



Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc.

THESE MEETING MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES **Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Association held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6 Washington Avenue, Newtown, CT.

Present: Malcolm McLachlan (President), John Kortze (Vice President), Dana Demand (Vice President), Harry Waterbury (Treasurer) via speakerphone, E. Patricia Llodra (Secretary), Chief Ryan Horn (planned late arrival), Nancy McLachlan

Absent: Patrick Simms and Robert Soltis, MD

Staff Present: Susan Miles (NVAA Office Administrator)

Call to Order: The NVAA Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by Mr. McLachlan.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Waterbury reviewed the current financial position. The checking balance is \$20,000 and there is \$5,000 in the money market account. The balance in the Stifel account is \$1.334 million. The account is down roughly 6.1% compared to the S&P drop of roughly 8.8%. Overall, expenses are ok. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report by Mrs. Llodra and it was seconded by Mrs. McLachlan. The motion passed.

Acceptance of Minutes:

After a brief discussion concerning the number of new Corps members reported in the minutes, there was a motion by Mrs. Llodra and seconded by Mrs. McLachlan to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting. The motion passed.

Chief's Report:

Chief Horn reported that the 4th Lucas has arrived. Since 97-3 is currently out of service for needed maintenance to the rotors and tire rods, the Lucas is currently in the medic vehicle. Mr. McLachlan mentioned that the Lucas battery should be checked regularly if it is placed in the medic car. The needed cosmetic changes for vehicles will begin subject to scheduling. The two new AEDs have also arrived so all are up to date in the ambulances. The older units will be deployed to EMTs for their cars as an extra tool if they should be the first to arrive on scene. NVAC did 225 calls last month with 9 mutual aid requests: six were 2nd calls and the rest were 3rd calls. There are five college students returning for the summer. One of the students is required to staff 400 hours in order to receive internship credit. He reported that a back-up medic was available roughly 65% of

the time. Two EMTs have been released since April. Chief Horn would like to have the Open House next month and do a paid ad for the Pootatuck Duck Race. It was suggested to put the 80th Anniversary Sign back up. NVAA completed a successful Narcan training/refresher program for the Newtown Police Department. EMT Guy Serra is working on formatting a summary report for the trustees from EMS Charts and data from dispatch. Tango Tango has been working well and is great for new members. It is a good fit for college students who don't have a radio but are responding to calls. The new digital radios and pagers will be deployed in the next couple months but will work in concert with Tango Tango. Digital radios will improve coverage in areas that are now dead zones. Stryker suggests an annual maintenance on the Lucas devices – perhaps the contract that we had in place has expired. The contract on the stretchers needs to be reviewed as well. There was a brief discussion of having a mini-celebration with some recognition for members at some point next month.

President's Report:

Mr. McLachlan reported that NVAC received \$5,546 last month with a net of \$3,697 through the collections process.

Old Business:

Chief Horn discussed some details of the proposed BLS fly car at NVAC. Mr. McLachlan suggested that we get detailed financials on the costs of the car so it could be considered for the next fiscal year.

New Business:

Chief Horn is interested in the possibility of doing per diem medic work as an employee of Danbury Hospital. He has spoken with Matt about this idea. Ryan would not work in that capacity at NVAC but would be in this region. He would need to complete in-region training from Danbury. Mr. McLachlan does not see a problem with this arrangement should it occur.

Executive Session:

Mr. McLachlan announced the beginning of executive session.

After the conclusion of the executive session, there was a motion by Mrs. Llodra to elect Joe Kearney as a new trustee which was seconded by Mrs. McLachlan. It was unanimously passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Llodra and seconded by Mr. Demand at 8:25 p.m. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Patricia Llodra, Secretary
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