

**2023 First There First Care Gathering of Eagles
Committee Meeting
April 12, 2023**

ATTENDEES: Meeting started at 9:00 a.m.

Randi Alfonzo, Bruce Caruso, James Cecil, Johana Cinque, Vince Cinque, Karen Dominguez, Todd Draizin, Jessica Fischer, Joel Gordon, Jaime Greene, Kelly Keys, Tammy Nugent, Cliff Ricketts, Rachele Solomon, Rodney Turpel, Marc Vermont, Alison Zerbe

PHONE: Steven Carter, Jorge Gonzalez, Marc Hubschman, Lori Justynski, Jeff Levy, Colleen McMahon, Jeff McMahon, Dan Moran, Wayland Morrison, Paul Pepe, Candace Pineda

Committee Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2023 E-Board

MOTION to Approve the Minutes

Motion made by Chief Vermont

Seconded by Chief Cinque

MOTION passed unanimously

- Chair Report – Chief Draizin
 - FCABC/Eagles MOU – 2023 Agreement signed. Dr. Pepe signed for Eagles.
 - Spoke with Chief Mackey, Seminole Tribe, and he will do the Welcome Speech.

- Vice Chair Report – Chief Caruso
 - ALS Shirts – Approved the design. *Meeting with ArtWorks coming week to get quote.*
 - Increase in long-sleeve shirts; cut back on short sleeve
 - Chief Cinque following up on polo shirts.
 - Commemorative pins delayed, but no deposit paid. They are waiting on proof. Have some extra pins from last year.

- Awards Report – Chief Turpel
 - EMS Awards Program
 - EMS Subcommittee is voting on awards April 13.
 - Alison Zerbe responsible for Private Provider Award.
 - Kelly Keys responsible for Nursing Award.
 - All awards need to be given to Chief Turpel by April 20.
 - The process for voting is in the manual.
 - Kelly Keys states the Nursing Awards go to the Coalition for final decision. Award needs to be standardized.
 - Rachele Solomon, James Cecil, and Alison Zerbe will vote on Private Provider Award.
 - Committee suggested to create a criteria for a Civilian Recognition Award for next year. But this year it's a special recognition.

MOTION to approve the Civilian Recognition Award

Motion made by Chief Draizin

Seconded by Rodney Turpel
MOTION passes unanimously

- Voted on Ralph Marrinson Award with the nominations of Father Ronald Perkins and Thomas Joseph DiBernardo.

MOTION to have two Ralph Marrinson Award Recipients

Motion made by Chief Caruso

Seconded by Chief Turpel

3 nays

MOTION passes

MOTION to give all five nominees the Donald DiPetrillo Paramedic Lifetime Achievement Award.

Motion made by Jaime Greene

Seconded by Chief Gordon

8 yays

5 nays

MOTION passes

- Registration Report – Chief Levy
 - Registration Update – as of this morning First There First Care 550 registrants and 306 pending registrants. Eagles Creek 27 registrants, 6 Eagle Creek fellow registrants. Four honor guard competition teams registered. Five nursing competition teams. Nine ALS competition teams registered.
 - They don't offer fire chiefs attendance except to be there for Opening Ceremonies and Vendor show.

MOTION to allow one-time only Quad County EMS Chiefs to attend Gathering of Eagles on Thursday for observation only and no additional cost to the committee (no CEUs, etc.)

Motion made by Lieutenant Cinque

Seconded by Jaime Greene

1 nay

MOTION passes

- Finance/Budget Report – Chief Cinque
 - They went past last year's exhibitors revenue
 - Lacking on sponsorship revenue pending closing deals.
 - Unsold speaker's ready room, networking lounge, recess academy, fifth Eagles Creek, and Title Eagle speaker
 - A lot of money coming in but a lot of expenses
 - *Chief Turpel will let Chief Cinque if he has money from the awards.*

