

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2017
HOTCHKISS MEMORIAL HALL

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dan Miller at 6:08 pm.
- II. Introduction of the Board. Kathy Steckel introduced the board members. Dan Miller, President - Hotchkiss, Susann Brown – Hotchkiss, Larry Hughes - Crawford, Connie Johnson – member-at-large. Gregg Angelovich – Crawford arrived at 6:30. Mike Hughes and Chris Cox – both of Paonia, were unable to attend.
- III. Introduction of Guests. Kathy Steckel introduced Randy Fisher, NFAA's CPA,
- IV. State of the Association. Dan Miller, President

The Association purchased three Quick Response Vehicles this year to be used by our ALS providers. The vehicles were paid for with grants and donations that covered about 90% of the cost. The Association only spent about \$9,000 of the \$115,000 for the vehicles.

We were able to upgrade the life packs from 4 lead to 12 lead, this was also possible due to grant money.

We were able to purchase CPAP masks for all five rigs for \$1,500.00 instead of \$12,500.00 thanks to research on alternatives by Steve Simpson our Paonia station captain.

We have several new drivers and Paul Stumme is about to become an EMT. The EMT-I's and ALS trips are happening. Steve Simpson and Deb Leger are almost finished with their EMT-I clinicals and will be testing soon. Conrad Kropf has gotten his paramedic license and will be running with us again. Tyrell Clock and Blake Kinser are also finishing up their paramedic training.

At the present time we have about 1,810 members.

Prevention programs that we sponsored last year included the Mock Crash at Hotchkiss High School – Thanks to Kris Stewart for all of his hard work on that, and CPR classes for the public – thanks to Dawnette Simpson for making that happen.

Kathy made more than 30 presentations to community groups during the memberships drive.

Our network of volunteers has more than 100 members.

We projected a \$113,000.000 deficit for 2016, but we actually end up \$8,000 in the black. This was due to improved bill collection, grants, donations and by holding expenses to a minimum.

Without the EMS Provider Grant that covers 50% of our wages we would have end up in the whole.

The board is hard at work on a 5 and 10 yr plan to try and decide what the future of the Association will be. Will we become a tax entity? Will we stay the same? How would these scenarios work? The board will be having more frequent meetings as they try to figure this out.

The board is charged with providing the best care possible to our constituents and will spend much of their time this year working to achieve that.

Dan thanked all of the volunteers without them the service would not keep working.

- V. Meeting Minutes. Approval of the February 20, 2016 minutes. Connie made the motion and Larry seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes from last year's annual meeting.

- VI. Accountants Reports for 2015

Randy Fisher reviewed the financial report. The transition from Peachtree to Quickbooks went well. Cash is up about \$50-60,000 from last year. And the investments gained about \$50,000 of the \$100,000 we withdrew. Overall, we are in much better position than last year.

Now that the transition to Quickbooks has happened, Randy will be able to provide comparisons of the past year with the present one.

Some other highlights – Trip revenue is up about \$40,000 and Membership is up about \$1,500.

If we go forward with a mil levy, Randy urges us not to get rid of our 501c3. Try to keep it as a support organization that can accept donations on behalf of the association.

- VII. Election of Board Members.

- A. Nominations for election to Board of Directors.

Term expires this year:	Dan Miller (2 yr term, Hotchkiss)
	Larry Hughes (2 yr term, Crawford)
	Chris Cox (2 yr term, Paonia)
	Connie Johnson 2 yr term, At large)

The Nominating Committee consisted of Susann Brown, Connie Johnson, Steve Simpson and Diane Perry. Ballots with short biographies about the board members were handed out. Candidates include: Dan Miller, who is running for re-election from Hotchkiss, Larry Hughes, who is running for re-election from Crawford, Mara Derryberry who is running unopposed for Paonia. Kathy Shoemaker from Hotchkiss, who is running for the At-large seat and Bill Long from Hotchkiss, also running for the At-large seat.

Susann Brown gave a brief overview of the candidate selection process and introduced the board members and candidates that are running. Bill Long introduced himself and gave a short overview of his qualifications. Kathy Shoemaker and Mara Derryberry followed.

B. Election of Board Members

Those in attendance were given time to fill out their ballots. Ballots were counted independently by Rick Steckel and Deb Leger. For Hotchkiss: Dan Miller 19 votes. For Crawford: Larry Hughes 19 votes. For Paonia: Mara 19 votes. For the At-large position: Kathy Shoemaker, 15 votes; Bill Long 6 votes. The new board members are Mara Derryberry and Kathy Shoemaker.

VIII. Old Business - No old business

IX. New Business – No new business

X. Service Awards – names were just mentioned, awards will be given at crew picnic in May.

5 year – Eric Beezley

10 year – Bill King and Matt VanVleet

45 year – Richard Kinser

XI. Adjournment. Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 pm

XII. Refreshments. Refreshments provided by our wonderful board member, Susann Brown!!