

Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Called to order: 19 December 2018 / 18:13 / VBEMS Administration

ATTENDEES

Dave Coulling, Korinne Islam, David Wheeler, Tom Reading, Demetrius Devore, Kay Laws, Tanya Barnes, Jay Leach, Matt Chiaradia, Dave Clement, Chris Florio, Chris Daly, and Julie Barnes, Sarah Druy, Ed Brazle (arrived at 1916).

Also present: Gina Benefiel, Andrew Rabi deau.

AGENDA

Welcome/ Introductions- Dave Coulling

Treasurer's Report- Dave Coulling

On file.

Approval of Minutes- Dave Coulling

Distributed to representatives. Vote tabled until later in the meeting as they were not emailed to representatives.

President's Report- Dave Coulling

Department of EMS Report, Q&A-

Chief Brazle is at the EMT Class Graduation.

President's Report- Dave Coulling

If any issues are discussed which may lead to dissention, please handle with appropriate discussion.

Coordinator Reports

- Foundation Administrative Report- Gina Benefiel

The Public Awareness Initiative is based on Partners for Life. A task force was formed but it was found that market research was needed before the task force could be productive. A third party market researcher is being employed to gain quantifiable data on what is already known by the public about the rescue squads and what is still needed to be shared. Results will be reported back at the beginning of the new year and the task force will be reformed in late spring.

The Department of EMS is funding and cooperating with the Foundation to allow members access to classes through TCC's Nonprofit Management Curriculum Classes will be held at the Virginia Beach campus and will provide CEUs. This program will help provide a more leadership training. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Rescue Lines is being revamped electronically. It will be presented in a monthly E-newsletter format and will be professionally published. Four times a year, an edition will be published which can be sent to donors. Printing will be available from the Department of EMS. Rescue Council will assist in coordinating with forms for submissions and copies available on the website. This will be presented by Rescue Council, but in actuality will be a coordinated effort of Rescue Council, the Department, and the Foundation.

- Recruitment Coordinator-

Bobby Hill is not present.

- Ambient CO Detector Coordinator- Chris Florio

The project is on hold since the Department stated they would be assisting.

- Bylaws-

No report, will begin again in the first quarter of 2019.

- Fund Drive Committee-

Jay Kerr is not present, no report.

- Training Committee- Demetrius Devore

Skills training will be performed in the first half of 2019, and will contain an outline and hands-on portions. The committee is discussing criteria for release and will revamp the release program. Further topics for discussion will be developed for orienting and training new members, to include Fire Department and EMS. Updates should be available around January/February.

Unfinished Business

- Budget - Dave Coulling

Nancy Gregory is not present, but emailed the proposed budget, which was dispersed to representatives. Motion made by Chris Florio to increase CO monitor line item from \$2800 to \$3000, seconded and passed. Motion made by Jay Leach to increase President's Expenses for Meals line item from \$250 to \$800, seconded and passed. Motion made by Chris Florio to approve budget as presented and amended, seconded and passed.

- Rescue Council Student Awards- Jay Leech, Chris Florio

Suggested award categories are:

Valedictorian, based on grades

Most Improved, staff/proctor choice

Bill Laws Leadership Award, student vote

Discussion was held about giving out pins and ribbons, reminder that these are not to be worn on ID badges. The next graduation is scheduled

for February 1, 2019 and Rescue Council would like to be able to begin these awards for that graduation.

- Nomination Committee- Demetrius Devore, David Wheeler

The slate was updated as read:

President- Dave Coulling

Vice President- Chris Florio, Jay Leech. Jay Leech withdrew his name, Demetrius Devore added his name.

Secretary- Korinne Islam David Wheeler was nominated, Korinne Islam withdrew her name.

Treasurer- Nancy Gregory

Member at Large- David Wheeler, Demetrius Devore. David Wheeler removed his name, Demetrius Devore removed his name, and Jay Leech added his name. Tanya Barnes was nominated, Jay Leech removed his name.

Discussion was held, the bylaws are not clear on these roles being Rescue Council representatives. No such bylaws have been presented since this discussion was last held. No discussion brought forward contesting this. Vote held by ballot, results as follows:

President- Dave Coulling

Vice President- Demetrius Devore

Secretary- David Wheeler

Treasurer- Nancy Gregory

Member at Large- Tanya Barnes

Chris Florio remains as Prior President.

New Business

- 2019 Meeting Dates

Meetings will be held on January 16, March 20, May 15, July 17, September 18, November 20, and December 18. Discussed the efficacy of dates and times, no contest brought forward.

- Mental Health Awareness

Leadership has noticed issues lately with recognizing mental health issues or with knowing how to address these issues when members need help. Input would be appreciated as this topic is further explored and developed over the next few months.

Medical Trends and Issues

None brought forward.

Station Reports/ Announcements

- Station 1- No report
- Station 2- Elections were held and Banquet will be in January.
- Station 4- Elections were held with significant change and Banquet will be in January.
- Station 5- Santa to the Rescue event was held successfully. Elections were held and the leadership was expanded by an extra Assistant Squad Commander and an extra Lieutenant of Administration. The new ambulance was delayed in getting on the streets due to the City Garage finding issues with the truck and it having to be sent out for evaluation.
- Station 6- No report
- Station 9- No report
- Station 13- No report
- Station 14- Travis Smith is still in the hospital.

- Station 16- No report
- Station 17- The members are enjoying their new ambulance and Sandbridge has been peaceful.
- MRT- Sarah Druy has replaced Jim Rose as Rescue Council representative. Elections have been completed.
- Minutes from November 2018 meeting have one correction, the date of the training meeting was December 18, 2018. Motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded and passed.
- A donation was received from the Dolphin Circle of the King's Daughters
- Discussion held on developing a career progression pathway for volunteers.
- Request made by Gina Benefiel that new leadership contact information be sent to her so that information can be dispersed to the squads in a more effective manner.
- Chief Brazle- 36 students graduated this evening. An open house with cookies and punch will be held from 3-8pm this event will occur once per month, with a different squad being represented each month. The represented squad is asked to bring a truck and some members to set up a table. The department will provide all other materials and some sort of an attraction. Fish Night will not be held this year. New medics are coming and old medics will be leaving soon. The MORB and Training committees are being developed. Inspections will be held in March and a Memorandum of Understanding must be signed again before the inspection.

Adjourned at 1930