

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA DRAFT MINUTES Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:00AM Via Zoom

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

Hamburg Twp – Miller
Manchester Twp – N/A
Milan Area – N/A
Northfield Twp – Wagner
Pittsfield Twp – Chevrette, Gleason, Girbach
Putnam Twp – Ruf
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Hoeft

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

ASSOCIATES: HART (Armstrong, Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), Emergent Health (Kasten), Paul Davis Restoration (Milliken), Washtenaw County (Swenson), JW2 Fire Consultants (Wiggins)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today’s meeting to order at 9:00AM.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – received thank you letter from HART for our recent \$2,000 donation.
3. Adoption of Agenda – Unanimous approval.
4. Treasurer Report – Kennedy reported on the following
 - a. Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against January 2021 bank statement:
Checking \$64,108.78
Savings \$19,332.64
 - b. 2020 Tax Preparation & 1099’s sent – Reau & Associates will handle tax preparation, as they’ve done in the past
 - c. Outstanding Invoices as of February 1, 2021 (\$1,600 Total):
Clinton Fire Dept \$1,000
Washtenaw County Sheriff’s (CISM Classes) \$600
Motion by Chevrette, support by McInally. Motion carried. Treasurer’s report accepted and filed.
5. Training Report – this report was distributed via email to members prior to this morning’s call. Nicholai highlighted schedule of course offerings.
6. HazMat Report – Girbach provided a brief report. Reminder that 2020 guidebooks are available. No decision made for this month’s training yet. He provided a Drone program update.
7. TRT Report – report was distributed via email to members. Mike Chevrette provided an update on last month’s call outs & training. He also reported that this month’s training will occur on Feb 10th (Confined Space Rescue Training).
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported that MABAS wants to handle exercises every quarter. He provided upcoming schedule of box card deadlines and activation exercises in 2021. Discussion followed on forming a brush strike team, and possibly a crew transport team. Discussion followed on the benefit of creating a brush strike team.
9. Dispatch Report – Kristin Kasten mentioned that the ProQA project has now been pushed back though no date has been decided. A 325 update was just received last week, with more testing coming up. Continue with do weekly spot checks. Responder orientation has been pushed back. DRC meetings continue to run monthly. Rachwal asked for a tablet update, which Kristin said will come with 325 rollout.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Swenson had nothing to report.

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11. Medical Control Report – Henderson reported on the following. Washtenaw EMS Commission met last week, had several questions re: provisions in the county. Submitted for the MCA offering chit sheets & credits. More to come. Keep in mind, hearing about mechanical CPR devices failing on scene, you must step in and perform manually. Did away with monthly activity reports, now looking at topic specific reporting. COVID shots are still available to fire personnel. One of the new members on the commission witnessed the recent tree rescue and was very impressed. Discussion followed on electronic patient care reporting systems.
12. Officers Committee Report- Nicholai said the group met on Jan 26th. Minutes were distributed. He paraphrased the findings, as they continue to research best practices to be put into place. Staying with two-tone dispatch. Regional grant update.
13. HART Report – Simpson provided report on the two callouts in January. Reviewed 2020 activity. Thank you for your recent \$2000 donation, it's very much appreciated. COVID vaccinations.
14. Old Business
 - a. Budget policy (Rachwal) – Nothing reported.
 - b. Grants (Wiggins) – Chris provided an update, as we must ensure the host situation is settled. He's ready to submit. He reviewed next year's projects, as FEMA pledged FY21 grants are going to open this fall. If you want to move forward with specialized projects, these must start immediately. He explained the review process, as things are a bit different due to COVID. They are committed to getting back on schedule. Please reach out to Chris if you have questions.
 - c. Fire investigation Committee – Kennedy and Smith met after last month's meeting to discuss further. Their recommendation was to form a sub-committee, hoping for quarterly meetings in the beginning. He reviewed some possible goals for this committee, such as setting up a fee structure, and scheduling guest speakers (offering CEU's). More to come as Kennedy & Smith move forward with getting this sub-committee started. If you have an investigator that could join this committee, please let us know.
Rachwal suggested that this group make a formal motion to move forward with forming this committee. Motion by Kennedy, seconded by McInally. Motion carried.
 - d. WAMAA Agreements – will be sent electronically to members as a reminder to start getting these signed & filed.
15. New Business
16. Good of the Order
 - a. 291 is through JCAR. Smith encouraged everyone to familiarize themselves with the document and the process.
 - b. SUV – Gleason asked if anyone has this type of vehicle. Smith said that Dexter has such a vehicle and will schedule a time for Gleason to take a look at it.
 - c. Vogel retiring from Washtenaw 100. Looking for a replacement. Let him know if you're interested.
 - d. Appointment to Hazmat Authority Board – With Craig's retirement, we're looking at filling this vacancy. More to come as that day gets closer.
 - e. Updating website – Rachwal is working with webmaster.
17. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:00AM via Zoom
18. Adjournment – 9:52AM