

York County Chiefs Association
1 Summer Street, Kennebunk Maine

President Roger Hooper
Vice President Chris Paré

Secretary Nathan Schools
Treasurer Karen Gagnon Wheeler

MEETING MINUTES
26 May 2016

Meeting was called to order at 18:30 p.m. by President Hooper at Oak Street Bistro, Alfred. There were 16 members present.

Services/Organizations:

Buxton Fire-Rescue, Eliot Fire, Goodwin's Mills Fire-Rescue, Kennebunk Fire Rescue, Limerick Rescue, MFSI, Saco Fire, York Beach Fire, SRTC, Newfield, APEMS, Wells EMS and Wells Fire.

Minutes:

April 28, 2016 YCCA minutes submitted by Nathan Schools. **ACTION:** Corey Hawthorne made a motion to accept the April 28th meeting minutes, David Bridges seconded. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**

Treasurer's Report: Karen Gagnon Wheeler

- **Kennebunk Savings Account:** Reconciled statement (dated 4/29/2016) reported balance of **\$4,783.09**; representing an increase of \$ 0.38 for interest.
- **Kennebunk Checking Account:** \$26,160.54
- **Bills in April:** Paper Trails = \$50 1st Quarterly Report

ACTION: Motion made by Dick McGlincey and seconded by David Bridges to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**

APEMS Office Report:

1. MEMS is putting out a survey from the State Office. They are in need of input.
2. Hosting training in august FEMA/TEEX Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents on Aug 11 & 12. FEMA is supplying food and the training is free. Class is not posted yet, but will be.
3. Rod Hooper asked if there was any movement on an Advanced to Paramedic Bridge Course.
4. Next RAC Meeting is on June 22nd Meeting is in Topsham.
5. One of the members is terming out, and if you are interested in serving on the APEMS RAC please attend the next RAC Meeting in Topsham.

Maine Fire Chiefs: No Report, No One Present.

Medical Control: No Report, No One Present.

YC EMA Office: No Report, No One Present.

Fire-EMS Training:

MFSI: Roger Green

1. Just finished the first Resident State Fire Academy, 11 Graduated.
 - a. It was a long week, but it went very well.
 - b. SMCC will be moving students into the dorms at Brunswick, which will take away from the ability for a resident academy without using hotels.
 - c. Community colleges are outgrowing regular colleges 2:1.
2. The Deputy Directors position will be filled; applications will become available shortly.

Fall Fire-EMS School: Rob Martin

1. Had another meeting this week with the committee. Has put a number of programs on the slate. Rob and Karen will be meeting to finalized the slate of classes.
2. There is going to be a cost associated to this training.
3. Fliers will be going out on or around June 15th.

FF 1&2: Rod Hooper

1. Graduation coming up
2. Kevin Duross is stepping out of the director's role and Frank Lee is stepping into the program director's role for the program.

BLS Class: Rod Hooper

1. Mike Frasier is working on moving this forward for a start.
2. **ACTION:** Motion was made by Rob Martin, seconded by David Bridges, to assess a fee to each department, for each student, of \$25. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**
3. Jeff Rowe had some issues with the length of the classes. Classes need to be basic and not a full FF2 program. It should meet the states minimum training requirements so students can become active members on the fire ground.
4. Workers Compensation – Each department that is sending instructors will need to need to sign an instructor agreement, establishing the requirements that the department provide the workers compensation insurance for their instructors while they are teaching at the BLS School.

MEMS: Chris Paré

1. The survey is important, please take it to give the feedback right to the state.
2. Webinars are available for the protocol update.
3. Rule changes surrounding the amount of CEHs
4. Applications are closed for the assistant state medical director, and other open positions.

Fire Marshal Office: No Representative, no report.

E-Board: President Hooper – Conference call on May 23, 2016.

Old Business:

1. Website is a work in progress.

2. LD 1465 and LD 655 letters were not sent because each were a moot point. LD 1465 was overridden, and LD 655 is dead.
 - a. We need to work on getting this back in the next session, so it does not die completely.
3. There was a Strike Team Meeting in Saco regarding the Strike Team and Radio Frequency. YCEMA Director Art Cleaves is working on this and there is more information to come.
4. This past week there was a meeting discussing the York County Hazardous Materials Team.
 - a. Rod Hooper has spoken directly to SPFD Deputy Chief Wilson regarding the RRT that South Portland Team. SPFD Team is responsible for Portland south, and Portland's Team is Portland North.
 - b. York County's place may be a decontamination only?
 - c. Rod Hooper will be setting up a York County Meeting to discuss what the YC Team should look like.
 - i. What does the call down list look like, what teams are going to cover what area?
 - d. David Bridges – Protocol – YCEMA would dispatch the Ship Yard to the South part of the county. The YC Team is in the northern part of the county.
 - e. Rob Martin – As a county we have a responsibility to do something. We need to maintain a defined level of coverage in York County.
 - i. Jeff Rowe – There is a local need for us to provide something.
 1. Availability of volunteers may be difficult to staff the emergency.
 2. Does a funding component need to be used to ensure staffing?
5. York County Lifetime Achievement Award:
 - a. Nominations are given to E-Board, and the E-Board acts on the nomination. No specific protocol is currently in place.
 - b. Is there a list of all of the life time achievements given to date?
 - i. Karen Gagnon Wheeler will look back in the minutes for all of them.
 - ii. Rod Hooper – this should be listed on our website.
 - c. Fire and EMS Chief of the Year, or LTAA award.
 - d. Honorary Status – how do we handle this; more to come.
6. No movement on the MOU between YCCA and Hollis Training Facility. Rod Hooper to follow up with Jason Johnson.

New Business:

5. **ACTION:** VP – Ricky Plummer resigned. President Hooper made a nomination for Chris Paré as Vice President to work out the balance of the term, Jeff Rowe Seconded the motion. No further nominations were made. Jeff Rowe made a motion to move the nomination to a vote, seconded by Dick McGlincey, with no further comment. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**

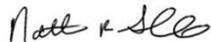
- a. VP Paré Term will expire in January 2018.
2. Dick McGlincey – Jim Simeoni passed away. Jim was a big player in the YCCA and the Fire Attack School. Allen Moulton will be stepping out of public service all together. There were some people who made a difference in the area. Some of these people were instrumental in training and moving the place forward.
 - a. Jeff Rowe – Something should be sent from the Chiefs Group.
 - b. David Bridges – Old records show the work that these pioneer Chiefs work with what they had and made things work. It shows how fortunate we are now with what we have.
3. Rod Hooper – Manages York County’s Government Surplus program.
 - a. If you have something that you are looking for, send the list to Rod Hooper, who will pass it along to his contact at Pease. The equipment is all over the country, you will need to be ready to make a decision on going to get the equipment.
 - b. What are your thoughts on what YCEMA needs to deliver, or how they need to respond.
4. Wendy Elliot – Sanford Regional Technical HS has just wrapped up the fire and EMS Program.
 - a. Fire - 10 students passed FF 1 and 2 passed FF2.
 - i. Harold Smith wants to thank all those who helped in the program this year.
 - b. EMS - 10 students tested, 5 passed fully, 5 need to retest at a later date.

Motion to Adjourn: ACTION: Motion by Corey Hawthorne, seconded by Dick McGlinchey to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**

Next Meeting: September 22, 2016 at 1830 hours at Oak Street Bistro in Alfred.

Minutes Prepared by Nathan Schools.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan R. Schools
Secretary