

# SDEMTA

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10am January 26, 2008 in Rapid City, SD at the Ramkota Convention Center by President Danny Hayes.

**ROLL CALL: State Officers:** President Danny Hayes, V. President Gary Lembcke, Secretary Nancy Klunder absent proxy Kurt Klunder, Treasurer Margaret Kuipers, Training Officer Stacy Grace **District I:** President Joe Schnell, V. President Bill Rise, **District II:** President Mickey Merrigan, V. President Tom Lines **District III:** President Doug Glover, V. President Terri VanRoekel, **District IV:** President Dale Ringgenberg, V. President Chuck Bell **District V:** President Carol Stolley, V. President Linda Smith **District VI:** President Kurt Klunder, V. President Steven Klock **District VII:** President Eric Van Dusen, V. President Chuck Hansen.

**Approval of Agenda:** Danny requested a change in the agenda under Nominating Committee, remove Ray Parker and place Tom Lines in his position. Under New Business, Eric Van Dusen requested District VII to be added. Motion to approve by Tom and seconded by Linda. **MC (1-01-08)**

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Motion made by Bill and second by Eric to approve the previous meeting minutes **MC (2-01-08)**

### **Presidents Report:**

Danny reported he attended several meeting this past week to include Legislation Ice Cream Social on Wednesday night. He reported there approximately 50 in attendance. Upcoming Bills of interest:

**Bill 147** pertaining to the seat-belt law. Bill requested that law enforcement can us no seatbelt usage as the primary offense to pull violator over. It was killed in committee.

**Bill 1197** Seat-belt law for everyone in the fewer than 18 years olds must be seat belted in the vehicle. This is to include front seat and back seat. It was just been placed into the hopper and we will see what happens.

**Bill 200** Submitted by the Governor on developing the SD Trauma Registry. It was just placed in the hopper with support from Aberdeen hospital, the Sioux Falls Hospitals and Rapid City hospital. This would develop a trauma registry.

Danny had a meeting with JC Carpenter, from the SD Dept. of Highway Safety. He has agreed that the IC group will continue with the seat-belt survey.

Danny reported he attended the EMSC meeting Thursday night on. Dave and Amy provided an overview of their performance measures. The performance measures are to keep funding for EMSC. They identified some strategies to keep the program active.

Governor's Task Force met on Friday. They discussed the following:

State Medical Director- They are developing a job description and will propose a RFP to advertisement on hiring.

EMS Data collection- March 3 and 4, 2008 in Pierre, they have the 3 companies the submitted RFP's and they will present their product. Each company will have approximately ½ day to present.

Paramedic accreditation- by 2013, each paramedic program must be accredited to continue.

Board resignation- Dr. Wehlery resigned. They are looking for another physician to replace.

Barb Jorgenson is retiring effective March 3 and Marty Link will transfer to Madison to take her place. Bob Graff will advertise his position in Pierre.

Scope of Practice will be in affect by June 2010. It is coming.

**ALS Advisory Committee-** State legislators placed into law that there must be an EMS Committee. Several people applied and they voted for. The Board is:

Physician- Dr. Harms from Sioux Falls;

Paramedic-Kurt Klunder from Rapid City

I-99-Bobby Hardwick from Pierre;

I-85-Deb Hanrahan from Philip

Danny read a thank you card from Dawn Bidwell. She was looking for a speaker and went on line and found Chuck Bell on the SDEMTA website. She contacted Chuck and found the information that she was looking for. Chuck called back and gave her the information she needed. Dawn was much impressed we maintain an updated website. Great job Chuck!!

At 9:21am Danny requested to go into Executive Session. Motion by Mickey and seconded by Eric. **MC (3-01-08)** At 9:45am meeting was called to order by Danny. Mickey commented about a Bill in legislation, he wasn't sure about the number, but this bill started at the county level to place a 5 cent a drink tax for the county governments to assist with DUI enforcement. When it reached the legislation, it is now 10 cents per drink. It is killed for now, but they anticipate it being reintroduced in late session in February.

