

**MCVRS Membership Meeting
MINUTES
January 8, 2020**

Meeting came to order at 19:30.

In Attendance: Sue Fones, Howard Fones, Phil Shahan, Debbie Evans, Shane Farmer, Larry Bahl, Joe Schlatter, Valerie Barton, Rebekah Haynie, Charlie Howard, Angela Yerby, Jim Webber, Robert Hundley, Jeanne Widenmyer, Mary Steed Ewell

Topic	Discussion		
Financials	Jeanne advised that, in December, we received \$5,351.51 and spent \$8,106.68. We continue to receive fund drive money. Our 2019 ended down \$20,000. We were over budget by \$10,000 and we added \$10,000 worth of equipment (assets). If we get the fundraiser letter out earlier (April/May) we, historically, have a better response.		
Motion	To accept the financials		
	Moved by Howard	Seconded Debbie	P/F P

Topic	Discussion		
Budget	Jeanne recommended that the income budget be drastically reduced as payments from the County continue to fall. The loss of rental income is also affecting the income budget. Because grants usually require that we support a percentage, she never includes grants in the income budget. The result is that we can cover basics this year, but we cannot spend for frills. She did not include any estimated income for any fundraisers other than the service area mail-out.		

Topic	Discussion		
By-Laws (re: Secretary & Treasurer)	Valerie reported that several members brought to her attention that we are in violation of the existing By-Laws. They are clear that only one member of a household can hold an office at a time. She believes there are three choices for how to handle this: change our by-laws (a lengthy process), vote for a By-Laws exception for a two year period, or resignation of one of the officers and hold another election. Phil expressed regret that this wouldn't have come about if we'd identified it beforehand. He wants the membership to consider that the By-Laws are written as they are for a reason. Mary Steed wondered if it was originally for married couples. Valerie explained that the reason is usually to combat fraud. Mary Steed suggested that because only one of the officers has fiduciary responsibility, that we provide a two-year waiver. Jim reminded the members present that the By-Laws were written when we had a larger population. With fewer people, and with fewer members stepping up, he thinks that we should waive the By-Laws restriction. Larry expressed a concern that we cannot legally waive By-Laws. We can change them, and if we have an expressed plan to change them, he thinks we can proceed in the interim with the status quo. Phil would like us to ask for an opinion on the matter from the authority where our articles of incorporation and by-laws are submitted. Rebekah thinks we should do whatever is best for our organization. Jim pointed out that we are in violation of many of the by-laws and provided the example of meeting attendance and number of runs completed. Joe suggests that we waive the pertinent by-law restriction for now and proceed with by-laws modifications which should include that a maximum of two members from the same household with only one		

with fiduciary responsibility may be on the Board. Valerie asked if Robert and Jim would form a committee to carefully look through the by-laws to see what else needs to be changed to present at the February meeting.

Motion To form a committee to look into comprehensive by-laws changes and to waive the Board member/household limitation by-law until we can present changes in February and get changes made by March 2020

Moved by
Joe

Seconded
Jeanne

P/F
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Topic Discussion

Training Joe reminded us that GEMS (Geriatric Education for EMS) training is this month on Saturday 1/25/2020, at 8:30-5:00. Sign-up is done online. It costs \$60, and we pay for it. He brought a form to help members sign-up. Valerie added that members should use Jeanne's email address for payment. Debbie asked if members can submit requests for future training topics. Valerie encourages us to do so.

Topic Discussion

Toughbooks Joe reported that we will have new toughbooks for use in the units. We will take iPads out of the ambulances. The new devices should be set-up and ready for training on our regular February training day.

Topic Discussion

Unit 42 Joe advised that the county is borrowing Unit 42 on Thursday morning. It should be back by noon.

Topic Discussion

Presentation equipment Joe advised that we just bought a 65" TV for training purposes and will mount it to a cart. It is currently in the admin office.

Topic Discussion

Toughbooks Phil is having trouble contacting the vendor because of time zone differences. He may have to find a different vendor. They will have wireless internet capability with the benefit that you can leave the immediate vicinity of the unit and still have internet access.

Topic Discussion

Fundraising and Advertising Valerie would like to have an event once a quarter. She would like us to make suggestions, please. Howard offered that the chicken dinner should take place at a different time. Mary Steed noted that in winter it gets dark earlier, and some people won't drive in the dark. Jeanne reminded us that we used to have chicken dinner right after church and that it had a good response. Debbie described a guide she has written for the different places to advertise events with a lead-time built in so anyone could chair an event and know how and what to do to publicize the event. We have a Facebook page, she's waiting for access to our Twitter account, and she started an Instagram account to attempt to reach younger people. Shane advised that young people are using SnapChat. Debbie also suggests that we give a large post-card sized questionnaire to everyone who attends an event asking how they heard about it and whether they would like personalized contact for future events through voice,

text, or email. Valerie thinks visibility for the squad is important. Mary Steed would like to see us do something for children in the summer.

Topic Discussion
Out-of-Service Charlie advised that we will have signs for when we're out of service – like when training a new driver or for drug box exchanges. The signs aren't ready yet.

Topic Discussion
Reports Jim advised that the participation report and member roster went out. This year he will only include medical calls on one report and he will create a second report for our stand-bys and lift assistance. He thanked those who are taking calls.

Topic Discussion
Training Valerie told members that there's an EVOC class on Saturday and Sunday, February 15-16. Saturday is in class and Sunday is the driving portion.

Topic Discussion
Tax Relief Valerie has forms on the table for anyone wanting to get tax relief for auto personal property (auto) tax.

Topic Discussion
VAVRS Valerie stated that the District 18 meeting will be here on 2/20/2020. She'd like volunteers to help.

Topic Discussion
New Business Howard described straps someone was using for lift assistance with loops all around the waist, and it includes leg straps. Joe will research and order.

Topic Discussion
Member Sue Fones is celebrating 5 years with MCVRS. She was presented with a certificate of thanks. retention

Motion to adjourn by Howard. Seconded by Robert. Meeting was adjourned at 20:18.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Evans, interim secretary.