Brendan Canty, Adam Shields

Meeting Called to Order: 6:40pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes from February and March BOD meetings were approved, there were no changes, questions, or comments.

Financials: Received from Debbi Lavranchuk via Email prior to the start of the meeting. There were no questions or comments.

Chief's Report: Received by Scott Andrews at the meeting, read by board.

- **Scott Andrews:** I met with Lea in regards to the Profit and Loss report for the training center and it appears that the training center lost \$9500 this fiscal year. I will be working with her to help make the position a self-sustaining.
- **Scott Andrews:** Due to the potential cuts we face I will be looking for areas to save money in our budget.
- **Scott Andrews:** I will be putting together a presentation to help educate our members about Spice/K2 which is making a comeback in The Valley. Joe Burnett says that he has seen several cases in the Griffin ED.
- **Scott Andrews:** I finished the budget and put in a low ball loss estimate of \$48000 in losses due to legislation that would eliminate Medicare/Medicaid crossover. I did not include an estimate of the losses that we could sustain if payouts from Medicare and Medicaid were reduced again.

Deputy Chief's Report: Bryan Ryan was not present, and no report was left for the Board.

Training Supervisor's Report: Lea Zwally was not present, but her report was received at the meeting and presented by Jon Lovisolo. There were no questions or comments.

Assistant Chief's Report: Mike Konwerski was not present, and no report was left for the Board.

Old Business

- **Jon Lovisolo:** I have reviewed the budget thoroughly and it is very good.
- **Scott Andrews:** In the face of potential cuts we could cut the training budget by about half without affecting the quality of the program.
- **Mark Morris:** We should invest some of the money and put it into the Long Term Investment Account. (Meryl Lynch Account)

Motion to authorize \$20,000 to be allocated to our Meryl Lynch Account to be dispersed pending a meeting with out financial advisor. 1st Jon Lovisolo 2nd Mark Morris, All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to approve the proposed budget with changes made to the Interest Expense section. 1st Karen Spargo 2nd Mark Morris, All in favor, motion carries.

New Business

- **Scott Andrews:** I have been working with the town to draft an EMS plan. (Draft plan was handed out to the Board.) We have to be conscious of when we respond to Base from home as this could affect our en route to the call times. I will be working with the town to approve this plan in the coming weeks.
- **Scott Andrews:** The CT EMS Chief's Association wants to hire an advocacy firm to help educate legislators about our agenda and changes in legislation that have the potential to affect us. We have hired firms like this in the past with relatively good results. I am requesting \$3500 dollars to contribute to this because issues facing the legislature have the potential to SIGNIFICANTLY affect our bottom line. Four other towns have agreed to donate \$3500 as well to this cause.

Motion to approve Scott's request for \$3500 to help pay for the hiring of an advocacy group 1st Jon Lovisolo 2nd Karen Spargo, All in favor, motion carries.

- **Adam Shields:** We have 5 new members to present this evening.
 - Anthony Cologne: EMT, works ARM, background check good.
 - Lisa Adams: EMT Cert, background check good.
 - Joy Macallister: EMT Cert, works Stratford, Evelyn Reference, background check good.
 - Ryan Olah: EMT Cert, background check revealed 2 traffic violations
 - Margaret Garcia: EMT Cert, works Stratford, background check revealed 1 traffic violation

Motion is made by Mark Morris to accept the new members to 6 months of probation pending normal action. Motion is 2nd Jon Lovisolo All in favor, motion carries.

- **Alexis Scianna:** July 1st I will be stepping down as President of the Board of Directors due to my school schedule. It will prevent me from meeting the requirements for my current position.

Membership Comments

- There is no membership comment.

Executive Session

Motion is made by Mark Morris to enter into executive session and invite Scott Andrews. Motion is 2nd by Jon Lovisolo. All in favor, motion carries.

Enter executive session at 7:41pm

Exit executive session at 8:29 pm

Possible Action on Executive Session

Motion to reinstate the stipend policy June 1st pending the addition of a call stipend notification process. 1st Mark Morris 2nd Jon Lovisolo, All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

- **Motion to Adjourn is made by Mary Morris 2nd Jon Lovisolo. All in favor, motion passes**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Morris

4/30/2015