

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2024 Board of Directors Meeting
June 20, 2024

2024 Board of Directors:

President Fiona Witkowski (FW)	Present	Director Robert Franz (RF)	Present
Vice President Seth Fischer (SF)	Present	Director Eric Kramer (EK)	Present
Secretary Brian Canty (BC)	Present	Director Lehti Laas (LL)	Present
Treasurer James Mallilo (JM)	Present	Director Betty Wood (BW)	Present
Chief William Connolly (WC)	Present		

Guests: Noah Ramos, Captain Matthew Philip, Third Deputy John Stevens, Roger Winter, Mary Winter, Lead Medic Michael Moccaldi (7:09)

Meeting called to order at: 19:02 hours

For disposition of new members see the Secretary's Report.

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Robert Franz to approve the minutes of Oct 12, 2023.

..... **MOTION APPROVED** (FW,JM,WC,RF,LL,EK)
..... No Vote – BC, SF, BW

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on May 23rd, 2024.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Proposals-

Members' Fishing Trip
Assistant Medical Director - Dr. Devin Howell
Reinvestment of HCFAS funds
Revise the Mission Statement for the Ready Room Plaque
Install additional security cameras
NY Yankees First Responder Appreciation 2024
HCFAS Picnic 2024 Date/Venue
HCFAS Picnic 2024 - Food and Refreshments
Ice Cream truck for the picnic
Dessert truck for the picnic

Members' Fishing Trip

Motion by Eric Kramer and seconded by Secretary Brian Canty to provide a half-day fishing trip on James Joseph's fishing boat leaving Halesite on June 15th from 7am to 11am. Each member or guest will provide checks for \$50 (62+); \$55 (adult); \$35 (child 12 and under). Members who attend will have their checks returned; guests and children will not be reimbursed. Cost not to exceed \$1800.00. Sailors will bring their own food and drink and tips for the crew.
This event will be coordinated by Israel Cortes. All checks should be deposited into the driver training mailbox.

HCFAS Funds

EMAIL VOTE **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY June 1, 2024**

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Assistant Medical Director - Dr. Devin Howell.

Motion by President Fiona Witkowski and seconded by Chief William Connolly to approve Dr. Devin Howell D.O. as Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc. Assistant Medical Director as of July 17, 2023.

No FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

This motion is being voted on in arrears as a motion was not presented to the board at the time Dr Howell was engaged as Assistant Medical Director.

Reinvestment of HCFAS funds

Motion by President Fiona Witkowski and seconded by Eric Kramer to reinvest cash funds in the HCFAS investment account in US treasury bills at prevailing market rate with a maturity date of three months. This investment is made on the advice of our Investment Committee Chairperson, Fernando Rivadeneira.

No FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Revise the Mission Statement for the Ready Room Plaque

Motion by Betty Wood and seconded by Chief William Connolly to use the revised language for the Mission Statement plaque to be mounted in the ready room.

No FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Install additional security cameras

Motion by Treasurer Jim Mallilo and seconded by Secretary Brian Canty to purchase and install weight (8) additional cameras for increased security and clarity. VSS to provide all equipment and install such equipment as per estimate #1720 dated 05/30/2024 at a cost not to exceed \$6300.00.

HCAD FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Purchase Replacement laptop computer

Motion by Vice President Seth Fischer and seconded by Secretary Brian Canty to replace the HCFAS work laptops for Directors office at a cost not to exceed \$1200.00. Old laptop to be raffled at the next GMM.

HCAD FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

NY Yankees First Responder Appreciation 2024

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to purchase 25 Tickets with a maximum of 50 tickets for members to attend NY Yankees First Responder

Appreciation Week Game, Sunday September 15, 2024 vs Boston Red Sox at a group purchase promotional cost of \$100.00 per seat for Section 210 Seats or equal value for members and guest(s), or Post members and guest(s) wishing to attend this game.

NO transportation to and from Yankee Stadium will be provided or reimbursed. Non-member guests attending with the member/Post member must pay \$100.00 for their ticket. A check payable to HCFAS for each non-member must be received prior to the purchase of tickets for the member group. Member/Post member and non-member tickets will be purchased at the same time to ensure that the group sits together. In addition, each Squad member signing up for the trip must give the event coordinator Brian Canty a \$100.00 check covering their cost and a separate check for guest(s).

