

NCAR&EMS Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2008

Opening:

NC Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc.

September 14, 2008

McDowell County Rescue Squad, Marion, NC.

Commander Gary Whitman called the meeting to order.

Invocation; Chaplin Dean Wall.

Welcome; Dean Wall.

The Auxiliary was excused for their meeting.

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

Guests were recognized; Allen Johnson OEMS, Derrick Clouston OSFM, Mary Beth Young EM.

Roll call showed 12 Directors, 6 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:

Derrick Clouston, Field Service Supervisor.

(1) Discussed the current status of the RT rewrites. (2) Discussed the Wilderness Rescue Pilots and the feedback.

(3) Update on Gene Gladin and how his treatments were going.

NCEM:

OEMS:

Boards & Commission Representative Reports:

Certification Board:

Rescue Sub-Committee:

Terry Fox. (1) The Rescue Ad-Hoc Committee met at Pinecroft Sedgefield FD on August 26, 2008. Topics of discussion included several requests for various certification levels. (2) Old business from the May meeting saw a presentation made by Charlotte Fire Department Battalion Chief Tim Rogers in regards to getting the current Surface Water standard in compliance with 2008 NFPA water standard and making it NIMS compliant. This will assist all who deploy as a state water resource one stop shopping in finding training and bring our (NCAREMS) standards more in line. (3) The 2008 edition of the standard is out and it does have some changes to the water and several other specialties.(4) Several individuals have offered to assist in rewriting the standard to have it meet the 2008 standard and write it so it will be accepted by all end users. (5)The committee discussed a

standardized format for individuals submitting request for certification by the resume process. A format was presented for discussion. After discussion Terry Foxx will make the necessary changes and get it to OSFM for implementation. (6) The next meeting will be held at Pinecroft on November 25, 2008 at 07:30

EMS Advisory Committee:

Fire & Rescue Commission:

Robert Poe. (1) Fire and Rescue Commission July 8, 2008. (2) Rescue Standard 1006 to be reviewed by Validation committee. They will look at and update lesson plans and content. (3) HB 1563 Bill to cover instructors who are not teaching at their own department is in legislature. It may pass this session if the workers compensation component is taken out. OSFM staff has submitted a rewrite that does will do that. (4) There were 3 Line of Duty Deaths in the month of June. (5) David Barbour with Public Schools of NC presented a overview of a program to begin Firefighter classes on high school. After much discussion the Commission voted to endorse a pilot program for the 2009 school year. Classes will meet objectives of FF1 and FF2. There are still some modules that members will have to take after they turn 18 years of age to be certified. (6) OSHA is currently writing a standard for Public Safety Divers. OSFM requested that the rescue association and fire association have two representatives meet with them and OSHA to try to develop a standard or exemptions from the current OSHA Standard. (7) NC Department of Labor has new 1910 Standard book. (8) FIP numbers are issued for Ag Rescue.

VSWCF:

Dean Wall / Gordon A. Joyner. (1) Back injuries are a real problem. (2) With proper training, most claims could be prevented. (2) Our safety programs seems to be helping reduce claims. (3) Contract with Key Risk has been renewed. (4) Experience rating has been implemented for those departments with a lot of claims. (5) Improved record over a three years will remove the experience rating. (6) We are paying out \$1.16 or every dollar we collect. (7) All department should have safety program and a safety officer. (6) Next meeting 11-17-2008 in Greensboro.

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Board:

Howard A. Shaw / Gordon Joyner. (1) \$3.00 Increase in pension. (2) Pension benefit is now \$170.00. (3) Members are encouraged to join the pension fund. (4) Pension Board should meet in November.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Advisory Committee:

Tommy McNeill. (1) American Income having problems with some of their representatives was discussed. We may need to re-evaluate our status with them. (2) Debit card with LGFCU had to redesigned to include members picture. Should be ready in about six weeks. (3) Proposed changes to constitution; second Bill Henderson; motion carried.

