

York County Chiefs Association

1 Summer Street, Kennebunk Maine

President Roger S. Hooper
Vice President Christopher Paré

Secretary Nathan R. Schools
Treasurer Karen Gagnon Wheeler

MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

23 February 2017

Meeting called to order at 0908 hours by President Rod Hooper at York County EMA, Alfred, Maine.
There were 16 members present.

Services/Organizations: 17 Members and 1 Guest

Rick Petrie, APEMS
Wayne Werts, APEMS
Nathan Schools, Buxton Fire-Rescue
Roger Hooper, Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue
Chad Johnston, Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue
Chris Young, Hollis Fire-Rescue
Thomas Hooper, Hollis Fire-Rescue
Jeff Rowe, Kennebunk Fire-Rescue
Karen M. Wheeler, Kennebunk Fire Rescue
John Brady, Kennebunk Fire-Rescue
Dan Meehan, Lebanon Fire-EMS
Mark O'Brien, Ogunquit Fire/Rescue
Robert Martin, Saco Fire Department
John Duross, Saco Fire Department
Lisa Bennett, Waterboro Fire Department
Matthew Bors, Waterboro Fire Department
Christopher Paré, Wells EMS

Guest(s): David Francoeur, YCEMA

Minutes:

26 January 2017 Meeting Minutes as submitted by Secretary Nathan Schools. **ACTION:** Motion made by Jeff Rowe, seconded by Chad Johnston to approve the minutes as emailed and reviewed. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**

Treasurer's Report: Karen Gagnon Wheeler

As of January 31, 2017 Bank Statement = \$ 17,753.45

- Checking Account: \$ 10,633.70
- Savings Account: \$ 4,786.71 (.42 interest)

****Checks / Debits: January/February 2017** (included in above balance)

- Debit: \$ 232.00 Paper Trails – W2s

Treasurers Report 23 February 2017. **ACTION:** Motion made by Jeff Rowe, seconded by Chad Johnston to approve the treasurers report as presented. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**

Committee Reports

Lifelight: Not Present

- Still planning on staffing the helicopter on for March (5th or 13th) in Sanford. Operations hours will be 0900-2100 hours, daily.

APEMS: Rick Petrie/Wayne Werts

- Run Reporting Software (Elite); Big part of what is going on at the state/regional office.
 - All services should have received a notice stating when the service will need to go live. If not able to do that in the allotted time frame, services can ask MEMS for an extension.
 - Administrator training was last night.
 - Internet access is not required to run program; Elite is downloaded onto device, and when WIFI is available program will sync.
 - Within the Elite program there is a link to either Physio/Zoll in order to upload 12-Leads.
 - All apparatus will be automatically populated; however frequent patients will not remain in the system.
 - This is not an upgrade to MEMSRR, this is a completely different program.
 - The system will look the same on computer as it will on tablet. This is also available on iPads.
- The MEMS Report is available to the public. The MDPB has had their first review. More information to come.
- DICO Program – Send your providers to this class, or someone from your department who is currently filling the infectious control position in your department.
- APEMS is going to work with Maine BLS on changing rules on use of N95 for airborne illness/disease.
 - The YCCA has decided to send a letter of MBLIS regarding the importance of sending a member from the office to the DICO class in March.
 - John Duross: Adhoc committee would be appropriate to discuss EMS Operations.
- Supervisor Boot Camp is coming up in March.
- Medication Costs (Chris Paré) – Medications have been provided by the hospital for no cost to EMS Services. Hospital Attorneys found that services are billing for medications that they are not paying for and the hospital was taking this as a loss; thus, the July cut off for EMS services being provided no cost medications by hospitals.
 - Busier services are figuring for \$2,000 to \$2,500 to the budget for anticipated costs moving forward.
 - John Brady – 1 for 1 exchange for near expiring medications (within 30-days).

EMS Region 1 Liaison: Lisa Bennett

- Has not been to a meeting in a while, nothing to report.

Medical Control: Not Present

- Chris Paré: No meeting, nothing to report.

MEMS Office Report: Jeff Rowe

- MEMS Report is out. There maybe town hall style meetings to review this coming out on the schedule. There has been a small committee that has been tasked with bringing action items back to the full board. More information to come.
- Replica Representative-Discussed the program of employees working outside of the system (not sponsored by department) that this program would help make a license portable to other states.
- Data position has been approved to be filled, interviews have been conducted and job will be filled as soon as practical.

