

## **NVAC E-Board Meeting Minutes**

The E-Board of the Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corps held a regular meeting on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 7:00 pm at 6 Washington Square, Newtown, CT.

Present: Ryan Horn (Chief), Guy Serra (Assistant Chief), Judy Jackson (Secretary-Treasurer), Jeff Jorgenson (Member at Large), Michelle Greenspan 7:00-7:30 (Member at Large), Steve Rambone 7:00-7:20 (EMT), Joe Belisari 7:00-7:20 (EMT), Eric Jones (EMT), Scott Ciccari 7:15-8:00 (EMT), Ferdous Shaker 7:30-8:00 (EMT)

No public present.

### **Call to Order:**

The NVAC E-Board meeting was called to order by Chief Horn at 7:00 pm.

The previous meeting minutes were not approved as all members had not reviewed the document. Acceptance of the June minutes will be requested at the August meeting.

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

### **New Business:**

1. A common agenda item for the previous E-Board meetings has been staffing concerns. The E-Board and some individual Corps members have submitted ideas on how to increase staffing, including recruitment plans and additional incentives for current members. The July 16 Open House was used as a method to increase the number of members and additional plans will be discussed in future meetings. Another idea presented by EMTs Rambone and Belisari involved a restructure of the current membership tiers, potentially relaxing the current minimum number of monthly hours commitment. Each of these potential plans will be reviewed to determine feasibility and possibility of success. The various incentive plans were reviewed and the E-Board selected one which will be presented to the Association Trustees at their meeting on August 8, 2023. Finally, there was a discussion about employing another level of EMS provider, Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs). EMRs do not have to have the level of training as an EMT, so that may attract more individuals interested in volunteering. The deployment of EMRs would also have to be reviewed.
2. Chief Horn discussed some details on potential Third Party staffing companies that could be used to augment staffing. This option will be kept on the side in order to explore all opportunities to maintain the organization as is.
3. The Corps roster was reviewed to determine which members will be eligible to run for E-Board offices and eligibility to vote in the next election cycle in November. Assistant Chief Serra will be reaching out to all individuals prior to the end of August to let them know their status.
4. Assistant Chief Serra updated the E-Board on the submission of the NVAC budget to the Association trustees. No objections were made to the submitted budget.

5. The previously submitted schedule of E-Board meetings for the remainder of this Administration was determined to be not workable. It was decided that the next E-Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 11:00am. Scheduling of future meetings is to be determined.

**Executive Session:**

The E-Board members met in Executive Session until 9:30pm.

**Adjournment:**

After exiting Executive Session, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made and approved at 9:31pm.