Proposed Changes To Constitution

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1.5.4 Section 4: Appointive Area Officers

1.5.4.1 Subsection A: Alternate Directors

Each Area Director (strike shall) (Insert may) appoint an Alternate Director to serve during his/her two (2) year term. Such appointments do not require approval of the Area Squads. The Alternate Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Director, but only during the Director's term in office. Only individuals not less than 18 years of age who are either members in good standing of the Association or an Association squad within the Area may serve as an Alternate Area Director.

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1.6.3 Section 3: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet (strike three (3) (Insert two (2)) times per year, with one of these meetings to include the Association's Annual Convention. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Commander or upon written request of a majority of the board members. Any member of the Association shall have the right to address the Board of Directors.

Related Sections:

Constitution

Article V, Section 1: Elected Association Officers

Article V, Section 3: Elected Area Officers

By-Laws

Article II: Officers and Employees Duties and Remuneration

Article III, Section 3: Board of Director Members

Article V: Voting

1.6.4 Section 4: Area Meetings

Area directors (strike shall) (insert may) hold meetings at their discretion or within thirty (30) days of a petition by a minimum of ten (10) percent of the area squads.

Related Sections:

Constitution

Article IV: Organization

Article V, Section 3: Elected Area Officers

Finance Committee:

Henry Sermons / Gary Whitman. (1) Accept NCAR&EMS balance sheets and Brotherhood as of 8-31-2008; second by Bill Henderson; motion carried. (2) Budget for 2008 - 2009 is unchanged from the January meeting.

Legislative Committee:

Robert Poe. (1) Bone & Associates have done an outstanding job for us. (2) Bone & Associate were recognized as the top lobbyist for the session. (3) \$3,00 increase in pension. (4) Working on legislation for the 2009 session. (4) Inspection Stickers will be done away with. Vehicles will still have to be inspected and will come due the same month as the registration expires. You must have a current inspection prior to renewing hyour annual vehicle registration.

Membership Committee:

Tommy McNeill. (1) Two new departments. (2) Four closed. (3) 555 squads in Association. (4) 22,427 paid members. (5) 227 Squads in the Brotherhood with 5817 members, 652 individual members, total membership 6469. (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.

Personnel Committee:

Jeff Hinshaw / Gordon A. Joyner. No report.

Credentials Committee:

Jerry Bradshaw. (1) All Directors elected in odd 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, Tommy McNeill Reporting. No report. A quorum was not present and information was taken up in Advisory.

Standards and Training Committee:

Terry Foxx Reporting. (1) The training and standards committee has not met except by phone or email. (2) Richard Caudill is still working to get the draft lesson plans ready for review by the committee. (3) These will be compliant with NFPA 1006, 2008 edition and meet both NIMS compliancy and OSHA.

Relief Fund Committee:

Gary Whitman. (1) Met 9-13-2008. (2) Approved budget for 2008 - 2009. (3) Clarified rules on the 2/4 scholarship and on High School Graduates. (4) Clarified rules on cumulative GPA. (5) Scholarship applications will go online 1-1-2009 and go off 1-31-2009.

Technical Rescue Competition:

BLS Competition:

Tommy McNeill/Allen Johnson. (1) BLS evaluation and Rescue Challenge merging together will require more logistics. (2) Time limits will need to be placed on the problems. (3) Next BLS Evaluation will be held in Goldsboro, February 21st 2009, 10:00 AM at NCAREMS Headquarters. (4) Any problems or comments must be in writing and directed to the officers.

Special Committees:

Long Range Planning Committee: Anita Cox / Susan Burt. (1) Building is about 95% completed. (2) Local Government Federal Credit Union is offering to loan us the money. (3) Some erosion from Hanna. (4) Any decision of the current office will have to wait until we get moved. (4) We were able to get approval on moving the dumpster from the front of the building to the side. (5) Both locations will run simultaneously for a short period of time. (6) The property is zoned for general business and offices.

Convention 2009:

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

Convention 2010:

NCAREMS. Gordon A. Joyner. (1) April 22-23-24, 2010, Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, NC. (2) Contracts have been signed. (3) All information will be put on the web page.

Closing:

Motion to adjourn Bill Henderson; second Terry Foxx; motion carried.

Author/Etc.:

Gordon A. Joyner/Executive Director

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