

NCAR&EMS Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2008

Opening:

NC Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc.

January 27, 2008

Quality Inn & Suites, Goldsboro NC

Commander Gary Whitman called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Dean Wall.

Welcome; Commander Gary Whitman.

The Auxiliary was excused for their meeting.

Adoption of order of business; motion by Scott McCaskill; second by Bill Henderson; motion carried.

Guests were recognized; Mary Beth Young, NCEM

Roll call showed 15 Directors, 7 Alternates, Commander, Vice Commander, and Executive Director.

Minutes of Directors meeting; motion to approve by Bill Henderson; second by Scott McCaskill; motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

Agency Reports:

OSFM:

None.

NCEM:

OEMS:

Boards & Commission Representative Reports:

Certification Board:

Rescue Sub-Committee:

Terry Fox. The Rescue Sub-Committee met at Gil-Rand FD on October 23, 2007. (1) Topics of discussion included several requests for various certification levels. The Agricultural Rescue Technician Program pilots are up and going with the first two being held in Ashe County at the NC State Upper Mountain Research center. To date five pilots have been completed and another scheduled in early 2008.

EMS Advisory Committee:

Fire & Rescue Commission:

Robert Poe. Fire and rescue Commission Meeting 10/9/07. (1) In a In-Line of Duty Death the burden of proof has shifted from the family to prove that the member had a MI to the government to prove that that person did not have a MI. (2) Junior standards were discussed. These are voluntary standards but they do adhere to the NC Child Labor Laws. (3) There was some discussion about equipment for grants need to be NFPA compliant. (4) A recommendation had been made to dissolve the Rescue Sub-Committee. Commission member Doug Lowe asked questions and made several good points to keep the sub committee. After discussion Chairman Cook suggested that the committee be given specific tasks and be under the same guidelines as the other sub committees. (5) OSHA is reviewing standards concerning Fire, EMS, Rescue and Confined Space.

VSWCF:

Dean Wall. (1) The fund is sound. (2) Legislature approved 4.5 million dollars for 2007-2008. (3) Going to and from work is not covered under workers' compensation. (4) Loss control prevention activities are centered around vehicle safety and response. (5) VFSWC has a three hour program in loss prevention that is presented to departments. (6) Next meeting 2-18-2008 in Greensboro.

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Board:

Gordon Joyner for Howard A. Shaw. (1) Pension benefit is now \$167.00. (2) Board will ask for a \$5.00 increase in the retirement. (3) Board approved plan to allow part time workers to receive their pensions.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Advisory Committee:

Tommy McNeill. (1) Convention guest list. Chief of OEMS & guest, Deputy of OSFM Fire & Rescue Training & guest, President NCAR&EMS Auxiliary & guest, Director of Pension Fund & guest, Legal Advisor & guest, Director of EM & guest, Medical Advisor & guest, Chaplain & guest, Parliamentarian & guest and NCAR&EMS Staff & guests. Members of the Council of State have an open invitation to attend our convention. The Officers have the authority to authorize the payment of registration for the representatives of OSFM & OEMS. Second by Scott McCaskill; motion carried. (2) IRS mileage rates and per diem policy are in your package. (3) Approved to continue American Income program with an increase to \$2500.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment. (4) Approved to participate in the Carolina Hurricanes Association Nights promotion as presented in package. (5) Local Government Federal Credit Union information presented and will explore option to partner with them for the benefit of our members. Second by Bill Henderson. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee:

Gary Whittman for Henry Sermons. (1) Accept NCAR&EMS balance sheets as of 12-31-2007; Second Scott McCaskill; motion carried. (2) Accept Brotherhood balance for 12-31-2007; second Terry Foxx; motion carried. (3) Accept Memorial Fund Balance Sheets for 12-31-2007; second Scott McCaskill; motion carried. (4) Motion to accept the audit report for 2007; second Bill Henderson; motion carried. (5) Motion to approve proposed budget for the Association; second Herb Roberson; motion carried. (6) Motion to approve proposed budget for the Brotherhood, second by Scott McCaskill; motion carried.

Legislative Committee:

Robert Poe. (1) Legislative session starts 5-13-2008. (2) Continuing to working on: providing 25 year retirement for law enforcement officers, career firefighters, and career emergency medical services workers. (b) providing parity for career firefighters and rescue squad workers. Same as law enforcement. (3) Asking for a \$5.00 increase in pension fund. (4) ATV bill passed. (5) Criminal back ground bill passed. (6) Working on EMT Paramedic license plate. (7) \$250.00 tax break passed.

Membership Committee:

Tommy McNeill. (1) Eleven new departments. (2) 561 squads in Association. (3) 21,386 paid members. (4) 236 Squads in the Brotherhood with 5820 members, 630 individual members, total membership 6450. (5) Reviewed the demographic information supplied in the meeting packet. (6) All standards are online at our web site.

Personnel Committee:

Commander Whitman for Jeff Hinshaw. No Report.

Credentials Committee:

Jerry Bradshaw. (1) All Directors elected in even numbered years will be up for election this year. (2) Names were listed in the meeting packet. (3) Applications will be online by February 1st and must be returned by March 1st.

Constitution Committee:

Glenn Cowan. Reporting. Proposed change in By-Laws to establish a Standing Committee on Training and Standards; second Jerry Bradshaw, motion carried. This will be voted on at the convention.

Relief Fund Committee:

Gary Whitman. (1) Grade reports must be in by February 10th, 2008. If not, scholarship will be forfeited. (2) Scholarship applications will be online 01-01-2008 - 03-31-2008. They must be completed online, and submitted to the office by March 31st along with the proper documentation. (3) We will award a total 150 scholarships this year. (4) We will have 460 active scholarships. (5) Disability is figured at 10% of the average industrial wage for NC. Note this is disability and not workers compensation, member must be unable to work. (6) Proposed budget was approved. (6) Success for some of our recipients include one being name Superintendent of a County School system another receiving PHD and being named a professor at the college.

Rescue Competition:

BLS Competition:

Tommy McNeill. (1) BLS evaluation had 10 persons. (2) Any problems or comments must be directed to the officers. (3) Next BLS evaluation May 03, 2008 8:00AM Alexander Rescue & EMS.

Special Committees:

Convention 2008:

Catawba County Rescue Association. Phillip Killian. (1) June 19-20-21, 2008 in Hickory, NC. (2) All information will be put on Catawba County and NCAR&EMS web pages. (3) DJ for Friday night. (4) Decision on Band for Saturday night to be announced.

Convention 2009:

NC Association & EMS. Gordon A. Joyner. June 25-28, 2009 in Greenville, NC. at the Greenville Convention Center. Facilities have been visited and contracts are signed.

Closing:

Motion to adjourn by Scott McCaskill; second by Herb Roberson; motion carried.

Author/Etc.:

Gordon A. Joyner/Executive Director

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