



## South Dakota Emergency Medical Technician's Association

### SDEMTA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10am July 23, 2005 in Pierre, SD at the Ramkota by President Danny Hayes.

**Roll Call: State Officers:** President Danny Hayes, V. President Keith Sharisky-proxy for Keith in the afternoon Chuck Bell, Secretary Nancy Klunder, Treasurer Ted Ellingson, Training Officer Amy Marsh-proxy Chad Skiles **District I:** President Joe Schnell, V. President Bill Rise **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 **District V:** President Jana Jones, V. President Linda Smith **District VI:** President Kurt Klunder, V. President Linda Cudmore-absent **District VII:** President Eric Van Dusen, V. President Chuck Hansen-proxy Diane Wienje.

**Approval of Agenda:** Additions to the agenda- National Registry, letter of recommendation for EMSC. Mickey made the motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Eric MC (01-07-05)

**Approval of April Meeting Minutes:** Tom made the motion to accept the meeting minutes as read, seconded by Keith MC (02-07-05)

#### **Presidents Report:**

1. Danny wrote a letter in support of EMSC to Tim Johnson, Stephanie Herseth, and John Thune. Tim Johnson did call and speak with Danny to let him know he is in support of the Wakefield Act. The Committee did approve the Wakefield Act and is now on the floor.
2. A conference call with Tom Dravland, South Dakota Dept of Health, is starting to stock pile some supplies that they have purchased with the Homeland Security money for planning ahead for any terrorism in South Dakota.
3. South Dakota State Fair sent out a letter to the state officer's inviting all EMT's, Fire Fighters, First Responders, and Police Officers to the fair on September 6, 2005. They will honor "Hero's in Uniform Day" will be offering free admission, Hero's in Uniform Recognition Ceremony, 911 rolling memorial on display, and a special flag display also known as the Healing Field.
4. President's Meeting
  - a). Proposal to establish an Emergency Medical Services Administration. NAEMT is trying to get EMS voice in Congress. NAEMT is writing a proposal to have EMS be found under the Home Land Security rather than under the DOT. NAEMT is asking for a proclamation from each state. Danny will send a letter to NAEMT as a the SDEMT Association sponsoring organization.
  - b). EMS Scope of Practice is in third draft. The draft states there will be Emergency 1<sup>st</sup> Responder, an EMT, Advanced EMT, and a

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Paramedic. The EMT hours may be moved to 140-150 hours, the content is still the same. The hours will be added at the end for situational review. Intermediate level will be between the I-85 and Special Skills which would have some drug administration and manual defibrillation, then Paramedic from there. There hoping to have the Scope of Practice done by 2010.

- c). The President's decided to reword the contract for the Convention 2011 to make the bid all inclusive to help eliminate the problems with hidden costs.
- d). Bill Brown from National Registry was in Pierre. The National Registry will be giving computer adaptive testing, and is proposing the testing be in Pierre, Sioux Falls and Rapid City. The computer adaptive testing will start in 2007. The I-99 will be offered by computer but will not be computer Adaptive test.
- e). Roy Meyer from the Highway Safety contacted Joe Schnell needing help with a seat belt survey. The job was completed the end of June and the bill was sent to Roy Meyer. Kurt motioned to pay the people that helped with the survey, seconded by Ray. After lengthy discussion a question was called by Keith. **MC (03-07-05) Vote on motion MC (04-07-05)**