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Post Members signing up for the trip must give their checks to Sue Otto for \$100.00 covering their cost and a separate check for \$100 for each guest(s). In order to secure our seats, all checks must be received by July 14, 2024. Squad members/Post Members that attend will receive their check back. Members and Post members signing up and not attending will have their checks deposited.

HCFAS FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

HCFAS Picnic 2024 Date/Venue

Motion by Eric Kramer and seconded by Chief William Connolly to enter into a contract with the Driftwood Day Camp for the purpose of the HCFAS picnic. Huntington Community First Aid Squad (HCFAS) will rent the facilities of Driftwood Day Camp (DDC) on August 3, 2024. HCFAS will arrive at 11:30 am and leave at about 3:00 pm and DDC will run all activities and events of the picnic. The use of the swimming pool is included. A lifeguard will be present. Driftwood Day Camp will provide a total of 10 lifeguards/specialists. All services are outlined in the agreement dated 05/23/2024, Sean Rosen, Director. HCFAS will provide a certificate of insurance naming Driftwood Day Camp as an additionally insured entity. To indicate acceptance of the contract a fee of \$5,000.00 will be paid to DDC. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 is due upon signing. The balance of payment is due on the day of the event.

HCFAS FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

HCFAS Picnic 2024 - Food and Refreshments

Motion by Eric Kramer and seconded by Robert Franz to accept the recommendation of Special Events Committee Chairperson Brian Canty and to accept the menu and the bid of Fireside Caterers of Huntington to cater the Annual Picnic on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at a cost of \$49.67 per adult (age 12 & up) and \$25.00 per child (age 5 to 12) inclusive of gratuity and labor. The agreement will require the vendor to provide certificates of liability insurance with Huntington Community First Aid Squad as additional insured, and for the Day Camp if required by Driftwood, and a certificate proving worker's compensation coverage. The Squad's standard cancellation clause will also be part of the agreement.

HCFAS fundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ice Cream truck for the picnic

Motion by Eric Kramer and seconded by Vice President Seth Fischer to engage a Mister Softee truck for \$900.00 to dispense ice cream for about 1 hour or however long it takes to serve 150 people.

HCFAS FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Dessert truck for the picnic

Motion by Eric Kramer and seconded by Treasurer James Mallilo to engage a First Concessions Dessert truck for \$1,600.00 to dispense Zeppole, Fried Oreos and Funnel Cake for about 1 hour or however long it takes to serve 150 people.

HCFAS FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Celebration of Life Ferd Neumann

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty seconded by Treasurer James Mallilo to expend the sum not to exceed \$800 for refreshments and incidentals for the Celebration of Life for Ferd Neumann #369 to be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024.

HCFAS FundsMOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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Motion by Vice President Seth Fischer second by Secretary Brian Canty to enter into executive session at 19:25 with Lead Medic Michael Moccaldi

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Lead Medic Michael Moccaldi left Executive Session at 20:11

Out of Executive Session at 20:59

Motion to pass SOP change 08-2024

Motion by Vice-President Seth Fischer and seconded by Treasurer James Mallilo to approve SOP change 08-2024.

Proposed SOP Change 08-2024

Discussion proceeded. The following Motion was made

Motion by Vice-President Seth Fischer and seconded by Eric Kramer to table SOP change 08-2024.

..... **MOTION APPROVED** (SF,JM,WC,LL,RF,EK)

..... NO – (BC, BW)

Treasurer's Report – James Mallilo

Motion made by James Mallilo and seconded by Brian Canty to accept the Treasurer's report as follows:

May 14, 2024 to June 11, 2024:

HCAD CDJ - 57 checks and 5 Direct Debits Totaling \$150,676.14

HCFAS CDJ - 3 checks no Direct Debits Totaling \$ 301.00

Project Account CDJ no activity

Transfers:

From M&T to TOH \$158,881.76 on 6/12/2024

From TOH to HCAD - \$156,617.50 on 5/22/2024

Financial Statements for the Month of May have been posted in the Binder in the treasurer's office.

..... **MOTION APPROVED** (FW,SF,BC,JM,WC,LL,RF,BW)

..... Abstention – EK

Chief Report – William Connolly

Equipment & Vehicles –

16: In quarters. OOS Oil Leak,

17: In quarters.

18: In quarters

19: In quarters.

20: In quarters.

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21: In quarters.
80: In quarters
81: In quarters.
82: In quarters.
88: In quarters
89: In quarters

All ambulances and fly cars are being audited by operations for BLS and ALS meds and materials.

