Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

November 1, 2021

October remained a relatively quiet month for runs. We had 3 runs. Two of the runs were transports.

We had our first budget meeting with the town board and began the discussion of how to compensate EMTs to encourage them to stay with the service and take more shifts for the difficult ones like Holidays and weekends. We are going to have a continuing discussion to make this equitable for both the town and our service.

I am still working on the plan for the EKG and seeing what options we might have to add this protocol to our service. I am hoping to be able to spread the financing for this equipment over the next few years instead of all of the funds needed in one budget year. We are also looking to have training on the new IGEL airway device approved by our medical director. This protocol does not require any new expensive equipment. It will replace an airway device that we use now with an updated one.

The sale for the old ambulance has gone through. Kevin will send us the check when he receives the title. We do need to take the Mercedes Sprinter to a dealer for some recall work and general maintenance. We did have our two-year in-house inspection by our state inspector, Paul Schilling. We passed with both rigs. They do need to have a DOT inspection now that is a new requirement by the state. I will contact Steve Adamski who is certified to do this inspection.

I have begun the process of collecting information on new billing companies. Barb and I both feel that there should be other better options than our current company.

I would like to thank Barb Nelson for sending the ESB a welcome box of goodies to share with all of the departments. Snacks are always appreciated especially after a late night run.

We will start to hold training meetings in addition to our regular monthly meeting starting this month. There is always lots to review and refresh on.

In addition to our meetings, we have gone back to having department head meetings and, also a meeting with Michael Kuchta with the ESB department heads.

Respectfully Submitted,

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