- EMS Awards: If you have employees who deserve award please complete an application.
- EMS Board vacancy – if you want to be considered for the position reach out to MEMS.
- Rules Making – Ongoing.

YC EMA: David Francoeur

- HAZMAT Team/Team Chief has been appointed as an interim position.
- County HAZMAT Team will now be supported as a Decon Strike Team.
- EMA is working on a call down list of how incident commanders request a technician level team.

Maine Fire Chiefs: John Duross

- Legislative Breakfast: Well attended. Not a lot of issues on the table for Maine Chiefs. Watching the bill on upholstered furniture.
- Joint Conference @ Sunday River March 29-31; Chief Brunicini is the keynote speaker.

Fire & EMS Training Committee: Rob Martin

- Need to start talking about the Fall School. If Chiefs have members who would like to sit on the training committee, please reach out to Deputy Martin (RMartin@sacomaine.org)

FF I/II Academy: Rod Hooper

- Set back with weather. If a Chief is available to attend a class, please attend to show support for the program.
- There were only 14 students in this years class. This is due to several outside forces (e.g. SMCC, BLS, Other Schools). There may be other options.
 - John Duross – there is some room that there to offer a blended plan. We need to look at this as a group.
 - Do we also need to provide other classes (e.g. Fire Instructor, Fire Officer, BPOC, EVOC, etc.) There is some demand about this higher-level training.

MFSI: Not Present

E-Board: Rod Hooper

- Need to circulate the new updated By Laws.

Old Business

By Law Amendments: Rod Hooper

- Passed at last meeting will be effective on 25 February 2017.

Website: Nathan Schools

- Hope to have the new website up and running by mid-March.
- Anticipate linking our Facebook page with our website so that the site is not simply a static site that becomes irrelevant.

Incident Management Team (IMT): Rod Hooper

- YCIMT has been formed to help fill incident structures in communities in York County.
- YCEMA/Chief Hooper has dispersed the MOU for members who will be participating in the IMT.
- YCIMT will be a Type 4 team for the start. Crawl, walk, run. Next meeting will be April 20th @ YCEMA. Working on a call out plan/training plan.
- Some starting points for the team may include working on the following initiatives:
 - Common operating guidelines.

- IMAT Activation and using county resources.
- Radio frequency plan.
- County wide 205
- Accountability
- Apparatus naming/numbering.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Rod Hooper

- Rod Hooper: Who has won the award in the past?
 - Karen Gagnon Wheeler: All information is in old association meeting minutes.
 - A member who has shown commitment to fire and EMS Training over their career.
- Can we go to the firefighters association for lifetime achievement awards?
 - John Duross invite them to the recognition night.

Company Officer Section: Rod Hooper

- Would like to advertise this out to other members of the department.
 - Jeff Rowe – do we need a By Law Change?
 - Rod Hooper – Company Officers are now doing a lot of the work for YCCA in the way of training.
 - Nathan Schools – Meetings are open, so why couldn't a Company Officer attend a YCCA Monthly Meeting?

Physical Agility Testing: Ben Harris @ National Fire Academy

- Will bring back to March Meeting of YCCA.
- This test would be prior interview or pre-employment physical.
- Would like multiple sites throughout the county so one community does not have to do all the tests.
- Does MMA need to weigh in on this?

New Business

Lisa Bennett-

- When do we make the decision to move a meeting to either a day or a night.
 - This split is doing the right thing for the entire organization as volunteer/career chiefs.
 - CO Section might not be able to make a day time meeting.

Jeff Rowe-

- May is EMS Week.
- Working with SFMO, liquor, agriculture and fuel in attempts to work together when conducting inspections. Maybe educational credit available?
- Quarterly Meeting of Biddeford Inspectors group on Friday February 24 @ 0900 hours for anyone interested.

Nathan Schools –


- Marijuana: Maine EMS Rule. Prescription use, need a policy. Maine Labor has a new program on how to evaluate employees on impairment. Email MBLB for YCCA to host.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2017 at 0900 hours at York County EMA, 149 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred Maine.

Motion to Adjourn: ACTION: Motion by John Duross, seconded by Jeff Rowe to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION PASSED. NO OPPOSITION

Minutes prepared by Nathan Schools.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nathan R. Schools
Secretary