A question was asked regarding the CO² monitors that we acquired from the grant money and when the training was going to take place. President Witkowski stated that she will contact David Kaufman regarding this.

Paramedic Program

Equipment: I would like to get Michele Franco and Noah Romas squad cell phones for recruitment. With new OSHA regulations, we may have to purchase additional training equipment.

Standby: Multiple FD, parades, and standbys up coming

Director Laas asked the Chief about the survey that came out of Eric Kramer's Committee.

Secretary's Report - Brian Canty

New members

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Chief William Connolly to accept Jose Vasquez as new probationary member #1736, Shift: Sunday 2300 (Dispatch train: Sunday 1900) in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Chief William Connolly to accept EMT Andrew Noueihed as a student probationary member #1737. Shift: Friday 1100 hours plus a secondary shift to be approved by the Operational Officers in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws. The two shifts per week will be done during the school summer break and during other school breaks and it is further understood that they will remain on extended probation while attending college and will be eligible to be off probation after four months from their final educational leave of absence end date. He also must pass dispatch training within one month after his final educational leave of absence end date.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Chief William Connolly to accept Post 215 Member, EMT Kaelin McCaffrey as new probationary member #1738. Shift: Saturday 1900 in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Status Change: Karen Martin #1118 –Active Operational to Administrative, effective 07/01/2024.

2/3 Vote Required **MOTION APPROVED** (FW,SF,BC,WC,LL,EK,BW)
..... NO – (RF,JM)

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Roger Winter to grant the following Status Change: Nicole Kilada #1650 – Active Operational to Resigned effective 06/02/2024.

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Status Change Ferd Neumann #369 – Life to Deceased 05/17/2024

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Leaves of Absences:

Leave of Absence						
Member #	Last Name	First Name	Day & Shift	LOA Start	LOA End	Type of LOA
1507	Abraham	Josh	Thursday 2300	4/20/2024	7/20/2024	OLOA
1463	Como	Michael	Saturday 1500	6/1/2024	9/1/2024	EXTMLOA
1438	Crespo	Suzette	Monday 1900	6/17/2024	9/17/2024	MLOA
1719	Denker	Christina	Friday 0700	06/18/2024	9/18/2024	EMMLOA
1390	Kaufman	David	Thursday 1900	4/11/2024	7/11/2024	EXTOLOA
1175	Saget	Bedel	Company 8	7/1/2024	8/31/2024	OLOA
962	Sisinni	Mary	Saturday 1500	4/27/2024	7/27/2024	EXTMLOA

..... **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Leave of Absence:

1521	Cortes	Roxanne	Saturday 0700	6/6/2024	9/6/2024	MLOA
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..... **YES** (WC,LL)

..... **NO** (FW,SF,BC,JM,RF,EK,BW)

..... **MOTION DENIED**

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Leave of Absence:

1730	Zaidel	Jacob	Tuesday 2300	6/11/2023	8/7/2024	ELOA
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..... **MOTION APPROVED** (FW,SF,BC,WC,LL,EK,BW)

..... **NO** (JM,RF)

Return to Duty						
Member #	Last Name	First Name	Day & Shift	LOA End	Type	RTD Date
1708	Alnwick	Daniel	Thursday 1100	5/22/2024	ELOA	6/6/2024
767	Burns	Eileen	Sunday 0700	7/17/2024	MLOA	5/15/2024
1651	Kelly	Bronwyn	Thursday 1100	5/23/2023	ELOA	5/30/2024
1604	McCormack	Casey	Thursday 2300	5/10/2024	ELOA	5/9/2024
485	Winter	Mary	Admin	7/18/2024	MLOA	5/21/2024
1602	Zeth	Steven	Tuesday 0700	6/1/2024	MLOA	6/6/2024

Director Bob Franz Report

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LOSAP – 2023 - The TOH independent CPA firm are in the process of performing their audit on the 2023 point list. Supporting documentation is being compiled for various selected members for the audit. The audit will probably be conducted at the Squad at the end of July.

Insurance: An ambulance had to brake abruptly after being cut off while transporting a patient to Plainview. A member on the bench seat in the rear of the ambulance attending to the patient was thrown against the wall at the end of seat and sustained severe bruising of her face and other parts of the body. A physician has evaluated the member and as of now, this will not be reported to our VAW carrier NYSIF.

