

NORTH FORK AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
HOTCHKISS FIRE STATION

Board Members present: Dan Miller, Gregg Angelovich, Mike Hughes Susann Brown, Chris Cox, Larry Hughes and Connie Johnson.

Also present: Kathy Steckel, Diane Perry, Kris Stewart, and Deb Leger.

The meeting was called to order by Dan Miller at 7:00 pm.

- I. The minutes of the August 18, 2016, meeting were approved with a correction about pagers, change "new" to "current". Chris Cox made the motion and Larry Hughes seconded. No objections.
- II. The financial reports for August were distributed. Gregg Angelovich made the motion to approve the financials as written and Susann Brown seconded. No objections.
- III. Introduction of guests. No guests present
- IV. Public Comment. No public comment.
- V. Reports
 - A. President's Report. Dan reported on the purchase of the Quick Response Vehicles. Kathy and the captains went car shopping and decided on Toyota 4runners. If we were to go with the state we would have to wait until March or May to get the vehicles. Locally, Turner Automotive had the best price. SO the decision was made to go ahead with the purchase of three new vehicles. The vehicles come with three year bumper to bumper warranty that includes free oil changes. Dan will donate the light packages and has found used radios. Kris Stewart presented some drawing with different scenarios for the graphics. Dan had a company that did four vehicles for Hotchkiss for \$500.00. Kris suggested checking with the company that did the ambulances, since they would already have the colors required and the QRV's would take less decals. Dan apologized for missing the Crew Appreciation Picnic.
 - B. Director's Report. Kathy presented her Report to the Board (see attached). The 12-lead modules have been ordered. We only have to pay our half up front. The company will bill the state for the other half. We have been approved for \$34,300 from the USDA toward the QRV's

Kathy has been busy giving public presentations. She has been telling groups that a tax district is not off of the table, but the best thing for our community is to keep the three stations open. It would be about one million dollars in salary alone, if we were to go to three full time stations, and a mill levy of this size is unlikely to be approved. Stations would have to close. Response time would greatly increase. One station

would be able to serve the first call, but a second call would have to respond from Delta or Eckert.

Kathy is looking for board support for future public presentations in conjunction with the Membership Drive during September and October.

Thinks it would be a good idea for everybody to spread the word that the new vehicles were paid for by grant money, so that the general public knows we aren't rolling in dough

C. Business Office Report.

Since the purchase of the QRV's has progress so quickly, we need to move money from the Raymond James account to cover the expense.

After much discussion, Larry Hughes made a motion to move \$100,000.00 from the investments to the checking account. Mike Hughes seconded. No objections.

Chris Cox will talk to John Musser at Raymond James.

D. Committee Reports.

Financial Advisory Committee – Table how to re-invest money until reimbursement for the vehicles and membership dues come in.

Gregg had questions about an expenditure policy. Is there one in place? There should be an expenditure level for Kathy to approve, a level for the President to approve and a level requiring Board approval. Also an emergency policy, what percent of the board should be present? The board has a fiduciary responsibility to have an expenditure policy in place. Should the policy be different for expense items and capital items? Gregg will bring in samples for the next meeting.

Larry thinks it would also be a good idea to have an investment policy. Our portfolio might need re-balancing and there should be guidelines for how the investments should be divided.

Larry, Chris and John Musser will get together and discuss the balance. Chris might invite John to the next meeting.

Membership Committee – Is moving forward with the brochure and the 8-week plan for the Membership Drive

VI. Old Business.

- A. QRV'S. Already discussed with the President's Report.

VII. New Business

- A. DMEA Revolution Brewing Fundraiser.

DMEA has asked us to be part of an Oktoberfest/Elevate fundraiser at Revolution Brewing in Paonia on October 14. Most board members feel it would be a risk to our image to have NFAA associated with an event that serves alcohol. The \$200 that might be raised during the event is not enough to overcome the risk to our image. Chris Cox made a motion not to participate. Larry and Gregg seconded, simultaneously. All in favor.

- B. Susann asked for us to work on a calendar well in advance – up to a year ahead of time. She volunteered to help put it together.

- C. Mike Hughes had comments about the Network of Volunteers. They were missing from the Crew Appreciation picnic. The picnic only came off because Kathy ran to the store and Susann ran home to get food. He doesn't feel that they can be relied on. Kathy urged the board not to give up hope. Will try to have them better coordinated in the future.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes approved as written at the October 11, 2016 board meeting.