

Arkansas Vally Ambulance District

Board Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2022

(Original meeting was scheduled for July 18, changed to July 25)

Attendees: Nicole Lewis, Tom Kainz, David Craft, David Van Nattan, Lex Wayson, Mark Roland. Andra Dalton absent.

Meeting was called to order at 1806 hours.

Minutes from June were presented. There were no correction, motion to accept by David, seconded by Tom, vote carried 4/0

Financial Report was given by Tom. Some notable expenses were EMT class expense of \$12,553, Radios \$20,007. Our current balance is \$369,569. Our budget items are running some high percentages. Those discussed were Community Outreach at 117%, Dispatch Services at 97%, Ambulance Maintenance at 84%. Motion to accept was made by Dave, seconded by David, vote carried 4/0.

New signature papers for the bank were presented and sign by the Board.

Volunteer appreciation went well. Not all volunteers who signed up showed up, which raised the price per person. All who went had a wonderful time. Next event for volunteers will be in December. Plans for that event are tabled until Sept.

We have been putting out a lot of funds for volunteers with sometimes little response. We are considering other avenues to improve involvement. A gym membership was discussed with options. Perhaps an allowance for a membership based on shift involvement. Or presenting activities that would reimburse volunteers depending on activity involved, shifts signed up for, and receipts. Activities could include things like exercise classes, yoga....etc. payment could look like 80% of cost up to \$xx per month. To qualify 6 shifts would be required monthly, possible better benefits paid with 8 or 10 or 12 shifts. The Board is putting together a list of benefits that a volunteer has available to them. In the near future we will be working on a way for each volunteer to select which benefit would suit them best. It would be a menu to select what they would be interested in, there may also be a selection to just "cash out" at your level of shifts. Our goal is to have this finished and present it at the Christmas gala.

Policy Manuals are complete and ready for distribution.

Billing and Medicare: we are still trying to improve this area.

Expansion: we will be requesting proposals from contractors over the next month. We do have digital copies of the plans available to contractors interested in bidding. Notices will be sent to the Mountain Mail and put on the Blast. Nicole will be contacting CRS about how many bids we need to obtain and how to handle them locally.

Grants: update from Mark. The demo we had our name on has been sold out from under us by Danko Corp. we do have a lead on another ambulance that could be cheaper and available sooner. Mark will be

talking to the rep later this week and will advise Board of the results. If all works we could have a third ambulance in 60 days.

Ops/maintenance: Director reports the mounts are in for the life pacs and will be installed shortly by Jim.

District Manager input: Lex has come up with a new logo for consideration by the Board. We will work on this a little, decide on the colors. It will be posted on our web site shortly (it will be in black and white for now).

Our old web site is being replaced on Wednesday of this week.

Incentives will be made available shortly also.

Meeting adjourned at 1937 hours.

Live long & prosper,
Dave