

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA Minutes Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:00AM Via Zoom

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp - Nicholai
Augusta Twp - Music
Belleville - N/A
Chelsea - Arbini
Clinton - N/A
Dexter Area - Smith
Green Oak Twp - N/A

Hamburg Twp - N/A
Manchester Twp - N/A
Milan Area - Stevens
Northfield Twp - Wagner
Pittsfield Twp - Gleason, Girbach
Putnam Twp - N/A
Salem Twp - Rachwal
Saline Area - Hoeft

Scio Twp - Houde
South Lyon - Vogel
Sumpter Twp - Januszyk, Luke
Superior Twp - V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp - Brow, McInally
Ypsilanti - Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp - Copeland

ASSOCIATES: HART (Armstrong, Simpson), Med Control (Domeier, Henderson), Emergent Health (Kasten, VanDaele), Paul Davis Restoration (Milliken), Washtenaw County (Swenson)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today’s meeting to order at 9:01AM.
2. Correspondence - None
3. Adoption of Agenda – Motion to approve with a few additions by Rachwal, supported by Arbini. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer Report – Linda Stone provided the following info:
 - a. Statement of Activity report was distributed
 - b. Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against November bank statement:
Checking \$53,664.74
Savings \$19,332.17
 - c. Membership Dues – FY21 invoices were emailed on Nov 15th - \$1000 per community.
Motion to accept the treasurer’s report by Rachwal, supported by Smith. Motion carried.
5. Training Report – Nicholai distributed his report via email to members. He highlighted the calendar of events. Discussion followed on the training academy per student fee of \$500. Kennedy mentioned his concerns with the Live Fire expense of \$5,000 and utilizing WAMAA’s general funds. Discussion followed. Motion by Rachwal to approve their plan, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.
6. HazMat Report – Russ Girbach provided a brief report. November training was canceled because of COVID restrictions. Rachwal mentioned that 2020 Emergency Guidebooks are out.
7. TRT Report – Chevrette distributed his report via email to members, as he was unable to attend today’s meeting.
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported that the state is moving forward with formal organization of equipment & supplies. Operational plan is being reviewed. More to come.

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9. Dispatch Report – Kristin Kasten reported they are moving along with Pro QA. Implementation is now Feb 23-24, 2021 to ensure proper testing and training time. Kevin VanDaele is working towards a process for implementing changes. Rachwal provided background to some of the issues and lack of features. He highlighted possible issues with the process for repair and funding mechanisms. More to come.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Craig Swenson provided a report. Currently ten departments are using the laptops. Continue to work on inventory (batteries, portables, etc.). Reminder, the worst thing for a battery is to sit and never be used. Swenson provided an Everbridge update, as they are anticipating that many FD's will want to utilize. If you're having any programming issues, now is the time to notify. Vogel asked about county specific template requirements and MOU's. Rachwal suggested that we review our MOU's.
11. Medical Control Report – Gleason had nothing to report. Rachwal said a lot of info came from med control. Domeier said that Kevin Henderson has recently joined Med Control. Henderson introduced himself to the members. His contact info will be shared with everyone. Protocols for implementation. Michigan Medicine has put together an EMS fellowship.
12. Officers Committee Report – Committee met back on Nov 10th. Draft MABAS deployment plan. Listed upcoming project ICS Accountability and training at Green Oak.
13. HART Report – Roger Simpson reported on their activity (four call outs and one training burn.) HART trailer has been moved to a climate-controlled storage space in Ann Arbor. Armstrong mentioned WAMAA's annual donation is appreciated. He said there is a mechanism to invoice. Still looking for a storage space for their main response vehicle. Dexter Area may be available for storage space.
14. Old Business
 - a. Adoption of budget policy – tabled motion from last month's meeting. Rachwal will send copy for your review.
 - b. Adoption of reimbursement policy – tabled motion from last month's meeting. Document was shared with members. Motion made by Smith, seconded by Music. Motion carried.
 - c. WAMAA Agreement – Confirmed that this passed during the Oct meeting.
15. New Business
 - a. CISM – WAMAA continue the fiduciary relationship – Kennedy provided background to this, and WAMAA's involvement. Discussion followed. Kennedy will reach out and report back.
 - b. Grant process – Vic Chevrette spoke with Chris Wiggins, who is willing to write grants for us. We must put something together soon. Nicholai and the Officers Committee will take the lead.
 - c. Rules Update – Smith reported that the training council has sent the rules to JCAR for review. He provided detailed information on the rules. More to come as this moves forward.
 - d. COVID-19 vaccinations – Gleason will continue to monitor and report back to us.
 - e. ByLaws needed to be passed by 2/3rd of the membership, which didn't happen at last meeting. We will therefore continue to use our old bylaws. Rachwal provided further details and

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requested feedback. Much discussion followed. Rachwal recommended that we have an in-depth conversation with all interested parties. Vic Chevrette provided historical background of the TRT. Copeland provided further comments. Kennedy voiced his concerns of meeting certain standards with our organizational documents.

- f. Craig Sidelinger (Ann Arbor) – Kennedy announced that Craig has received duty disability. Craig's retirement ceremony on Dec 14th at 2PM.
- g. Amy Brow (Van Buren Twp) announced her retirement. McNally will take on the role of Chief of Dept.

16. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:00AM via Zoom

17. Adjournment – 10:23AM