



South Dakota Emergency Medical Technician's Association

SDEMTA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10am January 22, 2005 in Pierre, SD at the Ramkota by President Danny Hayes.

ROLL CALL: State Officers: President Danny Hayes, V. President Keith Sharisky, Secretary Nancy Klunder, Treasurer Ted Ellingson, Training Officer Amy Marsh

District I: President Joe Schnell, V. President Bill Rise absent **District II:** President Mickey Merrigan, V. President Tom Lines **District III:** President Ray Parker, V. President Terri Van Roekel, **District IV:** President Dale Ringgenberg, V. President Carol Stolley absent, Proxy Chuck Bell, **District V:** President Jana Jones absent, V. President Linda Smith **District VI:** President Kurt Klunder, V. President Linda Cudmore **District VII:** President Eric Can Dusen, V. President Chuck Hansen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Danny advised of 2 additional items to be added to the agenda. Under New Business: Spink County Grievance and also Mickey would like to add, Association involvement in Conflicts. Mickey moved to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Ray. **MC (01-01-05)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tom moved to approve the October EC minutes, seconded by Linda. **MC (02-01-05)**

PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS: I.) *Chaplain-Deb Mack* II) *Parliamentarian-Tom Lines* III) *Heartland- Larry Goldsmith, TJ Sanborn and Danny Hayes* IV) *EMS Service of the Year Award-SDEMTA Vice President's*. Keith proposed the amended application changes would read, "Once a service has won the award, they will not be eligible to win the award for five fiscal years". The rest of application is word for word from the Policy and Procedure Manual. The application changes were voted on and passed at the October 2004 EC Meeting. Keith proposed that the District Vice President's would select the winner of EMS Service of the year at the EC meeting in July. If there is a tie, the State Vice President will be the tiebreaker.

Kurt proposed that the host district of the conference would select the Sue Schurmann's Award, after brief discussion motion failed. Keith was not sure if a sponsor was found for the award, Amy thought that Association paid Baltic Ambulance, Ted will check into the payment of the award. Keith entertained a motion if a sponsor is found that the District Training Officer's would review the applications and select the winner of the Sue Schurmann's Award at the July EC meeting. If there were a tie the State Training officer would be the tiebreaker. Tom moved to accept both the amended applications and VP's and Training Officer's selecting winners, seconded by Ray. **MC (03-0105)**

V) *Joint Council- Mickey Merrigan and Kurt Klunder* VI) *EMT of the Year- Previous year winner, Joe Schnell*. Joe would like support of the EC for him to get outside help to look at the applications, after discussion at length EC felt there is no problem with the way the winner is selected, Joe will make the decision for the EMT of the Year for 2005. VII) *Nominating Committee- Ray Parker, Kurt Klunder, Linda Smith* VIII) *Political Committee- Margaret*

Kuipers and member from each district. Political Day will be on Monday January 24, 2005, everyone is welcome please attend if possible. There will be committee meeting throughout the day and an ice cream social from 5-8pm. Legislation for DNR's has been submitted to the Speaker of the House.

- Norb Berrie contacted Keith and Chuck about the shortage of Paramedics in the state. He would like to propose that there would be loans for the Paramedic students. If the student stays in South Dakota a portion of the repayment would be forgiven depending on the months of service. He feels he needs funding solutions and will try and pursue it for next year's legislation. There was a lengthy discussion. No action taken at this time.

-Department of Health has a 35page proposal for an Oversight Committee. This committee would have representation at the Board of Osteopathic Committee this would include an Intermediate 85, Intermediate 99, Paramedic, and ED Physician for oversee relicensing. The EMS is the only group not represented at this time.

IX) Memorial Committee- Lois Pletten, Lloyd Siemonsma, TJ Sanborn, Nancy Klunder, Ray Parker.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Danny gave out 2 plaques to thank Amy and Margaret for their dedication to the SDEMT Association and their time spent in the offices of President and Secretary.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: Keith thanked Maria for her work with "The Thoughts" Keith entertained a motion to give Maria an increase in pay and to sign an agreement with her for the next year. The pre-conference issue and the post conference issue will have color. Ray motion to keep Maria as Editor and also an increase in pay, seconded by Amy. **MC (04-01-05)**

Way to go Maria!

