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Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

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We had one run that was a transport in March. It was a wind sled transport. We did mutual aid with Bayfield Ambulance, and it went very smoothly with the wind sled and the fire department helping with lift assist. We are using the four-wheel drive ambulance but Arnie agreed that the wind sled was a better way to transport the patient.

We had our regular monthly meeting and worked on the new airway, IGEL, that has been approved by our Medical Director and the State. I was signed off as a train the trainer and showed everyone the required videos and then we practiced with the airways. Everyone has been signed off by me and the new equipment is in the rigs.

We are still working 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. Thom is working on finding the right equipment and then we will rent the bottles from Chicago Iron where we get our oxygen. Eventually we should probably buy the bottles and I will add it to the next year's budget.

We will be doing our CPR refresher this weekend at the ESB. Northwood Technical School is coming to do the training. Jay will have a special wind sled go over and we will help them bring their equipment across to do the training. There will be a few people from the ferry line and several fire fighters that will join the training. It should be a good training day.

I am still working with the new rep at our billing company. We have gone through our intercept agreement and worked through some of our billing rates. We are working on finding a good collection agency. I always thought this was our billing company's job but after 90 days they do not continue collections. I gave a list to Michael Kuchta, and we should be able to pick one to help us with these older collections.

Thom has finished going through the old radios that were donated to me. We have found a few that will work as back-ups, and it is nice to have a few spares. Right now, all of our radios are in use by members of the crew.

Respectfully Submitted,

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