

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. President Tam Hofmann was present via internet/phone connection. Meeting was held at Ashland Fire Department.

INTRODUCTIONS – All were asked to introduce themselves.

MINUTES – Minutes of the January meeting were distributed electronically.  
*Motion by Joe Schick, seconded by Erika Kurtz to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL – The financial report was reviewed by Steve Cordes, Treasurer.

- Balance - \$11918.71

Steve reported working with Red Cliff/Lynette Hanson for 2019 dues.  
*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

WITC – Karen Hogland reported that the fee structure of EMT training will be reviewed. Both spring and fall EMT classes are being scheduled. She reported that Fire training is mandated, is a drain on the local budget and is state funded. EMS is not mandated training. Discussion about making it easier to access/fund training. Emergency Services Conference is scheduled March 20 – 21 in Rice Lake.  
Request – Ashland Fire Department will need a Critical Care refresher before end of June. Brandon Friermood is the “new Joe” for WITC. He is currently looking to enlarge the pool of instructors.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported on several items:

- Equipment was moved from 3 (garage) today.
- Computer in the EMS room is working correctly.
- Reports – Hospital is encouraging use of cell phone in order for ambulance to include patient identifier during incoming reports.
- Infection control reminders – WASH your HANDS!; use N95 masks when appropriate. Remember – Jesus and germs are everywhere.
- Water will not be available in the ER for up to four hours.

HEMS – Brooke Ahlers reported that Mindy has been promoted and it now in the Twin Cities. Brooke will be the point of contact for Life Link III.

APOSTLE ISLANDS – Ice caves will not be a go this year.

TRAINING – Dog/Cat rescue training is available.  
*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Joe Schick, to subsidize services who wish to purchase equipment for Cat/dog CPR and rescue.*

ASHLAND FIRE – Scott Thimm shared a recent experience where their “drug box” was accessed by bystanders.

- Consider looking cares/ambulance on every call.
- Make sure station doors are shut/secure before leaving the hall.
- Trust your instincts; protect and watch.
- Meth users often do not know what they are doing; look right thru others.
- Cocaine is making a come-back in the area.
- May want to consider purchase of ballistic gear at a future time.

MADELINE ISLAND – Cyndy Dalzell reported that their new ambulance arrives tomorrow. Congratulations!

MDAC – The Medical Director Advisory Committee met. Gathering of statistics was a major topic. The state is offering a program “Bio-spatial” that may assist. Research being done. Discussion about protocol development. Consensus that the MDAC continue working on protocol development.

RESCUE DIVAS – Planning has begun for the 6<sup>th</sup> year of Rescue Divas. This camp, scheduled for June 14 thru 18, is open to middle school (graduates of 6, 7, 8<sup>th</sup> grade) young women. Agenda for March meeting will include a potential donation to Rescue Divas.

MEETING TIME – Discussion about possible moving the meeting time to 6 or 6:30. Agenda for March meeting will include a potential meeting time change.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, at Ashland Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT - *Motion made by Joe Schick,  
seconded by Scott Thimm, to adjourn the meeting.*

*Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Cyndy Dalzell	Madeline Island
Brandon Frierhood	WITC EMS
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofmann	South Shore/APIS (remote)
Karen Hogland	WITC Administration
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Adam Olson	Iron River
Joe Schick	Mason
Jordan Sjogren	APIS
Scott Thimm	Ashland
Jan Victorson	BAEM