Legislation

Thank you to everyone who answered the NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA) email request to write letters or correspond via the EMS Leadership Legislative Website to various NYS legislators in support of the legislative package of bills titled "Rescue EMS". Since these bills were not included in the approved 2024/2025 state budget, they required letters of support from the EMS community.

Ahead of EMS Week (May 19-25), a coalition of state Legislators joined New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. (NYSVARA), and United New York Ambulance Network (UNYAN) to advocate for the passage of "Rescue EMS" aimed at supporting emergency medical services (EMS) throughout the state. The NYSVARA legislation committee had worked very hard and tirelessly to move these bills out of committee to the floor of the Assembly and Senate for a vote before the NYS Legislature adjourned on June 7th for the year.

Bill S8486 / A9102 passed the Senate and Assembly. The bill authorizes Medicaid reimbursement to EMS agencies for providing Treatment in Place (TIP) to a patient at the point of response; as well as Transportation to an Alternate Provider (TAP) other than a hospital. Currently agencies are not paid and must absorb the cost.

Two other bills passed the Senate and Assembly: 1- S6226 / A5789 - Allows prehospital blood transfusion in ground ambulances; 2- S2862 / A2121 -Authorizes municipalities to offer a real property tax exemption to certain volunteers who live in such municipality but who serve in a neighboring municipality.

All three of the above bills will go to the Governor for Signature in the coming months.

Two other bills passed the Senate but were held in committee in the Assembly – 1-S7286 / A7524 – Increases the volunteer ambulance workers personal income tax credit from \$200 to \$800; 2-S4020 / A3392 - Recognizes EMS as an essential service, initiate reforms to SEMSCO and allow special taxing districts to be created for EMS.

For a more complete description of NYS EMS related bills, please read the NYSVARA June 12, 2024 email titled "NYS Legislature Passes Three EMS Bills at End of Legislative Session".

S5000/ A4077A which would amend the GML to remove EMS from the limit on real property tax levies by local government is not included in the NYSVARA email. The bill is in the Senate Local Government Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

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Note: All bills not passed by the Senate and Assembly in the 2024 legislative session will have to be reintroduced in the 2025 legislative session in January.

NEMSIS 3.5 - Effective July 1 (agencies are responsible for implementation not their ePCR vendor).

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156 Comment Deadline extended to 7/22/24 – There are sections that relate to EMS and all agencies are encouraged to read the document and submit your comments by the deadline date.

HCFAS 2024 Scholarship: Notification was made in the Pulse and application is posted on the bulletin board. To date two applications were received.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 15th
The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association (NYSVARA) scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org and must be completed and received by August 15, 2024 (applications postmarked later than the deadline August 15, 2024 will not be considered). This scholarship is open to NYSVARA squad members and their youth squad members. Each year the NYSVARA provides up to three \$500 scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the Association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or an adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university.

Medical Director – Work in process for the requested information by Operations regarding duties, responsibilities etc.

VFIS Risk Control – Work in process for action plan by Operations regarding recommendations: a) Implementation of ongoing driver training, class and practical and securing of EMS portable equipment in the rear of the ambulance (EMS bag should not be untethered on the stretcher or bench).

NYS EMS Memorial Dedication

Dedication will be at the Empire State Plaza in Albany on Thursday September 19, 2024 at 11am. This was originally scheduled for May and attendance was approved by the Board of Directors.

Vital Signs 2024

In Rochester, NY October 17-20, 2024. For more info see: www.vitalsignsconference.com

SEMSCO / REMSCO 2023 State EMS Awards Program – Thank you to the members who sent in nominations for a fellow member. Winners will be announced at the July 9th Suffolk REMSCO meeting.

NYSVARA District 7 and SCACA meetings: Ex-Chief Andrea Golinsky and I attended these meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday.

SEMSCO / SEMAC Meetings May 7-8, 2024

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Please see NYSVARA's "The Blanket – Special Edition" Unofficial Meeting Notes emailed to all NYSVARA members on June 2, 2024.

Old Business:

New Business:

Email Voting – Would only be used for time sensitive items. These motions must be ratified at the new Board of Director Meeting. If someone objects, the motion stops and must be discussed at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

Future Board Meetings

PO James Garside informed the President that SCPD removed all his ALS equipment in his vehicle.

Motion by Betty Wood and seconded by President Fiona Witkowski to adjourn the meeting at 21:40 hours.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Canty
Secretary

Draft sent to Board members: July 12, 2024

Amended and approved: July 18, 2024

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY