Lamberton Ambulance Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 22nd, 2018

7:00pm

Members Present: Tim Birkemeyer, Tony Sauer, Derek Stevenson, Jill Irlbeck, Paul Bellig, Nick Anderson, Debbie Vollmer, Marissa Brown, Amber Wolmutt

Guest: Madonna Peterson- City Clerk

-Arriving Late due to a call: 7:35-Britany Bartholomus, Stacy Osland, Allison Rue, Mindi Hesse

Absent: Mike Vollmer, Colby Davis, Matt Lenning, Chad Stavnes, Darrell Knutson

-Members took time to discuss the schedule and make any trades/swaps they needed to.

-Nick announced his resignation, and noted the city council wants the service members to recommend someone. Will re-visit when members who are on a current call return.

-Nick presented estimates/bids on a new or upgraded rig

-New 2019 Ford-$174,500

Same layout as current with new technology - (LED Lighting, Upgraded Suspension, Upgraded seating w/ 4 pt seatbelts

-Deluxe remount-$118,097

Strip module down to bare metal, re-paint, replace seals & door handles, upgraded suspension, replace interior and exterior lighting with LED, new graphics, loaner ambulance during remount.

-Basic Remount-$63,504

New Undercoating, Upgraded Suspension, Seals & Connectors replaced

Allison recently finished submitting the FEMA grant that Marissa found in hopes of being able to fund the purchase of a new rig.

-Refreshers: We need to figure out a new way to get refreshers done. Hopefully, we will be able to do these through April in Tracy but Nick hasn’t been able to get a hold of her.

-Recruitment:

Members who were present at the informational meeting gave a re-cap to the group. We had 3 interested people attend, and 2 plan to go for the EMT class, while 1 still plans on doing the EMR. Members discussed class time, costs, difficulty of course, and any questions/concerns that these new members had. In conclusion to this meeting, these attendants were asked to set up an interview time with Nick to go over the formalities prior to attending class.

-Tim presented agreement options for new members based on what other services are using. These options came from Fairfax, Hector, and Morgan.

Options include- requiring a small set amount of money up front ($200)

-Repayment from anyone upon non-completion/or leaving the service prior to 1 year. (with special circumstances taken into consideration)

-Requiring a set # of years of scheduled service

-This will help us reduce costs of people who are not necessarily dedicated to providing time and service, as well as helping to ensure lasting members for the future of the service.

(Members from call returned)

Tim and Nick will work together to draw up an agreement for the next class of members to sign. They will present this to the city council for approval and adoption into the service.

* Dane Meyer was present to discuss ways our service can be more financially stable through Grants and other programs available to services.
  + He showed us a different vendor that can be used for many things within the service such as ordering supplies, purchasing a new Rig, finding discounts for EMT’s, etc. This site is Savvik.org
    - * -Medline industries is the supply company that offers good discounts

-Dane noted there will be Cost Reporting changes coming within the state in the future to watch for, and also be prepared for. More to come on this as details are known.

-There are options for retirement funds that can be obtained through the city. One that was discussed was the PERA fund, which will be looked into more in the future. Another option is the Cooper-Sans which is through the State. This one may eventually run out of money, however as it is unknown each year whether funds will be available.

Dane and Madonna also discussed ways to do revenue recapture, and they met separately to discuss these things. This is another way the service could possibly recuperate funds.

Allison is currently working on Reimbursement through the EMSRB and Southwest EMS. We are currently able to claim 8 members through the EMSRB in the last 7 years. In Feb. 2019 we will be able to claim the 4 newest members once they complete their full year of service. These 4 members are able to be claimed through Southwest EMS now and will be sent in by the end of this week.

Run rates were reviewed to see If we need to make changes:

-BLS-$800

-ALS-$1200

-Mileage-$20/mile

-One area we could look into making changes is having an ALS-2 code rate. This can be used on any cardiac runs with ALS or anything where a med is used 3 times.

-Dane also mentioned if we have any agreements with insurance companies, to try to get out of those as they hinder our ability to collect payments. Madonna may need to look into this more due to the billing service we use.

-Debbie asked crew if they were in favor of the Association purchasing hooded sweatshirts for the members as their yearly Christmas gift. Everyone was in favor, none opposed. Allison will get these ordered once she has everyone’s sizes.

-Members returned to the discussion of who the new Director should be. Nominations were made for Tim, Debbie, and Allison. Each member expressed not being interested in taking this on as a solo position, as each has many other responsibilities and would not be able to dedicate the time needed to do this job justice. Everyone felt this is why we are currently losing Nick as director, as was why Wade stepped down also. After more discussion, crew discussed making this a shared position between multiple members, with one person as the “go to” or “point” person when signatures are needed or final decisions need to be made. Tim also brought up the point of not having the director be a city employee as this causes issues currently also. Allison said she would consider the position as long as she is able to delegate duties to crew members, and they follow through with these duties. Many members spoke up as willing to help, as long as they know what is needed. Allison will think about this and discuss with family before getting back to the service and city council.

Meeting Dismissed at 9:30pm