**NCEMSC-** Kurt reported on the course he attended in St Cloud, MN that the EC supported. Kurt found out we can sponsor 2 people for the class and the State Secretary Nancy Klunder also attended. He did report that they gave them information to help with retention of members. Nancy is working on a survey that will be implemented statewide with the assistance on the website. It will be approximately 20 questions that the members will take on line. More details to follow. Kurt also requested that we continue our membership with the cooperative.

### **Vice Presidents Report**

Gary requested a motion on to continue the contract with Roberta Newman on publishing the EMT Thoughts. Motion by Mickey and seconded by Bill **MC (4-01-08)**.

Gary also reported there will be a change with articles submitted to Roberta. Roberta will design a form with the help from Stacy on training information. It will be filled out and returned to Roberta by 12 noon on EC date.

Roberta also commented that if a person or persons submitting an article or picture from another paper must have permission for reprints.

No by-law changes

No Policy changes.

### **Treasurer Report**

Margaret handed out the financial report.

Total bank accounts:	\$46,799.43.
Total Assets Accounts:	\$12,784.28.
Total Investment Accounts:	\$28,194.10.
Overall total:	\$87,777.81.

Total memberships as of 12/31/07 are 923 paid memberships and 16 Lifetime memberships for a total of 939.

Education took in \$30,570.31 from the fundraiser so far this year. Insurance is due and each district will be assessed \$261.50 for their share of the insurance policy. Margaret has received \$191.65 this quarter from the NCEMSC for our return. At the October EC meeting at the conference, it was voted on and passed to allow first responders to belong to the coalition. The state EMS and Fire office in Pierre does not have an accurate list of which departments perform first responders. It was asked from Kurt that each district go back and identify the first responders in their area and return to Margaret. This list can be developed and given to the EMS office and the Fire Marshals Office. Margaret also reported that the Income taxes were completed for 2007 but Amy received notice that 2006 was not completed and we are now fined \$3,895.75. Amy met with the Accountant and they advised to send the IRS a letter explaining the reason it was not completed due to the changing of Treasurers. The Accountant felt this will keep from paying the penalties. Margaret has not heard anything further about this matter.

Margaret also discussed about the AG Edwards fund that we are currently losing money and would like some guidance. After discussion, the council felt it was due to the unstable market and what happens when the market stabilizes. Margaret also brought up outstanding checks that were issued. The Presidents will go back and check with the checks and we will give them until the next Executive Meeting in April.

#### **Secretaries Report**

Kurt advised the council that there were still officer agreements still needed and to have the district officers please return to Nancy.

Memorial Committee- Nancy was informed that Gene Holmquist has passed. His EMT # 9922 will be retired from the state and during Conference 2008 in Pierre will have the ceremony. Gene passed away at the age of 80 years old on November 30, 2007.

Kurt also reported that Nancy is in the process of designing retention and recruiting survey and will place on the web page with the help of Tom.

#### **Training Officer Report**

Stacy reported that due to the lack of timely information being submitted to the EMT Thoughts Editor Roberta, she and Roberta are designing a form that the district will submit at 12 noon on the day EC meeting. Any other training will need to wait. Stacy also reported about the NAEMT. Jerry Johnston, President of the NAEMT, reported that the bylaw committee is working on the proposed changes on the officers.

#### **Submission of bills**

#### **Committee Reports**

#### **Office of the EMS**

Bob Graff was not in attendance and Danny already reported the items that needed to be discussed.

#### **Conference 2007**

Kurt reported that the conference had an income of \$87,880.29 with expenses of \$66,379.07 with a profit of \$21,501.22 which %10 \$2,150.00 will be given to District VI. Evaluations were tabulated and had very high evaluations on the conference and they will share with Conference 2008 Committee. Right now the Executive Council gives the district hosting the conference \$1,500.00 towards speaker fees. Kurt made a motion and Mickey seconded to increase that to \$5,000.00 each year to help with expenses. Each year we will need to evaluate this due to the money available from the Education Fund. **(MC-05-01-08)**. District V thanked the council for upping the contribution.

## **Conference 2008**

Mike Stolley reported they have already have been meeting and things are going well.

