

NCAR&EMS Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2007

Opening:

NC Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc.

September 16, 2007

Alexander Rescue Squad & EMS, Taylorsville, NC.

Commander Gary Whitman called the meeting to order.

Invocation; Bill Henderson.

Welcome; David Odom, Taylorsville Town Manager.

The Auxiliary was excused for their meeting.

Adoption of order of business; motion Scott McCaskill; second Herb Roberson; motion carried.

Guests were recognized; none.

Roll call showed 14 Directors, 4 Alternates, Commander, Vice Commander, and Executive Director present.

Minutes of Directors meeting; motion to approve Bill Henderson; second Herb Roberson; motion carried.

Minutes of 51th Annual Convention; motion to approve Herb Roberson; second Bill Henderson; motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

Agency Reports:

OSFM:

No report.

NCEM:

OEMS:

Allen Johnson / Anita Cox. (1) Duke Endowment Phase II Project. The purpose of the EMS Toolkit Grant Program is to improve and enhance North Carolina's Emergency Medical Services response times. The EMS Toolkit Grant Project is a new and exciting opportunity for North Carolina EMS Systems to obtain needed monetary resources for this very important cause. (2) NCOEMS through the EMS Toolkit Grant Program is designating \$1,600,000 for the project year, January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. (3) OEMS is working with the Administrative Office of the Courts to implement Criminal Background Reviews as provided for in HB 535. (4) MOST Form - New advanced directive form in place. This form does not replace the DNR form, however it can be used in conjunction with the DNR form. (5) EMS today October 6-10 in Greensboro.

Boards & Commission Representative Reports:

Certification Board:

Henry Sermons / Terry Foxx. (1) Did not meet. (2) Next meeting 10-25-2007 at Pinecroft-Sedgfield Fire Department, Greensboro.

Rescue Sub-Committee:

Terry Fox. (1) Rescue Sub Committee did not meet. (2) Next meeting 10-24-2007 at Pinetroff-Sedgfield Fire Department, Greensboro.

EMS Advisory Committee:

Fire & Rescue Commission:

Robert Poe. (1) Meeting for July was canceled. (2) Next meeting 10-09-2007 in Greensboro.

VSWCF:

Dean Wall / Gordon A. Joyner. (1) Legislature approved 4.5 million for 2007-2008. (2) Back injuries are a real problem. (3) With proper training, most claims could be prevented. (4) Our safety programs seems to be helping to reduce claims. (5) All department should have safety program and a safety officer. (6) Next meeting 11-19-2007 in Greensboro.

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Board:

Howard A. Shaw / Gordon Joyner. (1) \$2.00 Increase in pension. (2) Pension benefit is now \$167.00. (3) Members are encouraged to join the pension fund.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Advisory Committee:

Tommy McNeill. (1) No Report.

Finance Committee:

Henry Sermons / Gary Whitman. (1) Accept NCAR&EMS balance sheets and Brotherhood as of 8-31-2007; second by Bill Henderson; motion carried. (2) Budget for 2007 - 2008 will have to be adjusted at the January 2007 meeting to adjust for the building expenses.

Legislative Committee:

Robert Poe. (1) Bone & Associates have done an outstanding job for us. (2) \$2,000 increase in pension. (3) Background checks passed. (4) ATV Bill passed. (5) 911 changes passed. (6) \$250 Tax Credit passed for volunteers. (7) Continuing to work on: Bills that provides 25 year retirement for law enforcement officers, career firefighters, and career emergency medical services workers and provides parity for career firefighters and rescue squad workers. Same as law enforcement.

Membership Committee:

Tommy McNeill. (1) Five new departments. (2) Two closed. (3) 551 squads in Association. (4) 22,305 paid members. (5) 238 Squads in the Brotherhood with 5784 members, 625 individual members, total membership 6409. (6) All standards are being reviewed and will look at typing of resources to comply with NIMS. (6) All standards are online at our web site. (7) A new committee named "Standards and Training" will be formed.

Personnel Committee:

Jeff Hinshaw / Gordon A. Joyner. No report.

Credentials Committee:

Jerry Bradshaw. (1) All Directors elected in even numbered years will be up for election next year. (2) Called out all the names who are coming up next year. (3) Applications will be sent out by February 1st and must be returned by March 1st.

Constitution Committee:

Glen Cowan. No report.

Relief Fund Committee:

Gary Whitman. (1) Met 9-15-2007. (2) Approved budget for 2007 - 2008.

Technical Rescue Competition:

Terry Foxx. Technical Rescue Competition - (1) Will combine the BLS Competition with the Rescue Challenge. (2) Will add individual competition and for this year it will be The Stokes Basket Challenge. (3) Durwood Evans Classic will be for real no more fun and games. (4) Technical Rescue Judges Evaluation will be May 3, 2008. Site to be announced. (5) Graduate Mountain Rescue April 11 - 13, 2008. Site to be announced. (6) High Angle Rescue at Stone Mountain, March 28 - 30, 2008. (7) Deadline for all competition entries will be May 1, 2008.

BLS Competition:

Tommy McNeill/Allen Johnson. (1) BLS evaluation and Rescue Challenge merging together will require more logistics. (2) Next BLS Evaluation will be held in Goldsboro, January 26th 2008, 10:00 AM at Comfort Suites. (3) Any problems or comments must be in writing and directed to the officers.

Special Committees:

Long Range Planning Committee: Anita Cox. (1) Site work should begin in October. (2) Final plans by October 1st. (3) Name of the building was suggested, Mar Mac Pointe, since that area is known as the Mar Mac Community. Second Herb Roberson; motion carried.

Convention 2008:

Catawba County Rescue Association. Phillip Killian. (1) June 21-22, 2008, Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC. (2) Reviewed plans. (3) All information will be put on the web page.

Convention 2009:

NCAREMS. Gordon A. Joyner. (1) June 25 -28, 2009. Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, NC. (2) Contracts are being negotiated.(3) All information will be put on the web page.

New Business:

Appointed the following committees:

Convention Over Sight Committee. Robert Poe, Chair, members Terry Foxx, Tommy McNeill, Susan Burt, Joel Faircloth and Gordon A. Joyner.

Standards And Training Committee. Terry Foxx, Chair, members Tommy McNeill, Jeff Hinshaw, Robert Poe, Richard Caudill, Joe Mancous and Bob Twomey.

Closing:

Motion to adjourn by Herb Roberson; second by Bill Henderson; motion carried.

Author/Etc.:

Gordon A. Joyner/Executive Director

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