



Ambulance Employees Association of Western Australia

April 22nd, 2020 – AEAWA Committee Minutes

Meeting officially opened by the President and Executive Committee

The AEAWA Committee meeting was officially opened by the President.

Committee Attendees

John Thomas, Donelle Carver, Lee Waller, Dave Higgins, Dave Abbott, Marty Kelly, Earl Stamp, Gary Davies, Conrad Fairhead, Jon Flockton, Michael Hardwick, Gary Davies and Cam Fiddock.

Committee Apologies

Dave Bryant, Troy Bates, Justin Brennan, Tim Dunlop, Cam Fiddock, Craig Hubbard, Justin Ingrey, Lee Mack, Gary Davies, Kam Phagura and Brett Moore.

Previous Minutes

Passed by Mr Flockton and Mr Davies

The AEAWA Treasurer Report

The accounts of the AEAWA are in a strong position and was presented to the Committee. Other items discussed included;

- Finance balance presented to the Committee
 - Work being done in order to allow members to use their fortnightly AEAWA fees as a tax deduction.
 - New financial software installed into the database to allow faster more streamlined use.
 - Database amendments so that financial members who resign from SJA can be removed from the system
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The AEAWA Secretary Report

The Secretary provided information on incoming and outgoing correspondence, which included letters to and from St John Ambulance. Items related to the website was discussed, these included;

- Building the membership database
- Updates on what is required from an Executive point
- Presentation on what the design looks like at this stage

FaceBook has been a great medium to disseminate information, unfortunately not all officers use this medium, the new website will have the FaceBook messages loaded straight into the news section so members not on FaceBook can receive the information.

AEAWA Membership

A total of 11 new members joined the AEAWA this fortnight.

Impact of COVID-19

Due to the social distancing and the impacts COVID-19 has had, future AEAWA meetings will be online until further notice.

Membership Correspondence

Item 1 - Priority 2 transfers.

Crews constantly called to EDs for P2 patients that are clearly P4s and even transport suitable, to transfer the patient to an ED with multiple crews ramped. Some crews stuck with P2 transfers for over 4-hours.

The Committee are in discussion with SJA management about the way crews are being utilised for low grade priority transfers booked on an urgent P2.

Item 2 – Acoustic Shock incidents in the SOC

Members in the Control Room have had an extremely difficult time working with faulty equipment and receiving ear injuries, which have been denied by Allianz the insurer (stating these injuries must not have occurred from work or leaving the first check up until 6 weeks post event so that the injuries subside and then deny the claim)

The Committee have had numerous meeting with management about these issues and maintain a firm line that any injury suffered at work is workers compensation. NO Communications Officer will be left with medical payments or lost time off due to these injuries.

Next Committee Meeting

The next AEAWA Committee meeting - TBA

Meeting officially closed by the President

The Committee will re-convene in two weeks' time.



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