

Council of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.

Jan 20, 2021 6:00 pm Virtual

Minutes

Attendance: Joey Hundley (EMS), David Wheeler (MRT), Jay Kerr (R01), Kay Laws (R02), Dave Coulling (R05), Debbie Volzke (R06), John Neumayer(R14), Kyle Musicant (R16), Joan Davis (R17), Julie Barnes (R17), Jen Long (Foundation), Kristen Howard (Foundation)

- **Welcome/Introductions** – David Coulling
- **Approval of Minutes** - David Coulling
 - Call for approval of minutes- John Motions, Kyle Seconds, no oppositions.
- **President's Report** – David Coulling
 - Updating emails and lists for Council due to Rep. changes.
 - March, pushing for in person meeting due to elections.
 - Resignation of Tanya Barnes effective immediately as RC Secretary
 - *“Thank you for the opportunity to serve, however I will need to resign my position as Secretary effective Immediately” -Tanya Barnes*
- **Treasurer's Report** - David Coulling
 - \$19,911.15-Checking || \$13,213.71- Savings
 - Due to Checks being misplaced during turn over we need the following Squads to please re-issue Checks
 - Kempsville- \$300.00 Dues
 - The following I do not reflect as having received. Can each squad please check with their Treasurers to ensure payment was submitted?
 - Kempsville Rescue Squad- 2019 GAP insurance \$2,700
 - Ocean Park Rescue Squad- 2019 dues- \$300.00; 2020 Squad dues of \$300.00 and 4x\$450.00=\$1800.00 owed for GAP
 - Princess Anne 2020 Dues of \$300.00 and 3x \$450.00= \$1350.00 Owed GAP
 - Kempsville 2020 dues \$300.00; GAP 6x \$450.00= \$2700 owed
 - Creeds 1x \$450= \$450 Owed for GAP plus \$300.00 Dues
- **Department of EMS Report, Q&A** – Chief Joey Hundley
 - City in an Incident Command concept to lead the Vaccination process, this is focus of EMS at this time. Brazle is in lead for vaccination coordination, contact Hundley if you need something department. 24 LUCAS devices came in from CARES acts funding, new Lifepak15s, and Glide scopes being implemented. Due to extreme schedule for vaccination most Career staff are participating, all non-operational trainings that did not impact re-certs or initial class have been canceled through May to support staffing. Dept. Working on Annual report due out in coming weeks, Budget has been sent for review and approval. Ambulance grants being discussed with leadership, Hundley is the new primary point of contact. Focus of Heart-Lung bill is to cover career staffing, would like for it to cover volunteers, current verbiage covers volunteers but still in legal processing.
 - Jay Kerr- questions about Glide Scope GO, concerned about small parts and adapters. Would like to set meeting for check off process info.
 - New station officers still need to meet with Department leadership.
- **Medical Operations Steering Committee**
 - No Report

- **Training Steering Committee**
 - No Report
- **CURED Board Committee**
 - No Report
- **Fleet Committee**
 - No Report
- **Supply Committee**
 - No Report
- **Sustainability Committee**
 - No Report

- **Coordinator Reports**
 - **Rescue Foundation-** Gina Benefiel
 - No General report
 - **Administrative Report** – Jennifer Long
 - Upcoming zoom meetings to discuss branding initiatives; Has received 60k for “member recognition” for retention gifts March-August.
 - **Recruitment Coordinator** – Jennifer Long
 - Continuing media bursts adding WAVY and Iheart Radio, current burst runs to Jan 31st; working to add metric tracker on City’s back end; Livesneedsaving.org redirects to City webpage at this time; Starting Referral program, mentioned in the last issue of rescue lines; Shortly deploying membership cards, can be used at participating retailers for discounts on or off duty.