#### **Vice President's Report:**

1. "The Thoughts" there are no issues and Maria was given her quarterly review, GOOD JOB!!
2. Executive Council computers were purchased from Dell and are identical to the State Treasurers. A wireless printer and a Links wireless system was also purchased. Keith asked for an approval to place the computers, printer and wireless system into inventory. Motion by Mickey to accept the computers and printer into the inventory, seconded by Linda **MC (05-07-05)**
3. Keith held a meeting on Friday night with the Executive Board to put together a policy for the use of the computers and a quick training session for the new computers. A copy of the proposed policy was handed out to the Executive Council. Ray made a motion to accept the policy for the use of the Executive Council computers, seconded by Linda **MC (06-05-07)**
4. Constitution of Bylaws: The Dept of Health has changed their name; the bylaws will have to be changed. There are no changes to the membership policy and procedures.
5. Public Safety money was voted on at the last meeting to be used for education. Keith is proposing that the money earned ½ of the money will be used up to \$1500.00 for District sponsored course(s). After lengthy discussion, several changes were made to the Workshop Guidelines. The policy and procedure was revised to reflect these changes. Mickey motioned to accept the changes as well as the \$1500.00 as part of the Workshop Guidelines, seconded by Eric **MC (07-07-05)**
6. EMS Service of the Year and Sue Schurrman's Award are due July 1<sup>st</sup> any applications that were received after the July 1<sup>st</sup> date was not accepted. Kurt asked if the dates for the applications could be in to the districts by July 1<sup>st</sup> and then brought to the Executive Council meeting. Mickey motioned to keep the dates as set in the April meeting, seconded by Linda. Discussion **MC (08-07-05)**

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7. Keith has turned over the SDEMTA Website to Tom. Tom will keep the website up to date.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

1. Ted handed out district reports; at the end of June SDEMTA has 1209 paid members, with 523 grace memberships this last quarter. District VI with 275 paid memberships has now passed District II with 258 paid members.
2. *Total bank accounts:*\$20,722.54 *Total Assets Accounts:* \$17,036.00 *Total Investment Account:* \$30,061.47 *Overall Total:* \$68,051.19
3. The Education Income is now \$19,503.42 from the Public Safety Service. One of the CD's came due in July and was renewed and will pay 3.2% interest.
4. Ted met with the District Treasurer's and went over the proposed budget for 2006. Ted went over the balanced budget, \$1,000.00 was added for Public Relations, and the education money will be kept separate from the 2006 budget. The budget will be presented at the Conference for approval.

### **Secretary's Report:**

1. Not a lot of information was received for EMS Week. District VI had a picnic and set up in the Rushmore Mall, Spearfish Ambulance hosted a Health Fair, other wise no word for any other districts.
2. An e-mail went out to all the District Secretaries asking for their help in getting the officer agreement back to the State Secretary. A copy of the District Meeting Minutes must be sent to the State Secretary to be placed in the achieves.
3. Public Relations: Nancy will look into the price of a billboard advertisement for the Association.

Margaret Kupiers is retiring from the lobbyist position, Thank you Margaret for all your hard work.

### **Training Officer's Report**

1. Nothing from the districts, District II will be offering a Basic Class.

Danny called for **submission of bills** at this time.

This included the July EC meeting motel and mileage, and also the National Registry meeting mileage and motel.

Mickey motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Kurt **MC (09-07-05)**

Joe Schnell has been chosen National EMT of the Year and will be going to New Orleans to accept the award. Tom motioned to pay for any EMT from the SDEMTA that is awarded National EMT of the Year with the same criteria as the Training Officer, seconded by Dale. **MC (10-07-05)**

**EMT of the Year:** Linda motioned to purchased framed certificates with a limit of \$10.00 for the EMT of the Year candidates, seconded by Ray **MC (11-0705)**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Office of EMS and Dept of Public Safety:**

1. EMS Advisory: the Governor has appointed the EMS Advisory Committee. Gordon Dekkenga of Yankton representing the full time paid services, Amy Marsh-representing the SDEMT Association, Dr Jim Walery representing the

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Ambulance Service Director, Tim Bjordal is the member at large, Tammy Dohman representing Emergency Nurses Association, Larry Richmond representing EMS Educators, Don Weller representing the Volunteer Ambulance Services. First meeting will be held July 30, 2005 at the Governors Inn in Pierre, anyone is welcome. The meetings and information will be on the SDEMTA website.

