

required. At the May meeting, the Board will start addressing the issue on lapsed licenses.

Bureau of EMS Report:

Tammy Fortier reported the following:

- The Bureau of EMS has almost completed its move to the upstairs of the Fire Academy. The Fire Marshall's Office has vacated this space and has moved to a new building on the campus.

Old Business:

Patrick Twomey reported the following:

- An attempt was made to coordinate with the Red Cross on blood drives that took place on the seacoast. Attempt was made to coordinate with Brandon for AMR. The coordination was more difficult than anticipated. Patrick will follow up with the Red Cross.
- Process on the golf tournament is proceeding well. We are looking at a date in June. Patrick is currently working out the details on sponsors, locations, and a flyer.
- Patrick attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Ambulance Association. Patrick had an opportunity to meet with the President from the American Ambulance Association. Patrick reported that Massachusetts has a very good turnout and that it consists of Private Ambulance Companies. There was discussion by the membership on ideas to increase involvement in our association. We discussed possibly raising the dues so that 1 or 2 meals would be included. The membership felt that the Red Blazer would be a good location to continue to meet. Our big hurdle is to get the word out. Michelle stated that the association has been very active and has accomplished a lot lately. Hopefully the website will help this cause.

New Business:

- Patrick and Denis reported that the breakfast social at the State House went well. Patrick and Denis were present and had contact with approx. 18 Reps. The Reps. were given a handout with our mission statement and what we're trying to accomplish. Many eyes were opened. We discussed doing it again and try to have more information next time. The membership thought that if we divide different projects up that we will have more to offer. The breakfast social cost the association \$400.00. A motion was made to make payment for the breakfast social by Dave, seconded by Michelle and approved by all present.
- Discussion held about what the association needs to present to the Finance Committee for higher Medicaid Reimbursement. Denis stated that the committee is working in divisions and the Medicaid part is being discussed now. It has not been released what parts of the budget are geared toward EMS. We have had contact with some members who did not realize there has