

NCAR&EMS Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2004

Opening:

NC Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc.

June 13, 2004

Beaver Lane Fire and Rescue, Marshville NC

Commander Robert Poe called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Past Commander Howard A. Shaw.

Welcome was given by Chief Chris Griffin of Beaver Lane Fire & Rescue.

Mayor Denise Whitley also welcomed us.

The Auxiliary was excused for their meeting.

Adoption of order of business; motion by Terry Foxx; second by Vince Stone; motion carried.

Guests were recognized; Allen Johnson with OEMS. Mike Guzo with NCEM.

Roll call showed 16 Directors, 7 Alternates, 1 Past Commander, Commander, Vice Commander, and Secretary-Treasurer present.

Minutes of Directors Meeting. Motion to approve by Henry Sermons; second by Vince Stone; motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

Agency Reports:

OSFM:

Terry Foxx Rescue Competition Chair reported; (1) Ken Briscoe has left OSFM and taken the position of Chief of Lenoir Fire Department. (2) OSFM is in process of selecting his replacement.

NCEM:

Mike Guzo; (1) DMS funding; combined 03-04 budgets have awarded \$100 million to NC. (2) County EM agencies are managing grant/applications for funding. (3) Monies available for: equipment, training and exercising. (4) Hurricane season June - October. (5) I-40 Reversal in place for evacuation. (5) USAR Response System. (6) Eleven regional response teams.

OEMS:

Allen Johnson OEMS & Anita Cox; (1) 27 SMAT III teams and 7 SMAT II teams selected. (2) Training has been completed. (3) Submitting a new HRSA application for year beginning September 1, 2004. NC will receive the same as last year; 13.4 million and with 80% passed on to hospitals and EMS systems. (4) Governor has agreed to accept three million dollars worth of medications to be used in the event of a nerve agent attack; will be staged throughout the state for hospitals and EMS systems.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports:

Certification Board:

Henry Sermons; Terry Foxx will make report in the Rescue Sub-Committee.

Rescue Sub-Committee:

Terry Fox; (1) Agricultural Rescue Standard committee has been appointed and will meet for the first time on June 16 in Greensboro. (2) Updated RT program; Surface Water is about ready and Rope Rescue should be ready by 2005. (3) Re-qualification of instructors should be finished by 7-1-2004. (4) Rescue Officers program on hold for now. (5) Update on ERT Assessment Center held at Wilkes Community College. (6) Rescue College will be held February 11-12-13, 2005 and February 25-26-27, 2005 at Gaston Community College.

EMS Advisory Committee:

Robert Poe; (1) Epinephrine pen 1-1000 is all that is authorized to be used by EMT Basic. (2) Reviewing test bank on EMT basic for validation. (3) Ambulance providers will have first priority for defibrillators on the grant then QRV's and First Responders. (4) SMAT trailers approved. (5) Six public hearing are planned across the state for information.

Fire & Rescue Commission:

Robert Poe; (1) Unified Command classes are planned for the next several months. (2) Extrication Challenge is planned for the Fire conference.

VSWCF:

Gordon Joyner for Dean Wall; (1) The fund is sound. (2) There is a 1.7 million cut in the proposed state budget. (3) Rates will be the same. (4) Renewals will be sent to the Insurance Agency and cc to the departments. (5) Premiums must be paid by July 1st; if not members will not have workers' compensation coverage. (6) Our safety programs seem to be helping to reduce claims. (7) Departments with a lot of claims will be worked with to make sure they have good safety programs and a safety officer. (8) Departments that continue to have a large number of claims may face an increase in rates.

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Board:

Howard A. Shaw; (1) Gave history of pension fund from 1959 till now. (2) Began paying \$36 to \$50 based on age starting at 55; now pays \$158 per month starting at 55 with 20 years of eligible service. (3) Proposed \$2 increase in budget for this year. (4) The oldest member drawing a pension is 107 years old. (4) Urged all Rescue & EMS workers to take advantage of this fund and make sure they are paying into the fund.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Advisory Committee:

Gary Whitman; No report.

Finance Committee:

Henry Sermons; (1) Accept balance sheets for the NCAR&EMS and Brotherhood for 05-31-2004. Second by Vince Stone; motion carried. (2) Accept proposed budget for NCAR&EMS and Brotherhood for 2004 - 2005 fiscal year. Second by Terry Foxx; motion carried.

