

Clear Lake Area Ambulance Service
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Clear Lake, Wi

3rd Quarter Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 21st, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Larry Reindahl @ 7:30pm.

Members Present: Todd Ostberg, Charley Barney, Pete Cogbill, Marie Bannink, Art Bergman, Larry Reindahl, Marv Pestrud, Richard Buhr

Others Present: Adam Vnuk, Jamie Wood, Misty Wood, Mel Cuper, Keri Aquino, Jennifer Smith, Kari Haley, Sara Vnuk

Motion to approve April Minutes: Motion by Charley Barney, 2nd Richard Buhr to approve. Approved

Changes to August Agenda: Marie Bannink requested to add the annual audit to the agenda. Motion by Charley Barney to approve the agenda as written, 2nd by Art Bergman. Approved

Old Business:

Response Times: There was a lengthy discussion about ambulance response times. Information was presented by Director Vnuk showing average response times for the service over the last several years. There was a specific Incident that was brought up where the ambulance didn't respond after being paged. Director Vnuk explained the process and that county was not notified prior as normal. It was also explained that the backup systems were not used as they should have been by the EMT on-call and that corrective action would be taken. Further discussion was held about options going forward and the challenges the service faces in regards to staffing and call coverage. Several ideas were discussed as to what can be done to increase and retain staffing in the service. One concern was the ability of people to cover call time and child care issues. Charlie Barney requested Director Vnuk to explore the possibility of working with an area daycare service to provide child care on an emergency call basis.

Pay Rate Change: The response time discussion worked into the discussion about potential pay rate changes for EMT's. Part of Director Vnuk's concern is that service members are essentially losing money if they have child care concerns or forgo other jobs/potential earnings covering call time at a 24 hour average of \$2.25 per hour. Director Vnuk presented several proposals for potential pay increases for staff. Discussion was held about the cost impacts to the municipalities and concerns about what could/needed to be done. Along with the above mentioned request, it was determined that the board members would return to their respective boards and discuss what was affordable for municipalities and bring the proposals to the October meeting. No specific action was taken.

New Business:

Regions EMS Medical Direction Introduction: Director Vnuk presented information about a change in the service's medical direction and the impacts on the service. Dr. Hailey and AEMT Smith introduced themselves to the board and answer questions presented.

Financial Report: Discussion was held about the financial reports.

Director's Report: Director Vnuk provided an update on the activities of the service. There was nothing new/significant to report

Captain's Report: There was nothing new to report at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Charley Barney, 2nd by Art Bergman. Approved

Next regular meeting will be held Monday October 24th starting at 7:30 pm at the EMS Station.