

Plainsboro Rescue Squad

September Monthly Meeting (Hybrid)

September 17th, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by Vice President Arun Bantval. Roll Call followed. 22 members present, 11 eligible to vote. Quorum met.

MOTION: To approve the August 2020 monthly minutes. Motion made by Brian Gould, seconded by Krishna Jagannathan.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Guest Report – Neil Lewis

- Regular township meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4th Wednesday is virtual.
- As a note, masks are required in all township parks and preserve.
- Recreation department operating mostly virtually at this time.
- Most of regular meetings for committees have been cancelled into September.
- Planning board has meeting on September 21st to go over final revision for Princeton nurseries (300 acres).
- The audit for 2019 looked good, no criticisms. Result of good record keeping for budgeting and management.

Police Report – Dan Reichard

- Thank you to those who attended the September 11th memorial at the township complex this year.
- There are 4 new hires in the PD, please welcome them onboard.
- Some blue light permits are getting kicked back, please reach out to Ankit if you applied for one and haven't heard back.
- For those getting fingerprinted, please call the main PD non-emergency number prior to arriving.

New Members:

- *New Adult Members:*
 - Akiva Finkelstein
- *New Cadet Members:*
 - Manusree More
 - Manya Reddy
 - Sia Garg
 - Marisa Arevalo
 - Ruchita Jegan
 - Anoushka Paul

Motion Made by Brian Gould for all 7 applicants, seconded by Jegan Gokulchandran.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED. Welcome new members!

President's Report – Jack Bouchakjian

- No report.

VP Fundraising – Arun Bantval

- Fundraising trickling down at this point, was active but has slowed since beginning of pandemic.
- Not able to do summer mailer this year, will complete by November. The goal will be to send 3 weeks prior to Christmas.
- Windrows Demo will take place on 10/17. This year the event will take place outside.
- Will be sending thank you letters to all who have donated to the squad this year, not just ones who have donated over a certain amount.
- Special thanks to Sridevi and Harshit for getting matching contributions.

VP Membership – Brian Gould

- We have accepted 6 new cadets into membership. This completely fills the cadet organization for the remainder of the year.
 - Welcome to Manusree, Manya, Ruchita, Anoushka, Marisa, Sia as new cadets.
- We have accepted one new adult into membership. Welcome Akiva!
- We have one other prospective member doing crew nights. We have no feedback yet.
- On Saturday at 6:30pm we will be interviewing 3 adult members.
- Brian hosted first aid and CPR for 8 prospective members. It looks like I will be hosting another training session within a few weeks due to the influx of new prospective members.
- There is a new 2020 version of the onboarding packet. The main changes involve descriptions of shifts and the process of onboarding. There is no need to replace the packet for those who already have them.
- Dimitry will be moving to PA and will leave the squad at the end of the month.
- Harshit has requested a leave of absence starting at the end of this month. As such, he resigns as Asst. Chief, trustee, and LOSAP officer. Under new business we need to elect a new Asst. Chief and Trustee. A new LOSAP officer will be appointed by the President.

Treasurer's Report – Jegan Gokulchandran

- See attached report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Lucy Zhu

- No report.

Recording Secretary's Report – Emily Wolf

- No report.

Cadet Report:

- Cadets have sent out the apparel interest form, ideas for design are still being considered. Apparel to be offered to all membership.

Trustee's Report:

- Executive board has agreed to move forward with new energy plan to convert lighting to LED, 1 year warranty. The new plan should pay for itself in approximately 7 months time.
- Carpet throughout squad building needs to be replaced, also considering plans for replacing roof.

Chief's Report – submitted by Ankit Parikh

- **Promotions** -- Congratulations to Jegan Gokulchandran on finally attaining the EMT1 status. Hopefully we have a few more we can promote to that status by the end of the year. Congrats to Ashley, Mitali, and Wardah on becoming certified EMTs.
- **Protocols** -- Nothing has changed in terms of protocols. Everyone will need to get a flu shot this season. If you have already obtained one or are planning to, please let me know. I want to stagger them so in the event that people have side effects from the flu shots and feel ill, they can be taken off the schedule temporarily. If everyone gets their flu shots at the same time and feels ill at the same time, we would have to shut down the Squad. We have to try and prevent that. This is a new thing for this year because flu-like symptoms could also be COVID-like symptoms so it would be best if you quarantined even though it's likely just side effects of the flu shot.
- **Rig Checks (New Jumpkits)** -- Please make sure your crews are doing proper rig checks. I've heard a lot of complaints recently regarding things not being restocked after calls. Just like writing a chart is part of your after-call duties, so is restocking the stuff that you used. Be courteous of that.
- **Equipment/Supplies** -- Please continue to tell Don and me if there are supplies missing. How we got down to 0 nasal cannulas, I have no idea but as we find stuff missing or decreasing in numbers, it's imperative that Don and I know so we can order it. Lead times are still increased so we are not getting things as fast as we used to. Continue to tell me if PPE and/or decontamination supplies are missing so I can replenish them. I've routinely come to the Squad and seen that trucks have no wipes or there are no more N95s on the table. Please inform me that stuff is missing or there's only a few left. And just as a reminder, N95s are reused 5 times before discarding unless it's a COVID related call. All cadets and trainees shouldn't be going on COVID related calls so they should not be discarding their N95 masks after every call. I don't understand how we are going through so many N95s. If it keeps continuing, we'll have to ration them out and I don't really want to do that. I know you guys are better than that.
- **Events** -- Thank you for those who came to the 9/11 Memorial event. It was well attended by us, PD, FD, Township officials, and the general public.
- **Memoriam of Understanding** -- Krishna is working with Wayne to get this process moving along.

Dinner Committee Report – Emily Wolf

- Date set for January 30th, 2021. Considering pushing to mid-year due to COVID.

LOSAP Committee Report – Harshit Dhawan

- Report to come in Oct 2020.

Grant Committee Report -- No report.

Technology Officer Report – No report.

Medical Supplies Report —No report.

General Supplies Report —No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Election needed to fill Assistant Chief position vacated by Harshit. Don Vadakan only nomination on the table. Don accepts nomination.
 - Motion made by Brian for Don as Assistant Chief, seconded by Krishna. MOTION PASSES. Congrats Don!
- Election needed to fill Trustee position vacated by Harshit. Karin Stewart only nomination on the table. Karin accepts nomination.
 - Motion made by Brian for Karin as Trustee, seconded by Krishna. MOTION PASSES. Congrats Karin!

A motion to adjourn meeting made by Krishna Jagannathan, seconded by Karin Stewart.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14PM.