

York County Chiefs Association
1 Summer Street, Kennebunk Maine

President Roger Hooper
Vice President

Secretary Nathan R. Schools
Treasurer Karen Gagnon Wheeler

MEETING MINUTES
28 April 2016

Meeting was called to order at 18:30 p.m. by President Hooper at Oak Street Bistro, Alfred. There were 15 members and 2 guests present.

Services/Organizations:

Buxton Fire-Rescue, Eliot Fire, Goodwin's Mills Fire-Rescue, Kennebunk Fire Rescue, Kennebunkport FD, Limerick Fire/EMS, MFSI, Saco Fire, Sanford Fire, Southern Maine Healthcare (Biddeford & Sanford), York Beach Fire, York County EMA.

Minutes:

February 25, 2016 YCCA minutes submitted by Nathan Schools. **ACTION:** John Duross made a motion to amend the February 25th meeting minutes, Raynald Legendre seconded, to change Dave McGlincey to Dick McGlincey; add Wells EMS to services present at February 25, 2016 Regular Association Meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Guest:

Ed McGeachey & Dr. Andy Powell of Southern Maine Healthcare spoke.

Mr. McGeachey: discussed changes of both Biddeford & Sanford campuses. Biddeford ER sees approximately 39,000 patients per year. Sanford campus, was not able to sustain due to lower volume and meeting needs for patients.

Dr. Powell works in the ER at the Sanford campus. He stated that they are absolutely committed to emergency room care. They are well staffed, see approximately 19,000 patients per year in the ER. They work on stabilizing trauma and cardiac patients, and assist in transport of patients to appropriate care facilities. They contract with Northeast Ambulance for transports. A comment was made to Dr. Powell on how the community has lost confidence with Sanford hospital because of the new process. Dr. Powell stated that yes it was a huge change for the area residents and therefore difficult for the community to grasp.

Dr. Powell went on to say that one of the new processes put in place was they now have on call nurses for the emergent transports. These nurses have been trained to deal with high acuity and critical care patients, and know the EMS protocols for what level is needed for inter-facility transports by ambulance. Therefore, they have their own med kit they bring when doing the transports, and know what medications are in rescues. They can also use ventilators, etc.

Mr. McGeachey stated this is a huge investment with time and money into Sanford ER and it has improved care and positive changes with patients.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Gagnon Wheeler

- **Kennebunk Savings Account:** Reconciled statement (dated March 31, 2015) reported balance of **\$4,782.30**; representing an increase of \$ 0.41 for interest.
- **Kennebunk Checking Account:** \$25,969.32 - includes 2016 Annual dues.
- Bills paid in March: Intuit (online account) \$269.46; Clark Insurance (liability policy) \$1101.00; Paper Trails \$50 (quarterly report).

Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed, all in favor.

APEMS Office Report: None Present

1. Apologized for not being present at tonight's meeting.

Maine Fire Chiefs: John Duross

1. March 2016, Chief Benotti of Sanford formally voted as York County Director.
2. Next meeting in May 2016-joint meeting with Code Enforcement, ¼ of meeting is Board of Directors, July meeting @ Hope FD.
3. Training: Chief Thurlow presenting Vision 20/20.
4. Chief Benotti stated that there is a need to support the Medicare Bill to "override the Governor's veto". Need to get our voice to local legislators in regards to LD1465. Only lost by 1 vote in house. Approximately 50% of costs are paid.
 - Chief Hooper asked the stance of YCCA, are they willing to do a letter?
 - **ACTION:** John Duross made a motion to take a stance overruling the vote and asked the secretary to send a letter on LD1465, Steve Benotti seconded. **Motion Passed.**
5. **ACTION:** LD 655: State training facility, discussion that this does not require funding. John Duross made a motion for YCCA to respond to overriding the veto on LD65. Secretary to send our letter. Raynald Legendre seconded. **Motion Passed.**

Medical Control: Mike Mirisola - April 27 combined meeting in Freeport

1. Started linking records with ER patients.
2. Protocol review continuing.
3. Assistant Medical Director, webinar on May 23rd @ Noon, you can call in.
4. Pilot project – video laryngoscope on patients at MMC only. Approved by regular med control, now @ MPBD.
5. Soft goods going away as of July 1st.
 - July 1st of next year will go to a 1-1 medication exchange. Not resolved as to how this will work.
6. ME EMS awards at the Hall of Flags on 05/17/2016 @ 2pm.
 - Sylvia Hall receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Matt Leach receiving the Special Merit Award
7. QI study with no transports vs. transports has been done. Will be put on MEMSed.
8. LD1683 passed, including penalty for assaulting Fire/EMS personnel.

YC EMA Office: Art Cleaves

1. Working on a frequency communication plan, be sent soon.
2. IMAT team meeting – has been changed to 2nd Thursday of the month, they welcome participants.
3. 6 pilots trained, sent with command van.
4. Revamp hazmat team, would like to have it hosted by a full time service.

MFSI: Roger Greene

1. New live fire training trailer has been ordered.
2. RIT curriculum approved for later this year.
3. Roger taking over written testing for MFSI.
4. No decision on Deputy Director.

Fire-EMS Training:

1. Fall School: Rob Martin
 - a. Committee: Rob Martin (Chair) Mike Barker, Blaine Cote, Adam Mason, Ray Legendre.
 - b. They met April 14th
 - c. They look to have a brochure by June 15th
2. FF 1&2 – Kevin Duross
 - a. 22 students. This program built for York County students, feedback seems to be a lot better.
 - b. Graduation June 21st or 22nd. Working on graduation and availability.
3. BLS School – Rod Hooper
 - a. Met with Mike Frances & Jim Burrows
 - b. Starting earlier in August, end in September
 - c. Expenses at the end of the course to be billed out to departments that send students if \$0 pockets.
 - d. John Duross had one concern about the instructors being covered by Workers Compensation
 - i. How do we cover? Blanket invite to create a list of instructors and make them all employees

MEMS: No Representative, no report.

Fire Marshal Office: No Representative, no report.

E-Board: Chief Hooper – met on April 25, 2016

1. Hollis training center – create a list for use, brought an invoice for \$1,500 for 2 years of FF I/II program. Currently \$300 per day for use.
2. Ogunquit training center - \$1,000 per year.
3. Is it possible to get both facilities to be the same cost to use? Our responsibility to keep them there and available.

Old Business:

1. Website is paid until December 2016. Looking to maintain it ourselves.
2. Communication plan: to mirror UHF & VHF frequency together.
3. Strike teams being discussed.
4. Common apparatus “naming” still need to continue researching on this subject.

New Business:

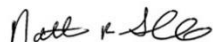
1. York County Hazmat Team: Art is going to pull Chiefs together to discuss how to move forward. Chief Plummer will work with Art due to past experience with Seacoast Hazmat team.
2. York County Lifetime Achievement Award: Need to formalize documentation and process and date for this. What is the criteria? How to solicit?

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Steve Benotti, seconded by John Duross to adjourn the meeting; Motion passed.

Next Meeting: May 26, 2016 at 1830 hours at Oak Street Bistro in Alfred.

Notes taken by Karen Gagnon Wheeler, Minutes Prepared by Nathan Schools.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan R. Schools
Secretary