 - **Multi-Squad Fund Drive Coordinator** – Jay Kerr
 - Winding down from this last round, some donations still trickling in.
 - **Recruitment Coordinator** – Jay Kerr
 - Nothing to report.
 - **Jr. Rescue Squad Liaison** – Jay Kerr
 - Jr. Squads is still a thing, we have elected not to hold virtual meeting as to not overload the kids with screen time they already have, we are looking to follow the schools a point of re-entry and when to begin re-hosting in person meeting as we are skills based.
 - **EMS Week Coordinator** – Jay Kerr
 - Time to start gearing this up, if interested please reach out to Jay.
 - May 16th-May 22nd 2021
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Annual Squad Reports- Reports still outstanding, please get these in
- **New Business**
 - **VAVRS Membership/BOD Reps**
 - Part of district Rep, who is the Virginia Beach Rep for Board of Governors? Last Rep for Chief Edwards. Are we going to remain members of VAVRS?
 - Hundley just paid membership, Hundley listed as current board of governor’s rep as interim until decided, no new alternate named yet.
 - Kay to verify if any individual squads still listed as members.
 - **Stand up Nominations Committee.**
 - David Wheeler as Chair, and John Neumayer
 - Floor nominations: Closed at this time

- **Billing for Service Revenue for RC Discussion**
 - 1% is roughly \$70,00, we were looking at 2% roughly \$140,000- recommendation of utilizing funds to rid annual dues for RC membership, taking over Awards ceremony, Cover cost of annual vehicle insurance.
 - Jay- at a loss as to what we would use these funds for, concerned about mechanisms and philosophical problems with this; David W.- Look at scholarships and other continuing educations opportunities. Dave C.- These items are exactly what Rescue Council is for, we are listed in City Code for this purpose exactly, deeper dive for logistics will be needed later; Hundley- EMS has a couple work groups going on for costs, distribution of funds, marketing, messaging, and others including MOUs and other items, Council notified we are researching billing for services, all squad leadership is on board with this at this time.
 - Overall thought here is we are looking at the future before funding splits are made and what we plan to utilize funds for now and in the future.
 - Look at second Jr. Rescue squad on south end of City for R6, R13, R17

- **Station Reports** – Brief Reports from each Squad present
 - **R01/22-** 50/50 RSAF grant for new ambulance, looking to get 2 new ambulance in the next year; building remodel and new apron in front of station, Spring banquet canceled looking into virtual banquet, new cart ready for spring if there are events.
 - **R02-** did not get RSAF grant, got money from city for ambulance.
 - **R04-** not present.
 - **R05/21-** finally got money for stolen and crashed ambulance, looking to replace 1-2 ambulances this year. Has Courthouse Horizon's and can have 50% occupancy if they don't schedule an "event"- has members ABC license.
 - **R06-** Did well with fundraise and working with the City of the new ambulance with new funding.
 - **R08/14-** no RSAF grant, looking to buy 2 new trucks this year, new people on training team with new officers' incoming, looking to standardize CART training for City, looking to offer CEUs where possible for more year-round offerings, performing online virtual meetings and awards; Truck accident hit by a car/hit a car was 4th in line of emergency vehicles heading to the call. Norwood is the new alternate.
 - **R09/10/19-** Not present
 - **R13-** Not Present
 - **R16-** RSAF grant plaza got a 80/20 looking to purchase 2 new trucks in near future, hosted virtual banquet went well with great turn out, working on membership and station improvements currently
 - **R17-** Installation of officer tomorrow, new truck up and running thanks to Foundation
 - **MRT-** Recruitment and retention for MRT have been steady recently, maintaining around 40 members; MRT hosted a Virtual annual squad party this year due to COVID-19 and is looking for ways to continue keeping squad camaraderie up while needing to maintain distancing; In March we are hosting a live Flare demonstration on the waterways in Virginia Beach, we have been in communication with USCG to receive authorization for launching flares, if anyone is interested in attending from the beach to learn about flares and how to gauge distance from shore feel free to reach out; In April we are planning a "Live" drowning, and search drill, originally we planned to incorporate EMS command

staff (I.e- Street supervisors or other leadership) however we will continue ahead with just our membership due to Department staffing needs and priorities with the Vaccination process needs; MRT has been working with the training Dept. (Lani, Cat, and Dave Keeler) to host some CEUs for MRT members that held EMT certs, there have been some external members joining as well. We will look to offering externally to squad members as openings arise in these courses, Thank you to R01 for helping host with classroom space during these.

- **Announcements / Dates to Remember**

- RSAF grant opens soon \$4.7m avail with \$17m requested last cycle. Use Florida Sheriff's contract for ambulance costs, State is capping ambulance costs each cycle.

- EMS trying to delay March inspections or break it up to ease strain on system, should know more in a week or 2.

- **Adjourn- 1907**

**The next Rescue Council Meeting will be held on
March 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm at TBD.**