

NCAR&EMS Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2013

Opening:

NC Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc.

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NC Association of Rescue & EMS, Inc., Office, Goldsboro, NC

Commander Robert Poe called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Bill Henderson.

Welcome: Robert Poe.

The Auxiliary did not meet due to inclement weather.

Adoption of order of business; Motion by Bill Henderson; Second by Vince Stone ; Motion Carried.

Guests recognized; Regina Godette-Crawford, Chief OEMS and husband George, Allen Johnson Eastern Regional Manager OEMS, and Derrick Clouston, NCDOT/OSFM.

Roll call showed 16 Directors, Commander, Vice Commander, and Executive Director present.

Minutes of Directors meeting September 14, 2012; Motion to approve Bill Henderson. Second by Tim Pennell. Motion Carried.

Minutes of Convention Meeting September 14-15, 2012; Motion to approve Bill Henderson. Second by Tim Pennell. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None.

Agency Reports:

OSFM:

NCEM:

No Report.

OEMS:

Boards & Commission Representative Reports:

911 Board:

Fire & Rescue Commission:

Robert Poe. Meeting 10/09/2012. (1)Report from Certification Board: Dive Rescue is still in development. (2)There were 3 Inland Duty Deaths since last meeting in July. (3)Ed Hampton was appointed to the Certification Board to replace Ron Watts who was one of the Associations representatives. Ron had to step down due to family health issues. (4)Discussion was held concerning whether Tower Rescue should be a certification or students just get a certificate of completion. This led to questions and discussion on other programs as to whether they should be certification or training. This was sent to the Certification Board for them to investigate and report back with their recommendation. Some of the programs in the gray area are RIT, trailer towing, EVD, Ag

Rescue.(5)Steve Sloan has announced that he will retire from OSFM on January 1, 2013. (6)The high school Firefighter program is going very well. There are now 12 high schools involved. (7)Diane Whitman has replaced Lauren Thompson as the grants administrator.(8)The Fire and Rescue Journal is now online. (9)OSFM received a grant to develop and deliver Autism training to first responders.

Meeting 01/08/2013. (1)There has been 4 LODD since the last meeting in October. This brings the total for 2012 up to 10.

(2)Smart phone applications and a website is being developed that will enable access to Commission agenda, past minutes and supporting documents. The minutes will be archived for future viewing. (3) Joel Faircloth, was reappointed as one of our representatives to the Workers Comp Board. (4)The Pocket Tools Training web site is very active and gaining popularity.(5)An Autism Awareness Conference will be held in Asheville on May 9 & 10, 2013. The conference is free but limited to the first 100 who register.(6)The Rescue Officer course is being developed. (7)An extensive and very informational report was given by Kevin Gordon from the Certification Board. Dive Rescue program development is moving forward. Discussion was held concerning on-line courses and more especially the practical testing that was not conducted on-site but on-line. An Instructor/Deliver Agency Violation Consequence Policy was presented for review. Action will be taken on this at the next Certification Board meeting in March. Kevin Gordon was re-elected as chairman and Terry Foxx was re-elected as vice-chairman of the Certification Board

Certification Board:

Terry Foxx/Kevin Gordon. Meetings September 18, 2012, December 11, 2012, and February 04, 2013. (1)Driver Operator Age requirement was changed to 18 from 21 and removed years of service requirement. (2)Any classes that are Pro Board certifications will be tested in the regional testing centers. (3) Discussions were held regarding out of state personnel and whether they were eligible for NC certifications. (4) Discussions have been held regarding on-line or distance learning programs offering Fire & Rescue commission certifications. A committee has been established and is reviewing these programs with a report and discussion at the March 2013, Certification Brd mtg. There was also a decision to complete all scheduled on line delivery classes by May 31, 2013 and any with completion dates after May 31, 2013 would be suspended until further review. (5) Disciplinary guidelines would be reviewed at March meeting. (6) Elections were held at the December meeting with Kevin Gordon elected as chair and Terry Foxx as Vice Chair.

Rescue Committee (of the Certification Board):

Terry Foxx. Conference call meetings. (1) Continued discussion of Dive certification development. (2) Discussion of upcoming revisions and qualifications and re-qualifications of TR.

EMS Advisory Council:

Robert Poe. Meeting 11/13/2012. (1)Report from Disciplinary Committee. They have met 3 times since last Council meeting 19 individuals have been interviewed.3 actions have been taken against EMS Personnel including but not limited to rejecting an EMS Credentialing application and credentialing suspension.1 individual has gotten the information for the Chemical Dependency program. There are 38444 persons credentialed and 1% has been interviewed by the Disciplinary Committee. (2)2013 EM Today will be September 28 thru October 2. (3)New credentialing tests are being developed. These will be computer friendly for testing as the nurses do now. (4)At an earlier Council meeting the Task Force that took on the job of looking at North Carolina's levels of credentials and the training that goes with it recommended to the OEMS that teaching institutions have accreditation. This simply put means that all teaching institutions be held to the same standard of instruction. Rumor at EM Today was that OEMS would recognize the accreditation but not require this. An OEMS representative stated that this is considered an unfunded mandate and in today's economic climate that this would not pass or even be considered by the DHHS. After some discussion it was requested that the Task Force reconvene and bring to the next Council meeting a cost analysis of the accreditation process and the names of or a map showing which institutions already are accredited.