- Speaker's – Chief Carter
 - Speaker's spreadsheet needed with anticipated expenses from both speakers and nurses: hotel nights, honorariums, travel expenses, or hidden speaker costs. *Chief Carter will get speaker's information to Chief Cinque.*
- ALS Competition – Chief Roche
 - He needs to give Chief Cinque what's needed for expenses.
 - The ALS committee is managing the food for ALS competition.
- Portfolios – Chief Cinque
 - Looking for smaller portfolios and will be about \$2.00 cheaper than full size. Doesn't have total but in \$7.50 range.
- Honor Guard – Chief Roche for Jackie Sandoval
 - Honor Guard can use local people to save money. *Jackie will know by Friday.*
 - They have four competing teams.
 - If they don't have five teams they may cancel.
 - Suggested to open it up to all honor guard teams not just fire fighters.
 - *Next week will meet to go over scenarios.*
 - *Need to know the expenses to cover by the end of the week.*
 - *They will submit the award template to Chief Cinque.*
- Resuscitation Academy – Chief Moran
 - *No sponsor yet but working on Stryker.*
 - Two small grants that cover a lot of expenses.
 - They wouldn't be able to cover lunches for attendees.
 - North Lauderdale will offer three manikins
 - Coral Springs will provide one manikin
- 26th Anniversary EMS Gala – James Cecil
 - HCA will provide all decoration – *follow up with them on Friday.*
 - Theme: Denim & Diamonds
 - Entertainment: Signed contract with *Howl To Go* dueling pianos
 - Moved awards outside the Gala.
 - HCA sponsor.
 - Johana encouraged all committee members to stay the entire Gala.
- Event Coordinator – Lieutenant Cinque
 - Room block – Hard Rock didn't add Friday night for Eagles' attendees and Johana is working to get them reservations.
 - *Will talk with Hard Rock this afternoon to straight out the room blocks.*
 - Committee members can reserve rooms, especially, Wednesday night with 47 rooms available. They can get room code from Johana.
 - 1,700 room were guaranteed for conference.
 - Socio the app company handles the registration. Ngoc will handle the setup.
 - Johana doesn't have a report from Le Meridien, but they put in writing the attrition

- would not be influx.
 - Chief Caruso said maybe they could push to the vendors and sponsors that they have rooms available.
- PIO Report – Chief Gordon/Chief Ricketts
 - Chiefs Gordon and Ricketts have been meeting for the Opening Ceremony. Chief Ricketts will open and Chief Gordon will close.
 - Chief Gordon announced this is his last conference. Will hand off to Chief Ricketts.
 - Recommending some changes in the timeframes. Their recommendations are:
 - 9:15 a.m. hard stop of programs and usher everyone into Grand Ballroom to be ready by 9:30 a.m. Start with a two minute video.
 - Chiefs Gordon and Ricketts will do the Welcome.
 - Bring in the Honor Guards and pipers.
 - Pledge/Invocation.
 - Welcome dignitaries (anticipated four Welcomes). Someone from the Tribe, Chief Mackey, Dr. Keroff, and Chief Brocato.
 - Chiefs Gordon and Ricketts will do a brief overview of the week.
 - Emerald Sponsor presentation.
 - Introduce Keynote speaker. (Anticipate 45 minutes).
 - 11:00 a.m. go to the Award (everyone will be in position and have a brief award with their name, award, and photo). Chair does the Marrinson and Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Chief Brocato does the rest of the awards. Keep to about 30 minutes. Contracted photographer will take photos on stage, while others will take photos following.
 - They will use the format that was at EMS World.
 - Photography contract approved.
 - SEPI putting posting on a weekly basis. Getting good responses.
 - Weekly blog. They are posted on the website.
 - When they get speakers, etc., they will advertise them and put them on the blog.
- Logistics Update – Chief Hubschman
 - Pick up uniforms.
- Eagles Update – Dr. Pepe
 - Has secured eight CMEs per day for the four days for Eagles Creek/Main Eagles.
- Nursing Competition – Kelly Keys
 - Nursing Competition – *will speak with Johana.*
 - Total expenses are \$8,326. Leave a balance of \$6,674.
 - Giving to FCABC – Nursing Symposium \$24,530 and Nursing Competition \$15,000.
 - She is asking for Nursing Challenge Coins. The budgeted is \$3,500 (invoice \$2,700 for 300 Challenge Coins).

MOTION to purchase 300 Challenge Coins @ \$10.00 each.

Motion made by Chief Turpel

Seconded by Jaime Greene

MOTION passed unanimously

- Two speakers have submitted their executed contracts. *Waiting on two speakers.*
- *Will give the agenda by the end of the week.*
- *Getting with Vanessa on the CMEs.*
- Have several volunteers.

(Three Meetings Left):

Next E-Board Meeting – May 10 @ 10:00 a.m. ME Office

E-Board Meeting May 24 @ 10:00 a.m. ME Office

Next Committee Meeting – June 7@ 9:00 a.m. at Hard Rock

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

MOTION by

Seconded by