

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer

Justina Bass, WCFD 16

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17

Steven Cohen, WCEMS

Marc Davis, Lynden

Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14

John Granger, WCFD 11

Kassie Harkness, WCFD 16

Mike Hill, WCFD 8

Robert Howery, WCFD 17

Jennifer Keim, SJPH

Steve Larsen, BFD

Guests: Janice Lapsansky

Jim Hallett, Dick Williams

John Lewis, BFD

Michael Lish, WCFD 11

Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski

Sam Llobet, Mt Baker Ski

Jim Petrie, WCFD 17

Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14

Ben Russell, WCFD 7

Jack Warner, WCFD 8

Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD

Dr Ralph Weiche, BFD

Jeremy Wilson, STS

Dwight Worden, WCFD 14

CALL TO ORDER: President Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2024 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Janice Lapsansky, Jim Hallett and Dick Williams gave a presentation about the Whatcom EMS Foundation; a 501 (c)3 organization that provides funding for provider education and medical research. They will provide some informational materials and ask that agencies think of ways the organization can lend support.

Executive:

The executive board recommends approving all 8 membership committee applications that were received.

The e-board discussed the Operations Manager annual raise.

Finance:

As of March 31 2024:

Checking: \$6,912

Savings: \$141,233

Capital Group Investment Account: \$350,464

22 vacuum splints were ordered with the N Region Grant and the council has been reimbursed.

Education:

The OTEP plan for 2025-2027 is being worked on.

End-tidal is being looked at purchasing through the EMS Levy.

CQI:

The last CQI committee meeting was held in January.

The CQI secretary position is open.

Regional Council:

N. Region council has a consumer position open.

Working on grant distribution.

MPD:

This year is the 50th anniversary of Whatcom County EMS. There will be a celebration/fundraising event for Whatcom County EMS Foundation in the fall.

Protocols are being worked on.

Dr. Wayne speaks on The Emotional Toll of the Vietnam War:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IKGKTq4Guo>

Injury Prevention:

Teen Heart Screen was held on March 8th at the old Lynden Middle school for Lynden Christian and Lynden schools.

164 students were screened; 125 passed screening, 39 needed additional follow up.

Car Seats:

All seats purchased with the \$1200 from the chief's association have been given.

More car seats will be purchased with funds of \$1000 from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and \$1200 from Bellingham Bay Rotary.

Child safety technician training will be Oct 9-11 in Burlington.

Safety Fair will be held on June 1st

SafeKids Northwest is on hold.

Distracted Driving: 3 high schools have declined so will not be happening this spring.

TAB:

Discussed the priorities list.

Hospital:

From Trauma service standpoint: volumes were up almost 20% first quarter. Will be hiring a trauma coordinator and another trauma registrar.

Looking at Bender Fields for a second location to place 2 AEDS, Stop the Bleed kit, extra supplies and gloves.

WC administration:

Study of EMS system will be done.

Unfinished Business:

Pioneer Human Services requests to become an ESSO Agency:

An ad hoc committee consisting of Marc Davis, John Granger, and Scott Ryckman met in November. Their recommendation is to not recommend approval of applicant, based on a lack of proven need or benefit by the applicant weighed against concerns regarding the level of care and increased burden to the local EMS system.

Motion to not approve the ESSO application of Pioneer Human Services (Dawn C./John G). All approved.

New Business:

Dwight Worden, Kassie Harkness, Keegan O'Neill Hawkins and Kory Abercrombie were approved to join the CQI committee, Steve Larsen and Jack Warner were approved to join the council and Sean Roberts and Wesley Segar were approved to join the Education committee with the stipulation that the appropriate applications are filled out. (B. Boyko/J. Granger).

Executive Boards recommends the operations manager receive a yearly raise of CPWI + .5%, with review.

Motion to approve a raise of CPIW (3.5%) plus .5% for the operations manager which would be an increase to 33.28/hr. from \$32.00/hr. (B Boyko/B. Russell) All approved.

Elections: Jerry DeBruin was elected for President and Justina Bass was elected for 2nd VP

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:40 pm