WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 2023 - 9:00AM
Hosted by Ypsilanti Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Music, Witt
Belleville – Loranger
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, M. 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 – McInally, Lenaghan
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Densmore, Wallgren

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Torres, Rock)
Guest(s): Train the Brain (Mann), BFS (Barrera), Paul Davis (Devyn)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
   a. Train the Brain - Tim Mann
      Contact info: TrainTheBrainLLC@gmail.com / (906)236-2599 / www.trainthebrainllc.com
   b. Public Assemblies – Mauricio Barrera, BFS.
      Contact info: barreram@michigan.gov / (517)643-3887
   c. American Legion – FF of the Year nominations due January 8th. Hardcopies distributed.
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer Report (Houde) –
   a. Chase Bank account balances, as of October 31, 2023:
      Checking $6,376.07
      Savings $13,600.43
   b. Membership invoices – discussion required on the proposed FY24 dues structure. Budget docs emailed Oct 31st. Houde asked everyone to review these docs, so we can finalize invoice amounts and send membership invoices. Motion to approve today's finance report by V. Chevrette, second by Hobbs. Carried.
5. Medical Control Report (Henderson) –
   a. Arbini reminded everyone to return Cyano kits.
   b. Rachwal reminded there is a vacancy on the EMS Commission. Kennedy provided details of that position. More to come.
6. Training Report (Nicholai) – report was distributed via email.
   a. Nicholai highlighted the report and upcoming training plans for 2024.
   b. Academies for 2024 have not been scheduled, as the need does not appear to be there.
   c. Course flyers were distributed
   d. Nov 19th – Exercise
7. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report sent electronically for reference. Girbach reported:
   a. No incidents, but there was one consult of pepper spray
   b. Annual Golf Outing financials – mentioned the income was less than before.
8. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report was sent electronically for reference.
   a. Chevrette reported on previous, current, and future training schedules

b. Swiftwater training is completed for the year
c. UASI equipment has been received
d. Approached by AA Community Organization offering grant funds to purchase new boat and trailer. $38,614 was approved for Q1 2024.

9. MABAS Report (Rachwal) –
    a. State is updating and conjealing standardization of their plans
    b. Leadership changes
    c. Anticipate more training opps in 2024
10. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Becky provided an update on upgrades and new hires.
11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson was absent) – Witt provided the report today. He offered an overview of their schedule. Discussion followed on portables and talk groups.
12. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report was distributed via email.
    a. EMS Rescue Task Force Version 2 policy - Motion by Nicholai to approve, second by Music. Motion carried with one nay. Passed by majority.
    b. Evacuation Policy – Now titled Structure & Hazard Zone Abandon and Exit policy - Motion by Armstrong, second by Rachwal. Discussion followed. Sperle requested the vote be tabled until next month to allow further time to review. Second by Hobbs. Tabled until next meeting.
13. HART Report (Simpson) – Roger provided update:
    a. October had no actual scene calls
    b. One training burn for Salem
    c. Few open houses
    d. Next training burn this Sunday for Van Buren
    e. Holiday Baskets – to be delivered to your station by Noon on Dec 24th
    f. Volunteers – nine new people are on the team
14. Old Business -
    a. Grant Activity Update (Wiggins) – Rachwal mentioned that Dingell's Office offered to write letters of support in an effort to help for upcoming grants. Discussion.
    b. WAMAA Charter Update (Rachwal) – Kennedy provided update. Please send your updated signatory page as today's election might have changed your community's version.
15. New Business – N/A
16. Good of the Order – N/A
17. Next Meeting – December 5th hosted by Salem Twp Fire Dept (holiday hot breakfast)
    Future 2024 Meeting Schedule / Locations - TBA – list to host will be distributed at December meeting

18. Adjournment – 9:40AM