2. **DNR Legislation** rules have been written and have gone for public hearing. There is a ten day waiting period, and have been resubmitted for audit with the Legislative Research Council. Bob felt the rules would come up to the committee on August 9, if so will come into effect 30 days later. More information as it becomes available.
3. **NIMS-** Nation Incident Management Systems- (ICS Training) Federal Government has mandated that all EMS, First Responder, Firefighters, Law Enforcement has to complete training by September 2006. There is an IS700 that is online; the State Conference will be offering the NIMS Training. Federal Government has turned over the task to the Emergency Managers for training. If the Emergency Managers don't get the training done in their area they will be denied emergency money for their area. In the future the NIMS training will be part of the EMT Course.
4. There is a Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant; September 1 is the 4<sup>th</sup> year for the grant. This year will be for rural ambulance services, new AED's will be purchased for rural ambulance services with the requirement that they take their used AED to their second truck or if the second truck already has one, they must work with another organization to include training.

#### **Conference 2005**

1. Tom handed out the proposed budget for the Conference 2005. The room reservations for the districts were handed in, Mickey is reminding the officers to call and confirm their room with a credit card. Tom motioned to accept the budget for Conference 2005 at \$100.00 plus a \$15.00 SDEMTA membership fee, seconded by Linda **MC (12-07-05)**
2. Vendors are slowing coming in at this time there are only 4 committed.
3. Sioux Valley Care flight is having a party at their hanger on Friday night. School Bus Inc. will be transporting form the convention center to the hanger.
4. After a lengthy discussion on conference refunds, Joe made a motion to give conference refunds minus \$25.00 for processing, seconded by Ted **MC (13-07-05)**
5. Any districts that need meeting rooms for their district meetings need to get with Mickey. No food will be allowed in the public meeting rooms.
6. Speakers are going well; there are 4 national speakers and good local speakers. The hours do hit on each one of the mandatory hours.
7. Since District II is planning on not going to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lapel pins. Tom made a motion to pay for 1,000 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lapel pins and will be paid from the SDEMTA, Seconded by Mickey. Discussion, Ted called the question, vote called **MC (14-07-05)**. Vote on the motion **MC (15-07-05)** Linda motioned the money does not come out of the education money, seconded by Chad **MC (16-07-05)**
8. Saturday night will be uniform night, wear your squad uniform.

#### **Joint Council**

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Nothing to report

### **Old Business**

1. Danny and Ted visited the Public Safety Services in Minneapolis. All employees were very professional and courteous when making the phone calls. The pamphlet has been changed to read correctly.
2. District VI has been working on designs for the lapel pin and belt buckles for the 30<sup>th</sup> Conference. Kurt brought a design and a sample of the belt buckle. Carol made a motion to only have the 2005 date put on the design, seconded by Linda **MC (17-07-05)** Ray made a motion to order 800 lapel pins and 100 belt buckles, seconded by Tom **MC (18-07-05)**
3. District II does not want to do the Conference t-shirt let Mickey know if anyone is interested in taking on the task for a district fund raiser.
4. There were no names for Lifetime Membership.
5. Danny met with Philip Ambulance and they have decided not to pursue the district change at this time.
6. Amy has received the information on getting EMS License Plates that could be purchased by the EMT. Danny has the paperwork to fill out; the design has to be approved by the State. The decals for the license would be purchased through the SDEMTA. More information as it becomes available.

### **District Reports**

1. District I: Advance PEP class will be Aug 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Watertown
2. District II: Having been working on the conference with training every month. Will be having a banquet in Renner the third Saturday in Aug.
3. District III: Meeting coming up, no training planned at this time.
4. District VI: Meeting was in Huron. Extrication class with ropes was last week.
5. District V: Meeting will be in Midland on July 31,2005
6. District VI: Had a PHTLS class in July went well. Had quarterly meeting with election of officers, V President Linda will not be running for reelection Gary Lembke was voted in unanimously, Treasurer Laurel Venhusien was re-elected. GEMS class in October. Basic and Paramedic Refresher will be in January.
7. District VII: Quarterly meeting will be April 30 in Timberlake. New Secretary was elected Diane Wientjes. July 30 will be a Water Rescue/river training class in Mobridge.

Motion to adjourn meeting from Mickey at 3:00PM, seconded by Linda. **MC (19-07-05)**  
Next meeting October 20, 2005 at the State Convention.

**Nancy Klunder**  
Secretary

**Danny Hayes**  
President

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