

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - 9:00AM Hosted by City of Ypsilanti Fire Dept

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Witt
Belleville – N/A
Chelsea – Arbini
Clinton – N/A
Dexter Area – Armstrong
Green Oak Twp – N/A

Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – Scully
Milan Area – Stevens
Northfield Twp – Bishop
Pittsfield Twp – Dorian, Chevrette, Girbach
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle

Scio Twp – Houde
South Lyon – Thorington
Sumpter Twp – Brown
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – N/A
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Copeland

Associates: HART (Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), HVA (Rock & Becky), Belfor (Hughes & Bellomo), Washtenaw County 800MHz (Angott)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:02AM.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – None
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer Report - Houde provided the following report:
 - a. Chase Bank account balances, as of May 31, 2023:
Checking \$21,590.82
Savings \$33,599.49
Motion to approve by V. Chevrette, second by Copeland. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Proposed Dues – Doc distributed prior to today's meeting. Chief Houde reviewed some of the comments that he's received since the proposed dues document was distributed.
Motion to approve the proposed dues (effective Jan 2024) by Rachwal, second by V. Chevrette. Much discussion followed. Unanimous approval. Invoices will be emailed Nov 1, 2023 based on the approved dues structure.
5. Training Report - Nicholai reviewed the highlights from the previously distributed report. Rachwal mentioned First Arriving (digital dashboard). Discussion followed. Kennedy reminded availability of POC funding, as long as the system meets certain criteria.
6. HazMat Report - Girbach sent this report prior to today's meeting. He provided brief overview of the recent incidents. Team continues with MABAS validations. Reviewed training schedule. Reminder: Physicals need to be completed by the end of this year. Golf Outing: Girbach requested this organization consider increasing the annual \$1500 annual sponsorship.
Motion by V. Chevrette made a motion to sponsor the golf outing \$2000, second by Armstrong.
Motion carried. Linda will mail check right away.
7. TRT Report – Mike Chevrette sent report electronically for reference. He highlighted bullet points from that report, including training schedules.
8. MABAS Report - Rachwal reported on the following:
 - a. Grayling wildland fire
 - b. August 16th large-scale exercise Norfolk Southern railroad training event in Van Buren Twp.
 - c. MABAS is updating box cards – document distributed during today's meeting for signature.
Motion by Rachwal designating Huron Valley Ambulance as part of this division's box card.
Second by Arbini. Discussion. Rock provided some insight as this gives it some more formality to the agreement. Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

9. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Becky is still moving forward with streamlining the processes.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report - Agnott reported on template & firmware upgrades. He asked if anyone is still waiting for a charger, they just came in - please reach out to him. Rachwal mentioned the encryption issues that might happen. V. Chevrette asked about replacing tablets, which Agnott said the new tablets have been purchased. Reach out if you need replacement.
11. Medical Control Report - Henderson reported:
 - a. Cyano kits – expiration dates are fast approaching. MCA will not be funding these in the future. Henderson will collect those as the expiry dates (Oct/Nov) hit.
 - b. Epi Rig Inspections – new process BLS/ALS agency causing issues
 - c. Transporting agencies – AA & Chelsea are current agencies that transport. Protocol 8.11 which had time requirements related to ALS arrival had been revised and that the protocol has been sent to the State for approval.
 - d. Naloxylone update
 - e. PSRO – appointed as members: Joe Valentine (Chelsea) & Marty Anderson (Ann Arbor)
12. Officers Committee Report - Nicholai sent this report electronically.
 - a. Blue Card – adoption of terminology by the committee, now presented to this group. Please provide feedback as you review the policy recommendation. Rachwal provided insight from his standpoint. Sperle expressed his concerns related to this committee’s recommendations. Rachwal encouraged the chiefs’ participation with this group, and the importance of feedback and input. Discussion followed.
 - b. Accountability - Kennedy expressed gratitude for the recent fire incidents in Ann Arbor. He asked the officer committee to look at the issues related to accountability as it seemed clear that there is a problem with the current system.
13. HART Report – Simpson provided update:
 - a. Three callouts in May.
 - b. Dexter Fire Assoc planning their picnic in August. Flyers available.
14. Old Business -
 - a. Grant Activity Update – V. Chevrette reported the turnout gear has finally been fully received.
 - b. WAMAA Charter Update – Kennedy stated that your community’s attorney should be working with Stephanie. Reminder of the Mandatory Sept meeting.
15. New Business –
16. Good of the Order
 - a. Dexter Area FF’s Assoc Annual Picnic. Armstrong made a motion to send a \$1,000 donation to support, Rachwal supported. Motion carried. Linda will mail check.
 - b. Satellite Dish available for highspeed internet connection – Rachwal reminded everyone that this equipment is available.
 - c. Hazmat Golf Outing – already discussed earlier. Reminder that the \$2,000 sponsorship to include one team at this outing.
 - d. HVA update – Rock mentioned the recent transition of oxygen vendor.
 - e. Dave Egeler (Firehouse Museum) mentioned upcoming events:
 - i. Aug 26th Antique Fire Truck Muster
 - ii. Nov 11th Museum’s Firefighters Ball / Black tie event
 - f. Recognition of Chief Eric Copeland – today is his last meeting, as he is retiring.
17. Next Meeting – Sept 5th hosted by Ann Arbor Fire Dept

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Adjournment – 10:20AM