Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Quarterly Business Meeting – October 15, 2025; 19:00

6 Washington Square, Newtown, CT 06470

Present: Chief Greenspan, Asst. Chief Cicciari, Sec./treas. Newsom, Member at Large Arneth, Tom Ryer, Joe Belisari, Kevin Clyne, Liz Cain.

Meeting commented at 19:01

Old Business:

Approval of third quarter business meeting minutes approved unanimously.

New Business:

Committee updates:

Uniforms - members asked to take inventory and let Tom know if anyone needs items for the winter. The women's polos were a success. He will order more as needed. Tom is doing research on getting dress white shirts for all members. Some members have asked for a full dress uniform. A poll to be done to see who and how many would want this as well as responsibility for maintaining uniforms. Eboard to ask Tom to look into pins for each member to adorn white dress shirts. Gavin will circle back around to work with Tom on dress uniforms.

QA - all charts being done in proper time and a new PCR requirement list to go out to the Corp. This will provide the corp a minimum requirement for run forms.

Bylaws – Guy working with Trustees to get their approval on updated bylaws. Guy will be making adjusting based on the last meeting with members.

Supplies – Janet is working with Doug to get members set up with direct responder bags with all required equipment.

Hospitality - Save the date: 12/20 for the NVAC holiday party.

Legal - nothing new.

Vehicles: 97-4 is operating at 100%. 97-1 is currently out for repairs for vibration while driving. 97-3 to go out soon to get the springs lowered and a swaybar repair. 97-2 to go back to NE Fire to address warranty issues. All ipads for 4 ambulances are at NVAC. The last one is being configured this week. Be sure to return laptops into appropriate holders (front or back of the ambulance).

Community : Health fair and daycare events coming up. We have a new tent to bring to events. Article going into The Bee this week regarding 97-2. member going solo (1EMT vs 2EMT) and utilizing Bravo1 to attend community events to free up members for staffing and not taking an ambulance out of service. Thus allowing for more attendance at Community events.

Building - boiler is installed and working. ABS and Edgerton are working together to get software for building systems up and running. Bay drains are being cleaned next month. 911 sign being installed at front of the building.

Membership - Two interviews being set up this week. There is a handful of trainees currently with FTOs, some that are floating will be released in the near future.

Training - EMT class members are doing ride-alongs with crews now.

Infectious disease - members are reminded that flu shots are strongly recommended by our sponsor hospital and should be done annually. If your insurance does not cover immunizations, submit to NVAC for reimbursement.

Trustees have approved the incentive plan for another quarter.

The State is coming in November for all ambulances to be inspected. Members need to ensure that all supplies are restocked and checked for expiration dates. There will be several members doing a deep dive into all ambulances prior to the inspection.

Scott and Michelle attended the Trustee meeting on Tuesday 10/14. Trustees were asked to elaborate on options for staffing deficiencies that the EBoard had pointed out on multiple occasions. Malcolm, President, had previously formed a committee of his own to gather more information and he reported that he had asked the Staffing and Direct Responder committees to contact the EBoard and implement their ideas for increased member participation in signing up for shifts to get calls covered. The Trustees are considering bringing in an outside consultant to monitor NVAC staffing issues, with no biases, and report back to Trustees.

Members that are running for office were asked with little advance notice to prepare a biography/reason for running to share at this meeting, however since sending that request, the chief had received feedback expressing concern that this process was not fully communicated to all nominees in advance. The chief has kindly requested that nominees submit a brief summary of their qualifications and reasons for running. These summaries will be shared with The Corp. at a later date, and will be coordinated with the election committee to determine a new date for discussion, if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 19:35