Meeting 02/12/2013. (1)In 2012 there were 1023 background checks for individuals that had not been in NC for

5 years. 1010 were received back. Of those 817 had no history, 101 had a national history and 22 had a state history. (2)In 2012 OEMS received 128 complaints. Resulting in 59 investigations, 61 not substantiated and 8 are still pending. (3) There were 133 Disciplinary Committee Reviews. (4)To date no one is in the Chemical Dependency Program. OEMS is starting to distribute more information about this program. (5)A presentation was given by Todd Messer with OEMS concerning the cost for teaching institutions to be accredited. The end cost was in excess of 2 million dollars. The Council voted to recommend that DHHS require accreditation be implemented by 2016. Discussion followed concerning a unfunded mandate and in these economic times some Council members thought outside funding might be obtained instead of the state providing for this.(6) OEMS is reviewing all rules. A task force has been set up and will be holding public hearings across the state as soon as staff is finished with their review. If your agency receives a survey please complete it and send it back in. When the public hearings are held be sure to attend one and have your voice heard.

Stroke Advisory Council:

No Report.

Volunteer Safety Worker's Comp Fund:

Gordon Joyner / Kevin Gordon (1) HB 27 has been introduced to help with funding of the VSWCF. We will keep everyone informed of this through the session and please contact your representatives to support this bill.

Committee Reports were given as follows:

Advisory Committee:

Terry Foxx. (1) Motion from the committee to approve report. Second by Bill Henderson. Motion Carried. (2)Report included the guest list and other items as follows.

Chief of OEMS & guest

Deputy of OSFM Fire & Rescue Training & guest

Director of EM and guest

Director of Pension Fund & guest

Legal Advisor & guest

Medical Advisor & guest

Chaplain & guest

Parliamentarian & guest

NCAR&EMS Staff & guests

The Officers have the authority to authorize the payment of registration for the representatives of OSFM & OEMS.

(3) No changes to the Directors report or points for Director of the year. (4)The committee is awaiting more information in regards to the Red Cross requesting assistance with drivers moving equipment. (5) A decision will be made regarding the annual meeting for 2015 & 2016 at the 2013 Annual meeting.

Finance Committee:

Gordon Joyner: (1) Motion to accept at Financial Audit year ending September 30, 2012, prepared by Markham, Mitchell, & Stroud, PLLC., David Stamey. Second by Tim Pennell. Motion Carried. (2) Motion from committee to approve the Association Budget. Second by Bill Henderson. Motion Carried. (3) Motion from the committee to approve the Brotherhood Budget. Second by Bill Henderson. Motion Carried.

Personnel Committee:

No Report.

Credentials Committee:

Jerry Bradshaw. (1) Election this year for Commander and Vice Commander. (2) Encourage departments to send their voting delegates and that they attend the meeting.

Constitution Committee:

Glen Cowan. No Report.

Rescue Competition:

Tim Pennell. (1) Will not have the Individual Competition this year. (2) The Challenge and BLS competition will be separated again this year. (3) Motion from the committee to accept changes to rescue competition rules and judges qualifications. Second by Jerry Bradshaw. Motion Carried. Copies retained with minutes in the office, Attachment 3.

BLS Competition:

Terry Foxx & Allen Johnson. (1) Motion from the committee to approve the changes to the rules regarding judge selection and Equipment list. Second by Vince Stone. Motion Carried. Copies retained with minutes in the office, Attachment 4 BLS Rules, Attachment 5 BLS Equipment.

Training & Standards:

Terry Foxx. (1) Last updates were July 2012 there have been few equipment issues noted since the last meeting. (2) Roster information is as follows: Total membership 26828, Total departments 619. 2 Squads did not file for 2012, 7 New departments since the Sept. 2012 meeting. Brotherhood membership is as follows: 221 BH Departments with 5637 BH members, 623 Individual BH members, 178 BH Aux members, for a Total of 6489. (3) Motion from committee to approve report. Second by David Stamey. Motion carried.

Relief Fund Board:

Robert Poe. (1) Scholarships are on line for members and children of members. (2) There are 2 LODD being paid and 7 potential LODD Pending.

Annual Meeting 2013:

Gordon Joyner. (1) Convention July 25-27, 2013 at Greenville Convention Center. Information is posted on the association website.

Annual Meeting 2014:

Gordon Joyner. (1) Convention 2014 is August 7-9 at Greenville Convention Center

Closing:

Motion to adjourn Bill Henderson. Second by Tim Pennell. Motion Carried.

Author/Etc.:

Gordon A. Joyner/Executive Director

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