

Brazeau Ambulance Monthly Minutes

November 5, 2023

Meeting Called to Order by John Kussow at 12:03 pm

A motion to dispense reading and accept the October Meeting minutes as published was proposed by Sue Kanack and seconded by Mandi Fonder and carried.

Financial Summary recap of \$37,525.35 in Budget Account and \$29,934.19 in Ambulance Service Checking Account was presented by Keri Warrichaiet.

Motion to accept the budget was proposed by Mandi Fonder, seconded by Sue Kanack and carried.

Old Business:

1. Schedule. John Kussow mentioned the large print out of the schedule was not available so please go online and schedule for at least 16 hours per month.

John Kussow asked all members present to please sign in for meeting and training today.

2. Jim Kuchenbecker said the next Fund Raiser to plan for is the Fishing Derby on Kelly Lake, January 13, 2024. All members available are requested to help out because this is a large event and EMS, Fire, and Dive Teams do well at the event.
3. John Kussow presented changes to the Bylaws for the second consecutive month. The proposed changes include:

Changing the President title to Service Director.

The Vice President position will be eliminated. Inventory and supplies consumed by the service will be tracked and material requests will be submitted to the Service Director for approval are a part of the full-time employee job description.

The Secretary – Treasurer position will back fill the role of Service Director when the Service Director is not available as a short-term measure. In the event that the Service Director position becomes open long term, the Secretary – Treasurer will fill the role until a person is appointed or voted in by the membership to fill the remainder of the term.

A change to pay structure for the officer position is included in the bylaw changes, but the Town of Brazeau is the approving body. Membership does not vote on officer pay.

Discussion took place and questions and concerns were addressed to attending membership satisfaction.

A motion to accept the changes to the bylaws, subject to the Town of Brazeau Board approval, was made by Sue Kanack and seconded by Jamie Waller and carried.

New Business:

Dusty Agate reviewed the 11 calls that we had the past month. There were three trauma calls: one ATV accident, one automobile accident, and one where a tree fell on a person. Two additional calls had a high potential for hypothermia.

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Drivers are reminded that no ambulance should be taken off pavement in the event of an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) incident. When a patient is off pavement, call the Fire Department to bring the town's UTV for rescue support. During the winter the UTV has tracks to aide with snowmobile accident rescue calls.

A motion to defer nominations for Vice-President and Secretary – Treasurer, based on the acceptance of the bylaw changes by members, and pending approval of the Town of Brazeau board, was proposed by Jim Kuchenbecker and seconded by Jamie Waller and carried.

Nominations for Person of The Year should be sent to John Kussow. The name of the nominee and reason for the nomination should be sent to John Kussow by the end of the December Ambulance Service meeting. The service award for Person of the Year will be presented at the Annual Banquet, on January 19, 2024.

Members should sign up for The Christmas dinner taking place at the December meeting so hams can be purchased.

Members should sign up for a dish to pass for the December meeting which is scheduled for December 3, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Station.

Deb Agate informed the members present that there will upcoming Ascher Mass Casualty training taking place on December 12 & December 20. The space is limited to the first 25 people to sign up. The training is the same on both days, so if interested, only sign up for one day by contacting Jon Spice at Oconto County Office of Emergency Management, telephone number 920-834-6850 or email at Jon.Spice@co.oconto.wi.us.

There is also WEMSA Training taking place January 30-February 2 at the Resch Center in Green Bay is open for sign up now. Go online to WEMSA site.

New sheets are being placed in both ambulances with directions, multiple options are listed, to the hospitals in the area, with instructions on how to access the ambulance bay at each hospital.

New diagram sheets for placing the contact pads for the Life Pack 15, 12 lead, will be placed in both ambulances.

UWHealth training is on the third Wednesday, November 15 at 1800 hours. The November topic will cover special burns and frost bite.

<https://uwhealth.webex.com/webappng/sites/unhealth/webinar/webinarseries/register>

New Business Member Comments:

Tiffany Kussow made us aware that she would like to return to service from her leave of absence. A motion was made by Jim Kuchenbecker and seconded by Sue Kanack to approve Tiffany Kussow to return from leave of absence to serve as a driver and carried.

Welcome back Tiffany.

Peter Schwenke is approved as an axillary driver for ambulance service. Welcome aboard Peter.

John Kussow and Jamie Waller both talked about our need to gain additional drivers and EMT's if possible. If you are aware of someone that would be a benefit to the ambulance service, please discuss it with John or another officer.

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John Kussow would like to meet with all members of the service to understand how things can be done better, what concerns members may have, and what they would like to see or do moving forward. Please reach out to John to set up a meeting.

Next meeting date is December 3, 2023. Officers will meet at 2:30 pm. Members will meet at 3:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn today's meeting was made by Sue Kanack, and seconded by Jamie Waller and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Members Present:

Debra Agate, Don Duddek, Amanda Fonder, Sue Kanack, Jim Kuchenbecker, John Kussow, Dennis Langenberg, Dan Phillips, Jamie Waller, Keri Warrichaiet, Nancy Warrichaiet, Tiffany Kussow,

Members Excused:

Michell Brittnacher, Jesse Meyer, Chloe Radloff, Gage Radloff, Keith Warrichaiet,

Members Absent:

Debbie Ruiz, Mario Ruiz,