



*ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY*  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
*ADVISORY BOARD*

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board  
April 28, 2015

Special meeting: Election of Officers

Meeting was called to order at 1905 with past chairperson Dick McDougall in chair. Roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: Don Thompson, Ron Hance, Craig Ballard, Ann Smith, Brenten LaGrow, Carol Muench, Dick McDougall, Phyllis McDougall, Kevin Wells, Julie Sciorra

Members excused: Ken Gardner, Storm Cilley

Members absent: Chris Adams, Dr. Greg Healey, Ron Koster

Resignations: Jeannie McClear, Tom Tomlins, Curtis Newtown, Bill Sova all submitted letters of resignations. Motion to accept all resignations was made by Phyllis McDougall, seconded by Craig Ballard and carried.

Guests: Jim Barr from CPH; John Filangeri - NCEMS PA; Michael LeCuyer – Emergency Services. Catherine Field – SLC Public Health

**Correspondence:** Jim Barr requested he become a member of the SLC EMSAB. Proper paperwork is needed and, once received, will be submitted to the Board of Legislators.

**Office of Emergency Services** – 1. Mike LeCuyer reported things are moving forward with the consultant's recommendation to begin erecting the new towers with 4 to be completed this summer. These locations will be Kimble Hill, White Hill, Ogdensburg and either Hammond or Gouverneur.

2. The county finance committee has approved limited sales of fireworks in St. Lawrence County. Time of sales will be from June 5<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> and December 26 to January 2, 2016. If this local law is approved the county will be available for comment by the public at the county meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**NCEMS Program Agency** – 1. John Filangeri reported there are two departments requesting narcotic training.

2. Currently there are 340 registrations received for this year's Spring Fling Conference.

3. John stated CME registrations can now be done on line by all ALS providers. Just go to the NCEMS-PA website and click on the link to register. Kevin Wells made comment that Dale Parker had post information about training through REMSCO. It was announced there is a Leadership Conference in Watertown.

4. Craig Ballard commented the state has been asking for course description from the Course Sponsor, which is SUNY Canton, and has not been getting it.

**REMSCO/ REMAC** – Ann reported from the minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

1. Colton Rescue is submitting an application to upgrade from EMT-I to AEMT. They need a letter of endorsement from the county. ETT is now out and an alternative airway such as the King LTD is in.
2. Curtis Newtown has resigned from his seat on the REMSCO board. This now leaves an open seat available to be filled. Ann reported that St. Lawrence County is not well represented. A question came up regarding Mark Deavers and his interest on becoming a member of the REMSCO board.
3. Re: BLS Narcan. Lisbon, Star Lake, and Heuvelton have been approved to administer narcan on the BLS level. Ann pointed out the CON price has increased \$500. The cost for full CON is now \$6500. GVRS was approved to change to a different ePCR vender.
4. Mike LeCuyer is getting concerns from the public regarding long delays for EMS response to the scene. He is seeing an increase of “scratch rate reports” or missed calls by some departments.
5. Officers for the REMSCO board are as follows:  
Chairperson – Deb Singleton  
Vice-Chairperson – Ann Smith  
Secretary – Deb Fults  
Treasurer – Dave Allen
6. The contract for the Program Agency expires at the end June. REMSCO sent out a Request for Proposal for the Program Agency and received responses from two agencies, SUNY Canton College and Ft. Drum Health Planning Organization. As a result of a special meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the contract was awarded to Ft. Drum HPO with a site to be determined later.

**Life Net/Air Methods** – No report

**Hospital Reports** –

CHMC – Julie Sciorra reported the hospital continues to meet quarterly with EMS and have seen improvements and getting to know the squads better. She reported the CEO did receive a complementary letter regarding the positive reception at the ER

CPH – Jim Barr reported NYS has designated CPH as a Level 3 Trauma Center but no official letter has yet to be sent to the Program Agency and REMSCO. Letters did go out to St. Lawrence County agencies. Eventually, the hospital will reach out to these agencies to do EMS Education. Hope to have 1 or 2 meetings at SUNY Canton. Jim reported they will be using the 2006 CDC Field Triage criteria but waiting for the state to update them.

**Unfinished Business** – 1. The Nominating Committee gave its report. Craig Ballard reported the following nominations for the offices of the board.

1. Chairperson – Carol Muench
2. Vice-chairperson – Dick McDougal/Wayne Love
3. Secretary – no one entered by the Nominating Committee.

2. Result of elections:

- a. Chairperson – Carol Muench had been entered into nomination.  
Nominations were open to the floor. With no one else entered into nomination, motion was made by Mike LeCuyer, seconded by Ron Hance, to have the nominations be closed and the secretary cast one ballot. Motion was carried.
- b. Vice-Chairperson – Placed into nomination were Dick McDougall and Wayne Love. Nominations were opened to the floor. No additional nominations were made. As a result of a secret ballot, Dick McDougal was elected Vice-Chairperson.
- c. Secretary – Nominations were opened to the floor as none were placed into nomination by the Nominating Committee. Ann Smith stated she would accept the position. Nominations were closed and motion was made by Don Thompson, seconded by Craig Ballard, the nominations be closed and the secretary cast one ballot. Motion carried.

**New Business** – None

The next monthly meeting will be at 7pm at the Office of Emergency Services on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Upon a motion made by Kevin Wells and seconded by Craig Ballard, meeting was adjourned at 2037 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Thompson  
Secretary