

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN RESCUE  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.  
FIRE AND RESCUE BUILDING**

**PRESENT:** David Rood, Polly Gadbois, Jennifer Wright, William Wright, Pat Allain, John Burley, and David Breed

David called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Polly provided each member with a copy of the P&L and Balance Sheet. She reviewed income and expenses with members. She noted that we have received 272 subscriptions to date as compared to 354 last year. She pointed out that the grant income is from last year and noted that after all income and expenses we will have a YTD net income of \$12,827.84. The Balance Sheet was reviewed and Rescue has a total equity and liabilities of \$92,668.89. Polly noted that interest rates are down, but we have about \$1,000 due at the end of the month on the CD. Motion by Pat/Jennifer to accept the report as presented. All members voted in favor/Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AED:** David informed that we have received back our AED and they have been updated with the 2005 CPR guidelines. The other two will be sent out now so they will all be updated with the new guidelines. He advised that the Fire Department has an AED which has also been updated with the 2005 guidelines.

**Billing:** David advised that all billing is up to date with the exception of the most recent call. There still are a couple of medicare/medicaid issues which need to be resolved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CFR Class:** David advised that we have a CFR class. Testing will be done on May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Enosburg Elementary School. He asked any members who might be interested in helping out by being "patients" at the various stations to let him know and he will give their names. We have two EMT's whose certifications have expired and they can both be tested on the 17<sup>th</sup> and get their re-certification. If they do not test then, they will have to take a re-certification course. He noted there are no courses available until October and it will be in Burlington.

**ZOLL MONITOR:** Polly advised that she would like to discuss the E-series. She stated she spoke with Pete Landry about the E-series which is the latest technology including AED with PB and SAO2 monitor. We could also get a refurbished M-series, but he feels it is pretty much out-dated and we would be better served by the E-series. He will get one for us if we want to look at it. Discussion was held on cost and Polly stated it would be around \$17,500. Polly explained how

the latest technology works as compared to the older models where you had to FAX.

Polly provided all members with the estimated 2008 revenues and expenditures to show how this purchase would impact upon the balance at year's end. John questioned what savings, if any, there would be without the blood pressure. Polly advised she was not sure. She further stated that if this is something we want to do, we can put half down and have six months interest free to pay it off. Polly did ask if there would be any type of discount for cash and the only thing available is the six months interest free program.

Discussion was held on the fact that we are part of the STEMI protocol and the fact that this piece of equipment will allow us to forward a 12 lead EKG to Northwestern so that a decision can be made as to whether or not the patient should stop there or go straight to Burlington. It was noted that we would have to stop at Northwestern, but they would not have to do the 12 lead and would already be able to determine if the patient should go on the FAHC. It was also pointed out that Franklin had two of the first 10 STEMI cases that went down to FAHC. John stated that as long as we are part of the STEMI protocol we might as well have the equipment available. David Rood stated that our goal is to always provide quality care.

Jennifer questioned if this piece of equipment can be purchased on a grant and Polly said there are currently none out there. It was also noted that we would not be able to apply for one retroactively.

David Breed expressed his concern that once we get on the "high technology treadmill" we won't be able to get off. It was noted that our present equipment was purchased second hand from Enosburg.

It was noted that this piece of equipment would be an asset to the squad. Someone questioned if it was "billable" and Polly stated it was not. We are now required to bill ALS or BLS standard, all inclusive rates plus mileage and are no longer allowed to bill individually for items such as oxygen, IV starts, cardiac monitoring, etc.

David Rood pointed out that we also have the option of bidding for coverage for other towns. Pat questioned how we can do that if we cannot cover our own town. David responded that right now coverage is not an issue for us. The main problem we have had is that there are so few people who are able to run during the day shift during the week. It was noted that right now we have coverage during the day and most of the time are running with three people. David pointed out that with the present class and the people who are able to run on week days during the summer, we should be able to give some of a day people a break during the summer. It was noted that we need a I-Tech for ZOLL.

Polly advised that she spoke with Dr. Mendeco who feels that every service should have this piece of equipment, however, because of the cost he will not mandate it.

Polly stated she put this information out there for the squad to consider, but she would like the

full squad to consider this purchase not just a few members. The matter was tabled until the next meeting. It was noted that this piece of equipment would be a huge asset; while we cannot rely on cell phones here in Franklin we can transmit to NMC via radio.

John questioned the possibility of purchasing at a reduced price the piece of equipment he takes around with him to shows.

William Wright suggested we try it out before we purchase it and David responded that we have done that in the past and, in fact, on one occasion found we did not like the model and opted to purchase something else. John stated that it is an asset to have the 12 lead capability. It was also noted that there are few shifts when we do not have an I or one available and in June an I will be on every shift with the exception of two weekends.

### **BARBECUE:**

David advised that Rescue will be meeting tonight with the Fire Department to discuss the annual barbecue. We will discuss how many tickets we are going to sell. He noted the pancake breakfast is all Fire Department, but the barbecue is Fire and Rescue.

### **MEMBER CONCERNS:**

David Breed questioned an entry in the log where the patient was taken directly to FAHC. He was told that the direction to transport the patient there came from the patient's personal physician, however, contact was made with Northwestern advising them of the situation. It was pointed out that in all cases we would either notify Northwestern or stop there.

David Rood informed members that shelves have been installed in the overhead compartment of the ambulance. He stated there are masks of all sizes there and he advised that we should always make sure that we have the right size for the right patient.

Discussion was held on the new bunker gear which will be in the rig by the end of the week.

Motion to adjourn by Pat/John. All in favor/meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

May 6, 2008

Barbara M. Varin

**NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the membership at their next regular meeting.**

### **POWER COT:**

Polly advised they will be here tomorrow if anyone is interested in additional training.