

Attendance: Jerry DeBruin, Greg Macy, Michael Lish, Dr. Wayne, Mike Hilley, Steven Cohen, Ben Russell, Tony Melillo, Dawn Cannizzaro, Megan Williamson

Call to order: Jerry DeBruin called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Approval of February 15, 2024 minutes- approved.

Reports:

North Region- Mike Hilley reported on activity which included a work session to be held on future distribution of grant awards funding. Reported the new group in the county – “EMS Foundation in Whatcom County”. Janice Lapsansky is a member and will be making a presentation at the general council meeting and the Whatcom County Chief’s Association. Dr. Wayne also added some details about this newly formed group, their purpose and some functions planned for this fall. (Gala event).

Training Officers – Chief Melillo reported minimal activity this last month. Majority of conversation was about the Whatcom County Recruit Academy.

CQI- Dr. Wayne reported on the meeting that was held and the general direction and purpose of the committee as we move forward. Chief DeBruin will Co-chair in the short term with hopes that someone will fill the role later. There is still a need for a secretary.

TAB- Mike Hilley reported on the Budget concern due to lower GEMT payments and Chief Russell updated the beginning work of the sub-committee on additional ALS resource/s.

Hospital – Dr. Wayne spoke about the state request for wall time at hospitals. The desire for End tidal (capnography) as it relates to IGel usage; the cost of diagnostics will have to be determined. What the actual need would be in the county if implemented – consider funding sources to help with the cost. He has received some quotes from Masimo (EMMA Monitor) \$1200.00 per unit.

Unfinished Business – OTEP 25-27 – Chief Russell Chair. Beginning work on it. Sub Committee – Chief Melillo reported that he mostly finished the work on the report for the BLS Training Manual. Waiting for feedback from some stakeholders for finalization. He and the rest of the committee were thanked for all their effort in this endeavor.

New Business – Nothing

Good of the Order- Teen heart screening was a great success, thanks to all who helped throughout the process. A special thanks to the hospital and Paramedic Pavitt. Chief Lish reported on one of his volunteers who has successfully completed training to become an SEI.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.