

**General Committee Meeting**

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Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer

Justina Bass, WCFD 16

Ben Boyko, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, WCFD 7

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17

David Darrah, WCFD 18

Marc Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Lynden

Jerry DeBruin, President, WCFD 14

John Granger, WCFD 11

Michel Hilley, WCEMS

Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski

Mitch Nolze, SWFA

Jim Petrie, WCFD 17

Ben Russell, WCFD 7

Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14

Ben Russell, WCFD 7

Jennifer Squire, SWFA

Jeremy Wilson, STS

Guest: Susie Johnson, SJPH

Guest: Jennifer Keim, SJPH

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, to order at 7:03 pm.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 2022 minutes, stand as written with one correction

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**REPORTS:**

***Executive:***

The executive board recommends approval of the education membership application for Matt Cagle.

The new meeting dates for council were discussed. It has been held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and is now being moved to 4<sup>th</sup> Monday due to availability of station 46.

The positions of secretary and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president are up for election at the April Annual Meeting. A nominating committee will be put together to look for candidates.

***Finance:***

Checking: \$21,131

Savings: \$162,146

Capital Group Investment Account: \$268,964

***Education:***

The last education committee meeting was held on January 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Education subcommittee, OTEP topics, and documentation were discussed at the last meeting.  
Discussed ways to make sure everything talked over at meetings makes it back to the agencies.  
Rob S. is back teaching paramedic class. Paramedic class is working on accreditation.

An EMT class is being put on by WCEMS. A location has been secured at the Northwest Indian College and a June date is being considered. They are currently compiling a list of people willing to help.

***CQI:***

The last CQI committee meeting was held on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Discussed the education subcommittee to look at the whole process and the way to get the information out to the agencies.  
Dawn is stepping down as co-chair of CQI. The co-chair position and the secretary position will be open at the April meeting.

***Regional Council:***

The empty board positions have been filled.  
The budget is being worked on.  
Received a presentation on the Northwest Healthcare Response Network; going to integrate more with regional trauma council to organize more drills/discussions around regional approaches to disaster and diversion.  
Discussed strategic plan and county updates.

***MPD:***

Dr. Wayne is attending the National Association of EMS Physicians meeting.  
Handtevy is being tried out in Beta testing.  
WCEMS is improving the ImageTrend dropdown choices.  
There are new paramedics that have finished the class and a new class has already started.

***Injury Prevention:***

Safety Fair on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Barkly village. Information will be going out soon.  
Working on getting Safe Kids Whatcom County going again.  
Large car seat event will be in May.

2023 Lifesavers Conference will be in Seattle this year on April 1-4  
NFA 2-day course in Pasco march 8-9  
Fire & life safety educator March 20-23 for fire and life safety educator.

Teen Heart Screen- The cardiology group is interested in discussing restarting Teen Heart Screen.

Community CPR for WCFD 7 will be starting up again.

Fall protection coalition: would like to get quarterly meetings set.

Safe Kids Whatcom -Erica will gather information into what it entails for the Council to be lead agency of Safe Kids Whatcom for the April meeting.

***TAB***

The last meeting was Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

The following were discussed:

BLS contract

ALS Contract for meeting in march.

BLS allocation update-payments should be out within 3 weeks.

Contract has been signed to put medic unit in service.

Paramedic school has 6 Bellingham students and 4 outside county students.

ESE class: a schedule is coming out soon for quarterly classes.

Need to keep close track of people moving in and out of the system for Rescue Hub and Handtevy.

***Hospital:***

Trauma Designation last week. Hospital is appreciative of the collaboration of EMS.

The construction fencing will be taken down within the next couple of weeks.

***WC Admin:***

EMS Analyst is due to start Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

***Unfinished business:***

*Motion to approve Matt Cagle's Education committee application was unanimously approved.*

***New Business:***

Nominating committee: Erica Littlewood, Ben Boyko and Jen Squire are on the nominating committee for secretary and 1<sup>st</sup> VP.

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Medic 75 will be put into service the first part of February.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:00 pm