

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

27 April 2017

Meeting called to order at 0905 hours by Secretary Nathan Schools at York County EMA, 149 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred, Maine. There were 11 members and 2 guest present.

Services/Organizations: 11 Members Present – 2 Guests

Mark O'Brien, Ogunquit Fire
Renald Tardif – Arundel Fire
Steve Benotti, Sanford Fire
Nathan Schools, Buxton Fire-Rescue
Roger Green, MFSI
Art Cleaves, YCEMA
John Duross – Saco Fire
Scott Gagne – Biddeford Fire
Mike Banker – North Berwick Rescue
Steve Johnson – Acton Fire
Rick Petrie - APEMS

Guest(s):

Frank Lee – YCCA FF1/2 Academy
Steve Jacobsen, YCEMA

Minutes: Nathan Schools

23 March 2017 Meeting Minutes as submitted by Secretary Nathan Schools. **ACTION:** Motion made by Rick Petrie, seconded by Steve Benotti to approve the minutes, as amended during the meeting.

MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Gagnon Wheeler

As of March 31, 2017 Bank Statement Account Balance = \$ 23,721.48

- Checking Account: \$ 18,933.99
- Savings Account: \$ 4,787.49 (.41 interest)

Treasurers Report 27 April 2017. **ACTION:** Motion made by Steve Benotti, seconded by John Duross to approve the treasurers report as presented. **MOTION PASSED, NO OPPOSITION.**

Committee Reports:

APEMS: Rick Petrie

- State Level – Elite System is continually in the roll out process. APEMS has been actively working on this. Nate Yerxa has been the lead on this. The system continues to get better. Billing services need to be notified that the system has changed over. All services will be going live by June 1st.
 - Ogunquit has had no response from State EMS Office regarding support for Elite.

- Acton had similar issues especially with NH Hospitals.
- North Berwick has had similar issues with adding Com Star as their billing company.
- Fire Arms Bill – Currently allows guns in an ambulance. The bill will come out of committee divided. The bill will allow a municipality to ban guns in ambulances, not require them to. Rick Petrie will be reaching out to fire-EMS organization to contact legislators to get support for bill.
- Community Paramedicine Bill – MEMS put forth a bill that would take Community Paramedicine out of pilot and make it permanent. The Governor has added that no state tax money will be used for reimbursement to services providing the service. If the bill is put forth this way, the Community Paramedicine Programs are dead in the water. They will need to have reimbursement capabilities in order to run the programs locally.
- May 24th is the next Regional Council Meeting. The council has a non-fire based EMS rep position open on the board. If you know anyone who is interested please have them get in contact with APEMS.
- MEMS is working to form committees to begin to work through some of the issues that were brought forward with the survey that was sent last fall by MEMS.

EMS Region 1 Liaison: Not Present

Medical Control: Rick Petrie

- Drug Box Program will go live July 1st. Many services are working with hospitals on drug exchange agreements.
- MEMS Practice Protocols are being worked on for a December 2017 release.

MEMS Office Report: Rick Petrie

- Jeff Rowe's term as chair of the board is up. A member from North Star Ambulance will fill the chair position for the coming term.

YC EMA: Art Cleaves

- No large issues to report.
- Flooding has been an issue in the northern half of the state. Hopefully wildfire risk is low again with the current rain.
- Incident Management Team
 - Has completed a TTX and is working through how to properly assemble and respond to be effective for an incident commander.
- HAZMAT Steering Committee
 - Working on establishing a larger group of people to respond
 - Training is ongoing
 - CART – looking for people to volunteer to assist with the team. A Pet CPR class is going on this weekend at YCEMA.
- Steve Jacobson: Delta has re-written their procedures of responding to mass casualty incidents. Discussed Boston Marathon.

Maine Fire Chiefs: John Duross/Steve Benotti

- Duross: Next month is the MBOI Code Conference in Wiscasset.
- Next MFCA Membership Meeting will be July 13th @ Hope FD. There will be a presentation on First Net during the meeting. Membership from NEIAFC is planning to attend the meeting to meet with Maine Chiefs.
- IAFC memberships for smaller departments might be able to pay a department total not individual totals. May be cost effective for people.

- IAFC Ballots will be out today. Please vote. Major changes to how the board is made up.
- New England meeting will be this time next year, may be moving the annual meeting to Portsmouth. NEA meets at Foxwoods at the end of June.
- Legislative Issues: it has been somewhat quiet. Medicare Hearing in Augusta was last week. Hoping for 75% funding of Medicare reimbursement.
- The MFCA Conference was a great success. The learning portions from the Russian Delegation group was outstanding especially the way they deal with mental health.

Fire & EMS Training:

Fall School: Not Present

FF I/II Academy: Frank Lee

- Academy is in full swing. Started live burns. The school will be looking for apparatus on burn days. Looking forward to end test which is June 3rd.
- Snow days have impacted the entire schedule of the academy. Adjustments have been made to accommodate the practical days. Students will be working through a night ladders class to get them through the skills.
- Sent updated grades list to department chiefs or coordinators.
- Program is beginning to spend some money. They have also had many items donated from outside organizations.

Camp Fully Involved: Steve Benotti

- Fire camp for teen girls to attend. Looking for cadets. July 16-21st.

MFSI: Roger Green

- Finished up York County Instructors Class and will be testing soon.
- MFSI Fire Academy will wrap up in May.
- Good meeting last week in Saco regarding what the York County group needs for training. Rod Hooper will be reaching out to the southern areas of the county. The group is working on putting together a needs assessment.
- Many programs ongoing in the state. NFA direct delivery classes have been advertised at NGFR.
- Steve Benotti: Sanford is completing the new MFSI RIT class. There may be some openings in the class. If you have people who are looking for this, email Assistant Chief Cutter.

E-Board: Nathan Schools

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Website Update: Working on launching the new site with the president's message. Also working on an issue with the fall school registration page.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Nothing new to report.
- Physical Agility Testing: Nothing new to report.
- Host BLS marijuana class in near future

New Business

- Send any by law changes to the secretary.
- John Duross – Marijuana is causing issues in the field, Lewiston Fire. Electrical inspectors are finding issues with the power. NFPA 1 will have a dedicated chapter on

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this issue surrounding electrical, CO2, etc. Code officers are in the middle of this one. Electricity is being drawn by this

- Steve Benotti – go to conference sponsored by Denver Fire, it is well worth the trip. How do you get ahead of this?
- APEMS – Carfentanil (elephant tranquilizer) OD deaths in NH. Providers need to double glove and wear a mask.
- YCEMA will be holding the MDEA Meth Lab class May 16th @ 11 AM.

Next Meeting: May 25, 2017 at 1800 hours at Oak Street Bistro

Motion to Adjourn: ACTION: Motion by John Duross, seconded by Steve Benotti to adjourn.
MOTION PASSED. NO OPPOSITION. Adjourned at 1013 hours.

Minutes prepared by Nathan Schools.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nathan R. Schools
Secretary