

GALENA AREA EMT MEETING MINUTES  
October 10th, 2018



Meeting called to order by President Ruth Foley

Members present: Aishah Abdul Aziz, William Bingham, George Calhoun, Kenneth Calvert, Ron Data, Brian Deidrick, Joshua Deidrick, Michelle Finley, Cindy Foley, Ruth Foley, Dennis Harris, Megan Harris, Colleen Keleher, Terry Kieffer, Mike Moser, Douglas Rahden, Micah Ransom, Andrew Teply, Dave Teply, Lynn Teply, Matt Teply, Les Virtue, Sandra Weber, and Jeremy Werner.

**Secretary's Report**

- October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were distributed and approved by Dennis Harris and seconded by Ron Data.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Colleen wasn't able to attend the meeting but wanted to get the associations opinion on what to do for the Christmas party. This will be discussed further in the president's report.
- There were 3 checks issued this month. One was issued to the district to pay them because there were EMT charges on the VISA card. The other 2 were for reimbursement for a dinner for someone who had paid their own money.

**President's Report**

- The coordinator position has been posted. If you know someone or you would like to apply, please get in and apply!
- Cindy and Megan are in charge of putting together the Christmas party. Everyone decided Log Cabin was a nice place to have it. More details will be given out at the next meeting.

**Board Representatives Report**

- There was a lengthy discussion about getting more EMR's and EMT's on staff to have more coverage.
- Bill gave his official resignation the night of the meeting.
- The Hanover situation was discussed and will addressed more in new business.

**Public Relations Report**

- Country Fair weekend is this weekend. Please sign up if available and help at all with be greatly appreciated.
- The Halloween parade is coming up and it's the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We need all hands on deck and we are expecting 20,000 people in town. Please sign up if available.

**Vehicle Report**

- 1-ADAM-17 needs to be run dry again. There is a hose that needs to be replaced. We need to run it dry and not fill it up with gas.

**Coordinator Report**

- Halloween is going to be the biggest this year. This year there are going to be 3 first aid stations and we need a Rig at each first aid station.
- Also on the 27<sup>th</sup> there is a half marathon and 8k run that we need to be prepared for in case anything would happen. Along with a kid's program at the Galena Middle School, so it will be a very busy day and we need all the help we can get.
- Jo Daviess County Ambulance meeting supposed to be in October but now it has been moved to November. If anyone wants to bring up at this meeting let Shelly know, it's basically a meeting with all the coordinators.
- As of August 28<sup>th</sup> we sent a contract to Hanover and their attorney. The contract was supposed to be back to us by September 21<sup>st</sup> with an answer. We got on response from them all weekend, so our attorney reached out to them and said its done then we have no deal and their attorney said they wanted to re-negotiate an agreement. Their agreement was that Galena Ambulance will respond per call and get paid per call. The deadline was passed and the board took a stand and said no. Right now Chestnut is not covered by an ambulance system. That is our biggest concern at this point because Chestnut draws a lot of tourist and people there. It can't not be covered. This Thursday they are holding a meeting in which the "contract with Galena" will be discussed and there isn't a contract they didn't get back to us within the time frame. We also were not invited to this meeting. We are trying to put a meeting together with the staff of Chestnut to make sure they know we have put an

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effort forward to provide them protection and get their input on it. If we do negotiate a new agreement it will be the exact same agreement as before.

**New Business**

- Elections are here. For president there are no people who have showed interest. For treasurer Colleen was thinking about staying on for a bit longer but has decline for personal reasons. There are 4 for Board Representatives, Lynn Teply, Les Virtue, Micah Ransom, and Sandy Weber. We only need to replace Les Virtue. At this time Ruth opened the floor to any nominations for President. Dave Teply suggested Ruth and Lynn Teply seconded it. A motion was made to appoint Ruth as president. Motion was carried. Ruth opened the floor for nominations for treasurer. Ken Calvert volunteered himself for treasurer. Aishah made a suggestion that Ken Calvert be vice president and Matt Teply be Colleen's assistant until she is finished in January, since Matt has showed interest in treasurer. Then when Colleen is done Matt will take over the role as Treasurer. A final decision was that Ken will be treasurer till January with Matt as his assistant. When Colleen is finished in January Matt will step in as treasurer and Ken will become Vice President. A motion was made by Shelly Finley and seconded by Terry Kieffer. Motion was carried. Les Virtue term is up, which the term is for 2 years. After the voting, Les Virtue won for Board Representative.
- There is new WIFI throughout the building. The WIFI everyone should use is the guest WIFI. There is no password.
- This year for the Christmas gift Shelly was wondering if everyone would like to receive something like a shirt, job shirt, polo, sweatshirt or some type of apparel. Please get back to Shelly on everyone opinion and sizes. This is not a uniform but just a gift so everyone has something that says Galena EMS.
- The new equipment is on the Rigs, so be aware about how to use them and where they are located on each Rig. If there is a call from the park and the on call Rig is not busy, they will call the on call rig to transport that patient.
- There will be no booth in the Country Fair. There will an ambulance on stand-by both days.
- We were investigated by the Illinois Department of Health on a motor vehicle accident that took place. We came out of this situation really well. Everyone on the call did very well and acted professionally. All protocol was followed and we were not in the wrong. The take away from this experience is we can choose whether to by-pass Midwest if you feel necessary. You don't need to call or get permission it is up to your discretion. Great Job to everyone on that call.

**Other**

A motion was made by Dave Teply to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Shelly Finley. Motion was carried.

Submitted respectfully by: Megan Harris