Legislative Committee:

Henry Sermons / Gordon Joyner; (1) H 847 Firefighter/Rescue Squad Tax Deduction did not pass; anyone who filed their income tax return and took the deduction should file an ammended return. (2) \$2 increase in the pension fund is in H 1414 the House budget bill. (3) H 1554 = S 1190 Assault on Law Officer/Emergency Personnel; would increase some of the felony penalties. (4) H 1735 Casino Nights by Non-Profit Organizations. (5) H 1736 Increase Funding/Fire& Rescue Pension; pulled from committee. (6) S 1327 Non-State Entities Reporting Requirements. (7) Follow State & Federal legislation on our web site.

Membership Committee:

Gary Whitman; (1) Three new departments. (2) One merger. (3) 524 squads in Association. (4) 20,245 paid members. (5) 236 Squads in the Brotherhood with 5421 members, 540 individual members, total membership 5,961. (6) Motion to eliminate contract on standards. Second by Scott McCaskill; motion carried. (7) Motion to recognize the President of the Board of Directors as AHJ for Rescue Resource Providers. Second by Vince Stone; motion carried. (8) Motion for standards to carry a five year certification and must be renewed within a 90 day window of the expiration. Second by Bill Henderson; motion carried. (9) Motion for any department who has met a standard and falls below that standard will be given 9 months to come back in compliance. Second by Terry Foxx; motion carried. (10) Motion to list ERT/RT through out our standards by Henry Sermons; second by Vince Stone. A division of the house was called; motion carried 14-0 with 3 abstentions. (11) All standards are online at our web site.

Publicity & Public Relations Committee:

Gary Whitman; (1) Let your voice be heard. Keep the media informed about your operations. (2) Several press releases have been sent to the office; good publicity on the scholarships.

Personnel Committee:

Robert Poe for Sprunt Hall; No report.

Resolutions Committee:

Robert Poe for Angie Callihan; No report.

Credentials Committee:

Jerry Bradshaw; (1) Elections were held and all Directors from Area I thorough Area IX were re-elected. Area X elected Hebert Robinson as Director. (2) The elections have been certified.

Constitution Committee:

Glenn Cowan; Motion to approve several administrative changes to the Constitution & By-Laws. Second by Fitz McKeel; Motion carried.

Mutual Aid Committee:

Robert Poe; (1) Make sure you have your officers and equipment updated and on file with the office. (2) Know the mutual aid guidelines and follow them. They are online at our web site. (3) Had a mutual aid request from Tennessee over the Memorial Day weekend.

Relief Fund Committee:

Robert Poe. (1) Grade reports must be in by July 10th, 2004. If not, scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to next eligible applicant. (2) Scholarship applications were available online this year. There was a 26% increase in applications. (3) One accidental death from Tabor City. (4) 360 children and members are receiving scholarships. There are two in line of duty death scholarships.

Rescue Competition:

Terry Foxx; (1) Corpening Square will not be used, may use Dixie Classic Fair Grounds if not, we will use the RJR parking lot. (2) Rescue Challenge should be on the same site. (3) Richard Caudill is working on the Rescue Challenge. (4) Rescue judges evaluation will be held August 14-15, 2004 at Winston Salem Rescue Squad. (4) Judges entry deadline 8-1-04. (5) Deadline for Rescue & Rescue Challenge entries 8-1-2004. (6) Rules and entry applications are online.

BLS Competition:

Gary Whitman/Allen Johnson; (1) BLS evaluation was held Saturday June 12th with 19 in attendance. (2) Proposed changes to the BLS equipment list. Second by Terry Foxx; motion carried.

Special Committees:

Long Range Planning Committee. Anita Cox reporting; (1) Have adopted six goals. #1 Building, #2 Staffing, #3 Financial, #4 Benefits, #5 Growth, #6 Lack of growth. (2) Next meeting will be in Goldsboro 9-10-2004.

Convention 2004:

Association. Gordon A. Joyner; (1) Dates September 23-24-25, 2004 in Winston Salem, NC. (2) Adam's Mark host hotel. (3) Party Time-Party Time DJ on Friday and Saturday nights. (4) All information is linked to web site on our web page. (<http://www.ncarems.org/>) Hotel, Competition Entries, Registration and Schedules are all online. (5) Hotel and Convention Center has been sold; we have a letter stating it won't affect our contracts.

Convention 2005:

Association. Gordon A. Joyner; (1) September 29-30, October 1, 2005 in Winston Salem, NC. (2) Contract has been signed with convention center. (3) Hotel contracts have been signed. (4) All information will be put on the web page.

New Business:

(1) Blue Ridge Community College Fire & Rescue will be held August 7 & 8, 2004. (2) 25 year breakfast information will be out around 8-1-2004.

Closing:

Motion to adjourn by Tommy McNeil. Second by Vince Stone; motion carried.

Author/Etc.:

Gordon A. Joyner/Secretary-Treasurer

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