

Atlantic Partners EMS Inc Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2020

ZOOM Attendance Only

Members: Kevin Gurney, Butch Russell, Ginny Brockway, Ed Moreshead, Aiden Koplovsky, Scott Lash, Brian Chamberlin, Mike Poli, Rick Chipman, Andy Turcotte, joined at 3:40 PM, Ginny Brockway left meeting at 4:00 pm.
Excused: Eddie Moreside
Staff: Rick Petrie, Cyndie Dugans, Wayne Werts

I. Call to order

Kevin Gurney called to order the regular meeting of the Atlantic Partners EMS Inc Board of Directors at 3:04 PM on September 24, 2020 via Zoom meeting.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. *Motion to accept as distributed* (B. Chamberlin / E. Moreshead) all in favor, No abstentions.

III. Financial Report

Financial Report – July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020: Deferred the Year to Date Report until later due to technical difficulties.

Line of Credit- We are looking at ways to pay down the line of credit, including the possibility to sell building or convert to an equity loan. We have arranged for an evaluation of the building. Butch and Rick will continue looking into options and provide a report at the next meeting.

Personnel Changes: Cheri Volta has handed in her resignation with a month's notice, her last day scheduled for October 3rd. No current plan for replacement at this time but will consider at a later date.

Budget: Butch and Rick reviewed the budget that was sent out for review

Motion to accept FY 2022 budget as presented (B. Chamberlin/ S. Lash), all in favor, no abstentions.

IV. Old Business

- a) Community College Update: Rick shared that KVCC has pushed their current Paramedic program end date to December and will begin their next Paramedic program in the Fall of 2021. EMCC has pushed their Paramedic Program start date to January 2021. Rick continues to push for the colleges to take more of a lead role with the EMS programs but timing with budget cuts and COVID, etc are conflicting. Rick shared his concerns of EMCC completely eliminate the EMS program if we were to pull out, which would be

devastating to the local EMS community. Kerry McKee and Dan Limmer have created a great Hybrid class formats for the AEMT programs that we will be able to use moving forward, which should enable us to reach more students in rural areas.

- b) COVID Update: We are still in full-time Covid-mode. Most APEMS staff continue to work remotely with the KV office staffed as equipment and highway safety items are there. Services with are struggling to deal with exposure/potential exposure and quarantine issues and we are helping where appropriate. CMS has issued a rule that requires nursing homes to test all of their patients, employees, and contractors (apparently including EMS services) at least monthly. We are working with MAA to get better clarification of the requirement.
- c) Grant EMS Programs: Maine Community College Systems has been putting a large amount of funds into the EMS programs which has allowed us to offer several EMT and AEMT courses free of tuition for students through EMCC and KVCC. We believe there are more funds that will be available as well to offer another round of classes.
- d) EMS Conference: We've canceled this years conference due to the pandemic. Sally is putting together an aggressive online training program for providers to be able to still get credits. Many of the instructors that were scheduled for the Conference are willing to be part of the online training.
- e) Parkview Check: Reached out to the law firm and they approved APEMS receipt of the check initially intended for SMEMS. A check was reissued by the creditor.
- f) Other: No Other

V. New business

- a) Westbrook COVID Project: Westbrook received a grant to run a COVID testing and education project in their city. They approached APEMS about subcontracting to complete the education and outreach piece. We have contracted with two people to complete the project, and will be reimbursed the cost of the contract and expenses.
- b) LD 2105 Update: Butch gave an overview of the surprise billing legislation and it's effect on EMS. The Legislature created a subcommittee made up of EMS agencies and private insurers to see if a compromise could be reached.
- c) Maine EMS: Continue to participate in bi-weekly Ops and weekly MDPB update meetings. Sam submitted 4-5 titles to Legislature for consideration and had not consulted the Board prior to doing so, resulting in the Board requesting to see a summary for their October meeting.
- d) Strategic Planning: Nothing covered.
- e) Election of Officers: Nominations for the 4 executive positions were discussed with all still being willing to serve in some capacity. The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary positions will all have to have new people because they have each served in those

positions for 2 years. Butch has only been the Treasurer for 1 year, so he is eligible to run for the position again. Nominations were as follows: Kevin Gurney, Chair; Ed Moreshead, Vice-Chair; Butch Russell, Treasurer; Andy Turcotte, Secretary.

Motion to cast one vote for the slate of officers as presented (B. Chamberlin / A. Koplovsky) 7 in favor, 1 abstaining with Rick Chipman unable to vote.

f) Other: Next meeting scheduled for Thanksgiving so will be moved to November 19th.

VI. Feedback and Discussion on Regional Topics:

Nothing added.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:17 PM (B. Chamberlin / B. Russell); All in favor.

Minutes submitted by Cyndie Dugans