### **Joint Council**

Mickey and Gary reported that they were unable to make the last meeting due to the communications that were received late and were unable to make. There was a meeting scheduled on the Thursday of Conference 2007 and they were unable to attend. They received notification that on January 12, 2008 was the next meeting, but they received the update on January 11, 2008 that it was to be held that day and they were unable to attend. Mickey did meet with the State Fire Marshal about the SDEMTA wanting to implement a policy amongst fire and EMS that they perform background checks and if there is any falsifying of records, that individual would be dismissed and certifications were to be removed. Mickey and Gary also reported that the SD Sheriff's Association has pulled away due to the lack of guidance and the Emergency Management will pull out this next year. After lengthy discussion, motion by Joe and seconded by Mickey to pay this years dues and than pull out next year (**MC-06-01-08**). Danny was directed to send Denny Gorton, President of the Joint Council of our intent.

**I/C Report** No report.

**Bills** Motion by Mickey and seconded by Bill to pay the bills (**MC -07-01-08**)

**Old Business** Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Eric presented to the council that they have had a situation in District VII. A member of the Mobridge Ambulance injured himself on duty and was out for 6 weeks. The medical bills were paid for but due to his status on Mobridge Ambulance as a volunteer, he lost money with his other two jobs. He also works with Standing Rock Ambulance and another service, which he did not get paid due to his injury. Danny will check with Bob Graff on this matter and possible solution.

### **DDN**

Danny brought this matter to the council and asked for guidance. It was in agreement that we would not pursue this matter at this time.

### **Conference 2013:**

Danny will send out letters to the District Presidents for bids at April's Executive Council meeting.

### **District Reports:**

#### **District I**

They hosted an EMT-B refresher with 33 persons in attendance. It was an increase from 20 last year. They did get some new members from the refresher. They also chose the EMT of the Year for 2008. They are also attempting to contact Bob Page in having him come and present this summer.

#### **District II**

They are currently hosting a 24-hour Refresher with over 156 persons in attendance on Friday with more expected on Saturday. This year they teamed up with the Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls. STI is providing the building and also taking all the registration. They are also providing 2 EMT-B classes and had some inquiry about an ALS Refresher which they are researching. Their next district meeting will be at the Emergency Management office in Sioux Falls and Renner will be hosting their awards banquet. They reported they are still moving their meetings in different places and have some good turn out with this.

### District III

They have a 24 hour refresher planned for February 22, 23, and 24, 2008. They are also working on a Farm Medic class and they are currently working out the details. They had their district meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and their members wanted them to bring up to the council about possibly changing the dates on of the conference to maybe January or February. After a lengthy discussion, it was in agreement that we will leave in October or early November due to weather problems. It was suggested that with the survey that Nancy is collecting data that she could include a question about possibly changing the date.

### District IV

They had their refresher at the Presentation College in Aberdeen with 13 members in attendance. The topic was a Cadaver Lab with meeting following with pizza served. Pizza was not well received due to the likeness. Their next meeting/training will be on April 13, 2008 at Britton on Hybrid cars. St Luke's will be hosting a 24-hour refresher on 3/8, 9, and 10/2008. So far there are 46 pre-registered.

### District V

They had their meeting last Sunday and the topic was Conference 2008. They are also planning a 24-hour refresher in March. The next meeting will be at Onida with Care flight of Aberdeen flying in and providing training with a full scale disaster drill. They also reported that Cathy Childress has been diagnosed with Cancer and treatment has started with a positive outlook.

### District VI

No planning for Conference!! They had their district meeting on Jan 24 at the hangar of Black Hills Life flight. After the meeting, they gave us a tour. The district is hosting a mini-conference at Spearfish Holiday Inn on February 23, and 24, 2008. It is geared to I/85 curriculums. They are also planning a GEMS class in March.

### District VII

They are hosting an EMT-I/85 class that will be testing on 2/2/08 in Sioux Falls. They are also coordinating 2- EMT-B classes, one at McIntosh with 2 people. Due to the shortage of EMT-s in the are, they are continuing with the class. The second is at Mobridge with 17 students.

The next Executive meeting is April 26, 2008 with agenda for 2013 Conference selection.

No further business and motion by Mickey to adjourn seconded by Tom. **(MC-08-01-08)**

Minutes submitted by the temporary secretary Kurt Klunder with Proxy.