There is a bylaw change for the Explorer/Venturing Program, after lengthy discussion Keith proposed the addition of \$500.00 one time donation from the SDEMT Association per group. A \$250.00 initial start up donation, new groups only. This donation is above and beyond the one time donation. Other amount as voted on by the SDEMT Association Executive Council. Amy motion to accept the bylaw changes, Eric seconded. **MC (05-01-05)** Other bylaw changes, Tom motioned to have the State Vice President oversee the website, seconded by Ray. Keith entertained a discussion, after very brief discussion Keith accepted the extra duty of the website.

MC (06-01-05)

Maria needs the articles, etc for "The Thoughts" to her by Friday January 28, 2005.

TREASURERS REPORT: Ted handed out the district reports as quarterly memberships. The memberships for this year are as follows: 881paid membership and 987 expired membership. Last year we had 850 paid memberships and 781 expired. Ted will be sending out post cards to all expired members to let them know they have expired. The financial report for 2004 was compiled by John Graham, CPA with our net assets ending 2004 are \$68,965.00. Budget for 2005 was given out. The budgeted income - \$42,350.00, so far this year the actual income - \$18,352.06. The assets are as follows: cash and bank accounts-\$21,535.77, other assets-\$17,036.00 which would be for the Treasurers computer and the projectors and investments-\$68,571.77. Ted has sent out the 1099's. There are a few individuals that ordered windbreakers and have not paid for them yet. Ted will be sending the District Presidents the bills to collect the money for the windbreakers from anyone owes money in their district. The Highway Safety has not yet sent the money to the Association for the speaker fees, Ted has sent the W99, and the money should be arriving soon. Ted has placed \$10,000.00 into a CD and is accruing 3.15% interest.

At the last EC meeting in October Ted was approved to attend the Wisconsin EMS Conference. The conference fee will be \$100.00 and the airlines ticket is \$201.00. Ted is asking for prepayment for the total amount. Tom motioned to give Ted the prepayment for the Wisconsin EMS Conference, Keith seconded. **MC (07-01-05)**

SECRETARY REPORT: Nancy handed out Officer's Agreements to be signed by all officers, and is asking for them to be sent to her by the end of February. EMS Week packets are not yet out; Nancy will be contacting the Secretary's from each district when information becomes available.

TRAINING OFFICER REPORT: District VI has submitted the budget for their Mini Conference in February in Spearfish; the Mini Conference was previously approved at the October meeting.

District V also submitted budget for Mini Conference in February in Murdo, this also was previously approved at the meeting in October.

There are several Refreshers coming up in District I had one in November, District II is January 28, 29, and 30 in Sioux Falls, District IV is February 4,5,and 6.

Danny called for submission of bills at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Department of Health: Bob Graff was unable to attend, Danny had spoke with Bob on Thursday. Make sure to make your comments for the Scope of Practice proposal; the EMS Directors will be meeting again in March at Denver Colorado. E-mail address for your comments

www.emsscopeofpractice.org

Margaret reported that the lobbyists for Towns & Townships has heard about the Scope of Practice and the way that it is written, and how it is really going to effect us in South Dakota. She would like to back us and help were they are needed.

EMS Advisory Committee: The Governor has approved the Committee and will select 5 or 7 individuals to serve on the committee, there were 16 names submitted.

Danny brought up future training with NIMS (National Incident Management Service). This training may be added to the DOT Curriculum in the future. This would be part of the Home Land Security.

National Registry will be here in July, by 2007 would like to go 100% computerized testing.

JOINT COUNCIL: Kurt and Mickey attended the meeting for Joint Council at the Firefighter Instructor's Conference. Joint Council voted that a report needs to be written by Steve Willard, Lobbyist. This would indicate what activity he has done during the Legislative Session. There are eight organizations that belong to the Council. The Firefighter Association and the SDEMTA are the two largest organizations. The Firefighter Association has been picking up the majority of the fees for Steve Willard. Mickey and Kurt feel the SDEMTA needs to pay their fair share of the fees. Motion from Mickey to continue for SDEMTA to belong to the Joint Council, seconded by Kurt. **MC (08-01-05)** Motion from Kurt for the SDEMTA to pay minimum of \$500.00 with a maximum of \$2,000.00 to the Joint Council for fees, seconded by Mickey. Discussion: Steve Willard is the top lobbyist in South Dakota, if the fees are not paid the Joint Council may loose him. **MC (09-01-05)**

Approval of bills: Tom motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Ray **MC(10-01-05)**

NEW BUSINESS:

GROUP PURCHASING: NCEMSC (North Central Emergency Medical Services Cooperative) was one of the vendors that came in and feel they can offer EMS equipment and supplies at a reduced rate. To belong to the Cooperative there is a charge of \$15.00 per service in lots of 41 Services. There are several vendors that have signed on to the Cooperative and guarantee reduced prices. See www.ncemsc.org for a full list of vendors that participate.

Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion.

Alliance Medical presented their website and offered reduced pricing at no charge to the SDEMT Association. There would be 10% off the catalog price. The discount code would be given to Ted, and would be changed quarterly. Any SDEMTA member that needed to order supplies or equipment would need to email Ted, he would mail out the discount code.

Discussion was at length, motion from Ted to send a letter of content to both NCEMSC and Alliance Medical. A roll call vote was taken 10 ayes and 6 no's. **MC(11-01-05)**

SPINK CO AMBULANCE GRIEVANCE: Mike Sanger and Spink Co Ambulance sent a letter to the Executive Council to voice their opinion about the way the EMS Service of the Year Award is selected. They felt they were wronged in 2003 and doesn't want anything done retroactive but would like to see changes in the future. Keith explained that the changes of the eligibility of every 5 years to any one service was voted at the October EC Meeting. And also the change of the SDEMTA Vice Presidents would be making the selection starting this year. Keith felt that this would alleviate any problems in the future.

WEBSITE: Ted presented Grapevine Design by Brenda Stadel, Graphic Designer. Brenda has several professional websites that she has done throughout the region. She would design up to 15 pages for \$35.00 and accumulative hour, and out redevelop the website for \$805.00.

Kurt presented the District VI website designed by Bob Ermish. Bob would charge \$25.00 for an accumulative hour and redevelop the website for \$100.00. After lengthy discussion Tom made a motion to have Grapevine Design recreate the website. Question called by Ray Seconded by Ted. Roll call vote 8 ayes, 6 no, 2 sustained. **MC(12-01-05)**

CONFERENCE 2005: Mickey states the planning committee is doing well. Convention date are incorrect on the website, they should read October 21, 22 and 23, 2005. The district officer's will have confirmation numbers for their rooms, but must call with a credit card to hold the room.

CONFERENCE 2004: Kurt reported the conference was \$274.00 in the red. The proposed budget was pretty much right on target but the numbers of participants were not. District VI has bought the left over shirts from the Association of \$2000.00 otherwise the conference would have been over \$2,000.00 in the red. After lengthy discussion Keith motioned to give District VI the conference % for putting on a great conference, this was declared dead by Danny. Mikey motioned for the Association to accept the \$2,000.00 deficit, and to give District VI back their \$2,000.00, Tom seconded. **MC (13-01-05)** Kurt will bring some t-shirts to the next EC meeting to be given out.

COMMEMMORATIVE BELT BUCKLE: Danny has been asked to have a 30th Conference belt buckle to be sold at conference this year. Mickey has been working with RCC in Sioux Falls to have a Montana Silversmith's design one. Ted also has looked into Bergmont, they offer belt buckles in pewter. Topic tabled until April.

ASSOCIATION NOT INVOLVED IN CONFLICTS: Mickey has been approached to mediate disputes within services. The Association does not get involved.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District I: They have an upcoming PEPP class and anatomy lab at SDSU, not sure of dates.

District II: They are working on Conference 2005 and they also have a refresher planned for Jan. 28, 29, and 30.

District III: They had refresher last week in Chamberlain and nothing else planned at this time.

District IV: They had their meeting last weekend and they also had a cadaver lab that was a success. Refresher the first weekend of February.

District V: Mini conference Feb 12 and 13th. April 16 Mini Conference.

District VI: Refresher Feb 4,5,6. It is combined with District VI, Rapid City Fire Department, and Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Mini conference Feb 19 and 20 at the Spearfish Holiday Inn. There will be 18 hours CEU's.

District VII: Their meeting will be next week. They have PHTLS planned for February. There will also be an EMT-B and EMT-I test in Feb.

Motion by Mickey and seconded by Linda Smith for adjournment. **MC (14-01-05)**

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy Klunder
State SDEMTA Secretary