Groton Ambulance Association

Board of Directors Meeting

February 12, 2025

Board members present: Chet Kaniecki (President), Rob McDermott (Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer), Kelsey Gomes (Training Officer), Paula Edwards (Member at Large #1), Martha Brucker (Member at Large #2)  
  
Other members: Ruth Schneider

1. President Kaniecki (on via Zoom) called the February Board of Directors meeting to order at 18:00 with all board members present.
2. Motion by VP McDermott and seconded by Kelsey Gomes to accept minutes from the January Board of Directors meeting as posted. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Officers Report
   1. President
      1. Items to be discussed in Old and New Business.
   2. Vice President
      1. A Bylaw Committee meeting was held 1/27 to look at Bylaw changes.
      2. A Safety Committee meeting will be held within the next month.
      3. Thank you to Kelsey Gomes for cleaning out G304’s bay.
   3. Secretary/Treasurer
      1. Past meeting minutes are current on grotonambulance.org and Aladtec.
      2. See attached submitted Treasurer’s report. Motion by Kelsey Gomes and seconded by Martha Brucker to accept treasurer’s report as read. Motion carried unanimously.
   4. Training
      1. New hire Jordan Jackson has started the training program.
      2. Michael VonPoots has joined as a volunteer and started the training program.
      3. Dora Harag and Kiley Smith are making good progress in the training program.
      4. Hoyt Emery has resigned.
      5. CPR classes will have GAA instructors for Ledyard Little League coaches in March.
      6. CPR classes for GAA employees will be scheduled.
      7. Hannah Warner has passed her NREMT test and will be receiving her CT license soon.
      8. Jacob Goes and Melanie Herrans-Polen are working to get their EMT certification.
      9. A schedule for observers from Steve Christina’s EMT class has been posted and is also noted on the Aladtec schedule.
      10. Kelly Gillis has started driver training.
   5. Member at Large #1
      1. No report.
   6. Member at Large #2
      1. No report.
   7. Vehicle Officer
      1. G301 had a recent coolant leak.
4. Old Business
5. An email vote was held 1/20 to accept the resignation of Nahshon Fletcher. Motion carried unanimously.
6. An email vote was held 2/20 to allow for Dean Mayo and Evie Layne to change from Part Time to Per Diem conditional on if they were able to get hours suitable for their schedule. Motion carried unanimously.
7. President Kaniecki and VP McDermott meet with the Town of Groton Public Safety Subcommittee which was also attended by Mystic River Ambulance President Todd McDonnell. The ‘option 1’ flat rate per call was selected by the town as the method for both GAA and MRA to use. The 2025-2026 budget was submitted to the Town of Groton and has progressed through the approval process.
8. ARPA funding has been spent with most employees receiving boots.
9. The Twiage software was being rolled out for non-mandatory use and was installed on the toughbooks.
10. The ambulance committee has met with a salesman to view a new ambulance for purchase at a price of around $324,000.
11. President Kaniecki has completed the application for the annual license which was granted.
12. The hiring committee had two interviews with one job offer which was declined by the applicant.
13. President Kaniecki has funded HAS accounts.
14. The Shift Bid starting in March has started.
15. President Kaniecki and VP McDermott met with L&M representatives on the topic of the Pequot and Bundle Billing contracts. Discussion noted the need for changes prior to a final version.
16. New Business
    * 1. VP McDermott noted he will look into a cheaper website hosting option as the current one is billed $30 per month.
      2. VP McDermott will email staff that partial shift availability can be submitted for consideration to help fill second crews.
      3. Discussion on if management would order in to staff 2 ambulances 06:00 to 18:00 each day noted that staffing was too low to do so at the moment.
17. Good of the Order
    * 1. President Kaniecki noted no employee anniversaries in February.
      2. President Kaniecki emailed staff of Bob Holdworth’s health situation and wished him well.
      3. Thank you to Mayor Rachel Franco for danish for the crews working a snowstorm.
18. Motion by VP McDermott and seconded by Paula Edwards to adjourn at 18:48. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob McDermott

Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer