

**General Meeting**

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

OSF Aviation-Peoria, IL

The meeting was called to order at 1115 by Kelley Holdren.

Program representatives in attendance:

**Medforce:** Carol Zimmerman & Sam Cain

**OSF Life Flight:** Jennifer Wilkes

**Superior:** Cherie Pepping

Joining by phone:

**Advocate Children’s Transport:** Dr. Ira Horowitz & Nina Ortegon

**Air Evac Lifeteam:** Aaron Bradshaw & Brandon Buckman

**Airlife:** Lynn Ullestad

**Flight For Life:** Kari Cieslak & Tammy Chatman

**Lifestar:** Sam Nepple

**Lurie Children’s Hospital Transport:** Karen Arndt

**REACT:** Danielle Swenson

**Superior:** Bruce Troutman

**UCAN:** Kelley Holdren

**IDOT:** Linda Schumm

Programs not in attendance:

Aerocare, ARCH, Saints Flight (Jason Sukut attempted to join by phone), Statflight

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from 11/18 were presented for review. Tammy Chatman moved to approve the minutes as written. Carol Zimmerman seconded. The motion carried via voice vote.

**Secretary Report**: Please submit any updates to membership/voting status as able to Kari as there have been many recent changes.

**Treasurer Report**: Membership invoices for 2018 have not been sent out yet. Last year’s dues were $400.00. Will send out both invoices for 2018 and 2019 together. Tammy asked that the invoices be separate for budget purposes ($400-2018 and $400-2019). Karen to complete final figures and report for Education Day, no loss/profit report yet. There were a few complications utilizing Paypal and some monies were returned and not received. Kelley will investigate Square as another form of payment option in the future. Account balance thus far: $16,381.00.

**President/VP:** No new report, Kelley expressed goal to be a more productive 2019 for the organization including the Board. Sam to report during committee reports.

**Organization News**:

AAMS- Tammy reported that the first cut-off date for AMTC 2019 in Atlanta is coming up. CCTMC will be in Albuquerque (April 10-17, 2019). Encouraged to book hotel rooms early.

NAACS- Hoping to seek group participation and representation in the future, UCAN interested in becoming more involved potentially.

ASTNA- Kelley reported 2019 Critical Care Conference is on the East Coast April 3-5.

AACT- Spring conference planned for Philadelphia, March.

IAFCCP-Bruce reported the organization is seeking representation at the state level, applicants can go to website to apply. Ongoing discussions regarding paramedic level of education/requirements.

**Member Program Updates:**

Lynn Ullestad will be representing Airlife in Urbana, Welcome!

Karen Arndt reported that there is a revised heliport training at Lurie’s. Pilots will need to update their annual training. The new hospital in Rockford (Riverside Campus) opened on 1/05/19. This is a Level I trauma center, one pad for now, please call early when inbound.

**IDoT Aeronautics:** Linda also reported on the new helipad in Rockford opened 1/05/19.

**Aviation Updates:**  No update.

**IDPH**: No update.

**Website:** No update.

**Regional Hazards:** No update, Kelley to reach out to Sam.

**Committee Reports**:

**Education:** Carol reported that tentative Education day planned for Fall of 2019. Sam indicated that PERS is having a safety conference in Springfield sometime in 2019 and we may want to think about the option to collaborate with them this year. Sam to get more information for the group.

**Disaster & Safety:** Sam proposed that IAACCT start a drone subcommittee. There is grant money available, IAACCT could be more proactive in seeking assistance. Linda noted that IDOT could help with outreach. Sam made a motion to add a subcommittee for drones and amend the bylaws to reflect the addition of this subcommittee. Tammy seconded. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Sam also reported that IEMA is also looking for educators on mass casualty events, suggested IAACCT become involved. Linda is the liaison for IEMA and will advise/find out more information during the next meeting. Sam also suggested programs look at their own LZ provider booklets and update as needed. He stated there needs to be changes to include NVGs and drones. Each program is encouraged to bring awareness to LZ training.

**Government Relations:** Sam suggested that the safety committee continue to address the LED lighting issue. There are also several educational grants that can be applied for, Sam asked if anyone had any experience with grant writing. Kelley may have someone who can assist and will follow up. Cherie reported on 3 bills that have recently passed in Michigan which can have significant impact. In summary, there are changes to patient notification of transport. Any non-emergent patients should and will go by ground. Patients should be given a “good faith” estimate of the cost of services prior to transport. Air programs should be contracted with providers (i.e. Blue Cross, Humana, Aetna, etc) and if not, reimbursement will be affected. Be advised for future possibility in IL.

**Old Business:** Kari to work with Kathy Mitchell at FFL to edit Disaster maps.

**New Business:**  None.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019 TBD.

**Adjournment:**

Dani moved to adjourn the meeting. Kelley Holdren seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1300.

*Respectfully submitted, Carol Zimmerman & Kari Cieslak, Secretary*