

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 11, 2017
PAONIA STATION

Board Members present: Dan Miller, Susann Brown, Mara Derryberry, Larry Hughes, Gregg Angelovich, and Mike Hughes. Kathy Shoemaker was absent.

Also present: Kathy Steckel, Deb Leger, Steve Simpson and Rachel Pemberton.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dan Miller at 7:07pm.
- II. The minutes of the March 14, 2017, meeting were approved as written. Larry Hughes made the motion and Susann Brown seconded. No objections.
- III. The financial reports for March were distributed. There was a question on interest income. Larry will get with Diane to discuss the problem. Larry Hughes made the motion to approve the financials as written and Mike Hughes seconded. No objections.
- IV. Introduction of guests. Rachel Pemberton and Deb Leger
- V. Public Comment. No public comments
- VI. Reports
 - A. President's Report. Board met with DCAD's board. They wanted to know about our plans. We told them that we were still deciding. They wanted to know if we would be interested in joining forces. We declined at this time. Both parties agreed to support each other.
 - B. Director's Report. Kathy Steckel went over her Report to the Board (see attached). The licenses for the ambulances have been completed and granted by county.

Spent quite a bit of time on the financial forecasting with Jeff Moffett and the financial committee. Have tried several scenarios and have gone back to the drawing board as none of the scenarios seem to be exactly right.

A Quality Assessment/Quality Improvement program is required and Kathy is working with our medical director to come up with that written policy.

Met with Rae at the DCMH Hotchkiss Clinic about the plans for the new West Elk Clinic and how we might be able to partner with them..

Disappointing turn out for the Network of Volunteers Meet and Greet on April 1, but Katie was well organized.

Looking for volunteers to help serve lunch at the First State Bank on Friday, May 12, the weekend of the Sheepdog Trials.

Crew picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 25th. After much discussion, it was decided that the pool would be a good place to hold the picnic and that later in the day would

be better, starting about 5. Katie will reserve the pool and Kathy will look at the budget and bring that information to the next board meeting, then the board can decide what to food to provide and gifts to get. Have the May and June board meetings to finalize the plans.

Mike suggests pancake breakfast for the BMW Rally, since fire department is no longer doing it.

C. Business Office Report. No report

D. Committee Reports.

Financial Advisory Committee.

Signatures have been completed and the paperwork to transfer funds has been sent. Dan asked if we had let John Musser that we were moving funds. Larry will notify John regarding our intentions.

Membership Committee. No report

VII. Old Business.

- A. Strategic Plan – 5 yr financial plan. At this time the 5yr plan is in limbo. We are still working on it and looking at different scenarios. There are still some unknowns with the healthcare system and assessed property values. May 1st we should have more information about the adjustment in property values and assessment rates. Model seems to be working well to help us with different scenarios, just missing some critical data.
- B. Gregg has a question on how ALS responds, what are the protocols? There are situations where ALS automatically responds and other calls where ALS stages closer to the call to see if BLS requires assistance. How long does it take for ALS to respond? Is there a way to track this info? This could be useful for future scenarios. Kathy will check with Connie at dispatch about their ability to track this. Crews can add time ALS was on scene to their reports. If Connie can't track this information, then Captain's believe we can find some alternative.
- C. Gregg encourages captains to come to the board with things that aren't working. They should feel that there is an open line of communication between the captains and the board.
- D. Kathy Steckel passes out reports from ESO showing the number of calls per day and how often we have two calls at the same time. This really makes the point about the second call and what response time would be like if we only had one station and had two calls at the same time.
- E. Mara wonders if there are there plans to get input from the people we serve? What are their expectations for ambulance service? Gregg believes that their expectations are much greater than they are willing to pay for. Gregg would also like us to survey the crew as well as the public. They might have ideas about how to make things run more efficiently. Can we send a survey with membership to people's homes, which would allow us to reach more people than we would with public meetings alone. We have run 6-8 models already and money quickly gets out of hand.
- F. Dan would like to see an ambulance in the funeral procession for Officer Hart in Paonia when the time comes.

VIII. New Business

- A. The house is looking at passing a new budget bill to fund rural ambulances in Colorado.

Susann brought brownies for Larry's birthday

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Minutes approved at the May 9, 2017 Board meeting.