

Bafield-Ashland Counties
Emergency Medical Services Council
Meeting Minutes – March 5th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order by Tam Hofman, Council President. Meeting was held at Ashland Fire Department. Tam was present at the meeting via teleconference, all others were in-person.

INTRODUCTIONS – All were asked to introduce themselves.

MINUTES – Minutes of the February meeting were distributed electronically. Motion by Joe Shick, seconded by Dan Clark, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The financial report was reviewed by Steve Cordes, Treasurer. 2019 dues were received from Red Cliff. Ending Balance: \$10,610.65
Motion by Dan Clark, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

MMC – Erika reported on the following items:

- Hospital HAZMAT team finished First Receiver training provided by the Bayfield County Emergency Management grant.
- COVID-19 present in Wisconsin. Single positive case, now testing negative after 21 days. Symptoms similar to common cold. Patient had been living at home with family members who did not contract the illness. No cases of COVID-19 in Ashland or Bayfield counties. Refer to CDC for all guidelines.
- When using a surgical mask on a patient for source control, the mask can be placed over a nasal cannula.
- Looking at a UW grant for Mental Health First Aid which is an 8-hour class.

WITC – Karen had spent the week in Madison and could not make the meeting. Brandon presented the following items:

- Follow-up regarding EMS vs. Fire training funding: Fire training is covered by the 2% Fire Dues program, there is nothing in place to support EMS in a similar fashion. A legislative change would be required to move further.
- “Fired Up for the Future” fire camp being planned for August in Haugen. Currently checking on interest.
- Refreshers are winding down, question on if anyone needed schedule any more.
- Request through the Superior campus to hold a full EMR class in late spring/early summer.
- EMR classes and first credit EMT class being planned for 2020 Fall semester. Bridge class where both EMR and EMT candidates attend the same class. Anyone will be able to complete the EMR test at 72 hours. Anyone in the class can then continue the remainder to EMT test.
- Question on existing EMRs starting class at EMR limit. Solutions are being looked at.
- American Heart Association CPR instructor classes being offered in May. BLS - May 11th, ACLS - May 12th, PALS - May 13th. Candidates must hold provider certification at interested level to attend.
- Critical Care Paramedic refresher is being developed and should be released soon. There is no requirement for skills demonstration so it will likely be provided via online methods.
- Question on gap between current skills/scope of practice between EMR and EMT.
- Discussion of recent Mellen and Mason refreshers.
- NREMT practical exams scheduled for May 23rd – EMT, and May 30th – AEMT, at the Rice Lake campus. Assistance is requested. There will also be practice nights the 3 days prior.
- Dementia Friendly Business training program.

HEMS – Both Life Link III and North Memorial are available for LZ and other trainings. LL3 has switched to carrying a single pack of whole blood. Jeff questioned how to get equipment back when a patient is transported by air. Great Divide has helped getting equipment back in some instances. Dan will approach Great Divide about helping all BAC-EMS services.

BASO – Dan covered the following items:

- Reviewed the K9 Rescue training that was held in support of the LE dogs in the area.
- Question on if HEMS will transport K9 dogs, LL3 and NM reported the FAA will not allow, in addition to discrepancy on destination.
- Scott Thimm advised he received information the Wisconsin Legislature had passed a bill allowing EMS to transport a working K9.
- Enbridge has a grant program which may possibly be used by the Council to provide protective vests to the Services. Greg Bebeau is the Local Ambassador and would help walk through the grant process. Jewel will look into the grant application on behalf of the Council.

ANIMAL RESCUE TRAINING – Discussion on animal rescue supplies item from last meeting. Consensus that a poll of services that would like the supplies be taken. Katie from NM advised cutting the end off a Bag Valve Mask can be improvised for use similar to the large animal mask. Further discussion on possibility of holding Basic Animal Rescue Training (BART) in the area.

ENBRIDGE – Jewel mentioned if the pipeline is re-routed there will be specific training available for EMS. Further discussion on annual Paradigm pipeline response training.

ASHLAND FIRE – Scott reported the new protocols were approved. Implementation estimated to be about one month. Jeff commended the crew on an intercept in February.

RESCUE DIVAS – Camp is scheduled for June 14th – 18th. Currently seeking donations and working on contacts for events. Services are encouraged to sponsor and/or recruit students from service areas. Actual cost is ~\$200, cost to students is \$50. One father became an EMT and one of the first participants is currently in EMT class. More information is available at rescuedivas.org. Information is also available through Northwest CEP, or on Facebook. Application due date is April 30th. Motion by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jewel Yanko, to donate \$1000 to Rescue Divas. Motion carried.

MEETING TIME – Discussion on agenda item. Motion by Joe Shick, seconded by Dan Clark, to set meeting start time at 6:00pm. Motion Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Don Kimlicka, Regional EMS Coordinator, would like to be added to the mailing list.
- Washburn Homecoming is this year (every 5 years). Washburn Ambulance is offering CPR to all businesses for cost of cards. 190 business members in Chamber of Commerce, would like 2 employees from each. Training will possibly be held July 24th – 26th.

MEETING LOCATION – Discussion on meeting location. Scott will reserve meeting room in Ashland's schedule.

NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for April 2nd at 6pm at Ashland Fire.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Joe Shick, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Brett Frierhood, Council Vice President

IN ATTENDANCE

Scott Thimm – Ashland

Lyn Cornelius – Bayfield

Joe Shick – Mason

Erika Kurtz – MMC/Ashland

Brooke Ahlers – Life Link III

Brandon Frierhood – WITC

Brett Frierhood – Barnes

Dan Clark – Washburn/BASO

Jeff Byerhof – South Shore

Tam Hofman – South Shore/APIS (Remote)

Jewel Yanko – Mellen

Katie Tewalt – North Memorial

Steve Cordes – Mason

