

## Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

January 31st, 2022

In January, we had one run, and it was a transport. It was a wind sled transport and we used Bayfield Ambulance for Mutual Aid. The run did bring up some issues and I believe it is time to write up some guideline and policies to make it a better process for patient care. Bayfield Ambulance has been thanked and we discussed the hand off and they said it went just fine.

Since there has been a lot of reported illness on the island, we decided to do our last training meeting on an individual basis. Sarah designed a Treasure Hunt for all members to come into the ESB on their own and document finding and explaining various pieces of equipment and their uses. If reports are still full of more and more positive cases of COVID and other illnesses, I think we may do our next monthly meeting on Zoom as well.

Thom Rossberger has agreed to help me go through all of the donated radios and equipment to see if we can find a few good back-up units. We are also working together on a cascade oxygen system. This will allow us to fill small oxygen bottles at the ESB and not go all the way to Ashland to do so. The large medical oxygen bottles can be rented or purchased from Chicago Iron where we get all of our medical oxygen. Then there is a regulator system that will have to be purchased. We received a donation from a community member, and I would like to have our crew vote on having that donation used for these purchases.

I did order one new radio for Gloria Fennel. Hers did fail and she needs one. It is on back order, and I hope we get it soon. There are two in the budget for this year. Michael Kuchta did work on a grant to purchase more radios, but I think I may need to order one more as a back up if we do not hear about the results of the grant soon. I have also tried to order the new laptops that were approved in the budget for ambulance run reporting. I just discovered that Will has two email addresses and he doesn't check the one I was using so we have cleared that up and he is getting updated pricing and availability.

Michael, Barb and I are going to meet on Friday to begin the process of finding a new billing company. I have one good prospect. I have been asking our current company many questions but am not receiving many answers. I do not see the ambulance service as a revenue producing entity of the town, but it would be nice to have more of our bills paid by our patients. We will also be having our first meeting with Ashland County about the replacement of our current fire number system. This has been discussed for a long time and I think we are finally going in the right direction.

Respectfully Submitted,

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