

Seymour Ambulance Association
BOD Meeting Minutes
Sunday May 5th, 2024 6:00 pm

In Attendance:

In person – Bryan Ryan, Mark Gaines, Andy Romaniuk, Mason Karpovich, Andrew Tisdale, Avi Balter

Zoom – Mel DeBlasio, David Hendricks

Meeting Called to Order at 18:03 by Mark Gaines

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion by David Hendricks to approve the minutes from April 7, 2024. Seconded by Mel DeBlasio. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion Passed.

Financial Reports

Chief's Financial Report: Change Healthcare system has been restored post-hack, as a result this month's finances are more stable compared to last month's. Matthies grant has been submitted by Natasha, grant is to secure \$14,000 in funding for new Toughbooks. Natasha provided SAA with a reduced rate for this grant, keeping the cost within the budget established at April's meeting and leaving approved funds available for future applications. Results of the Toughbook grant will be returned in August.

Chief's Report

In addition to the Matthies grant, Bryan wrote a grant to replace MCI drill supplies, is also looking into additional Health Department and other sources of grant funding to replace used materials. Will probably be in the \$1-2k range.

VEMS is in a transition period, Bryan is on the board looking out for both VEMS and SAA, relevant updates will be passed on to SAA board and membership.

Because of increased time off requests in April, passed calls and NEMS hours increased. This was anticipated and the trend is not expected to continue into May.

March Numbers: \$221,375 cash on hand, NEMS \$1628 (31hrs regular and 26hrs OT), passed 10 calls, covered 4 mutual aid calls, projected income \$187,600.

Deputy Chief's Report

Andrew is putting together a CMED database for more in-depth evaluation of response times, etc. Should be completed soon.

Upcoming MCI drill on 5/18 has been in the works for a while. Will involve multiple agencies and will be very impressive!

SAA has done a great job covering shifts, especially with high call volume and second/third calls.

New Business

Planning Committee: Mark proposed the creation of a planning committee with the intent to develop long-term goals for the organization and formalize multi-year plans. Vision is to determine thresholds for sustainable operation of SAA and organize contingencies for potential challenges in the future. Recommended composition of committee includes board members, officers, and membership (2-2-2) with solicitation of non-committee membership input. First goal of committee would be to establish framework for operation and group expectations, working up to end goals of 5- and 10-year plans.

Motion by Mark Gaines to establish planning committee. Seconded by David Hendricks. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion Passed.

New Business

No notes

Old Business

New server has been purchased and is almost completely installed. Old server will probably be repurposed.

Membership Comment

No notes

Executive Session

No notes

Recognition

Everyone for their dedication and hard work. Spring Cleaning was very productive, lots of good work completed and lots of trash thrown out.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Mark Gaines to adjourn at 18:52. Seconded by Mel DeBlasio. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion Passed.

Meeting minutes submitted by Mel DeBlasio