



Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2023

Attending (12): Dale Rowley, Casey Stevens, Chelsea Robbins, Emily Kaster, Deb Hamlin, Olga Hussey, Maury Prentiss, Andrew Sankey, Bill Guindon, Scott Carpenter, Jesse LeGross, Brit Rothrock.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President, Emily Kaster, at 1400 hrs. Quorum established with all 4 ExComm members.

Minutes: No meeting minutes from October meeting to approve.

Treasurer Report: Total funds available: \$6,158.32 (checking: \$25.72, savings: \$6112.60). \$40 to be deposited. Expenditures: \$494.00 for ME Prepares conference event, \$35.98 to vendor for website fees.

- Forms of payment currently accepted: check, cash, money order. No ability to take cards or online payments.
- Casey Stevens shared that Zeffy could be an option for online payments.

Member's Comments:

- Andrew Sankey: Congratulations and appreciation of Emily for stepping up. Acknowledged the importance of MALEM being a strong organization to assist Local Ems, work towards collective success at the grass roots level. Expressed appreciation of leadership and participation.
- Bill Guindon: Congratulations to Emily on presidency. Offered to help in any way.
- Scott Carpenter: Lives in Maine and works in New Hampshire. Looking to tie together facilities, hospitals, governments, etc. all over the region for efficiency and capacity building. Mentioned IAEM Mental Health Caucus and the opportunity for MALEM to tackle similar efforts.
- Maury Prentiss: Congratulations to newly elected board members.

Elections: Board comprised of newly elected board members Emily Kaster (President), Dale Rowley (Vice President), and Chelsea Robbins (Secretary), and Olga Hussey (Treasurer). MMA has been notified of board updates.

Old Business:

- MALEM Scholarship: 3 scholarships awarded in 2021. Hopes to continue the program in 2023 after reviewing finances.

- Radio Rodeo: Piscataquis County volunteered to host. The event consists of all entities with command/comms vehicles or portable radio towers get together to learn more about capabilities. Considering July-August for the event with a BBQ lunch.
- Municipal Insurance Reduction: MMA provides law enforcement, city, and county managers with insurance reductions for training and certification. Looking to do the same for emergency management. Potential for community-level certification similar to EMAP.

New Business:

- ExComm focused on organizing administrative elements before beginning new business.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th at 1400 hrs. All future meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday at 2pm.

Adjournment: 1432 hrs

Submitted by: Chelsea Robbins

Date: 1/27/23