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WACEMS Regular Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2007, Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

PRESENT

Mike Caswell – Secretary
Rod Reed – ED
Barry Adams – ADHS/BEMS
Cathy Padilla – Rural Metro Ambulance
Earl Atkinson – Pine Lake Fire
Javier Hernandez – Somerton/Cocopah Fire

Sue Kern – KRMC
Edgardo Silva – San Luis Fire
Al Masse – Tri Valley Ambulance
Kimberly Johnson – Rural Metro Ambulance
David Darger – Colorado City Fire
Maria Martinez – La Paz Regional Medical Center

Jerry Stein – MCC
Terry Mullins – ADHS/BEMS
Jose Lizarraga – Quartzsite Fire
Bill Johnston – Kingman Fire
Cesar Mora – San Luis Fire
Adam Corrado – HRMC

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Mike Caswell called the meeting to order at 1006.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from November 9, 2006 were presented. Motion by Sue Kern to accept minutes as written, vote was unanimous to approve.

REPORTS

- a. President's Report. No President's Report. Mike Caswell stated that since there is not a quorum (only one officer present, two required) all action taken today will need to be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.
- b. Treasurer's Report. Rod Reed presented and explained the WACEMS Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual, and General Ledger Reports for July 1, 2006 through January 9, 2007. Motion by Sue Kern to accept the report as stated, vote was unanimous to approve.
- c. ADHS Report. Barry Adams spoke regarding EMS week upcoming in May. Let BEMS know about regional EMS week events. R9 rules have changed significantly, can be downloaded on the web. Big changes in I's. Ambulance inspections changed quite a bit, weight requirements will be checked, 500 psi minimum in all O2 tanks, new guidelines will be enforced within a month. EMTI(99) to EMTP bridge class in Flagstaff underway. Curriculum for bridge course will be available. Terry Mullins reported that BEMS has hired a Biostatistician that will be starting within a week. This position will be available to help regions with data interpretation and regional publication of data.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

- a. Education Committee. Sue Kern reported that the committee had received education requests totaling \$1560.00. Requests included; River Medical for five EMTB refreshers and one EMTP refresher for \$985, Hualapai Valley Fire for one EMTB refresher for \$150, Valle Vista for one EMTB refresher for \$150, Tri-Valley Ambulance for one EMTB refresher and one EMTP refresher for \$275, and River Medical for Sue Kern made a motion to approve the requests as stated. Vote was unanimous for approval.
- b. Equipment/Resource Committee. Bill Johnston reported that the committee had received an equipment request for \$941 from Beaver Dam/Littlefield Fire for replacement hydraulic hoses for extrication equipment. Bill Johnston made a motion to approve the request, vote was unanimous to approve. Bill reported that there was a request from the last meeting still

outstanding, and the committee was waiting for further information from Valle Vista Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. AED Grant. Rod Reed reported on the status of this project. Funds have been requested and AED's have been ordered. Still time to request AED's through this grant. Priority will be given to BLS EMS units, law enforcement that responds to EMS, and CERT teams. Submit your requests to Rod Reed, using the WACEMS Request for Assistance forms. Please state where AED's will be located, and how training will be accomplished. Further questions please call Rod.
- b. Data Collection Project. Yuma Fire and Tri-Valley Ambulance have been trained and have been utilizing HealthEMS for four months and one month respectively. Rod Reed provided training for Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire and Buckskin Fire last month. Lake Mohave is currently live, and Buckskin Fire expects to go live later this month.
- c. National Registry Testing. Jerry Stein spoke concerning the conversion to computerized testing. Mohave Community College has a testing proposal out for all testing, and results are due by January 22nd. As of January 1st, National Registry testing is by computer only. Arizona Western College is the only current testing site in the region. A question was asked regarding can a person taking the National Registry test go back and change an answer, it was determined that you can not go back and change an answer.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. EMSC Committee. Sue Kern reported that the state EMS for Children Committee has met three times. The committee has established a goal that pediatric treatment in Arizona will be the same regardless of the zip code the treatment is given in. Also working on standardizing pediatric EMS equipment and education. The committee meets again in February. The state EMS Coordinators are available to assist agencies and assess equipment needs. Pediatric protocols are required to be updated annually.
- b. ACS Trauma System Consultation. Terry Mullins reminded the group of the ACS Trauma System consultants that will be surveying the state trauma system in June of 2007. Current focus in on completing the ACS pre-review questionnaire. BEMS needs the regions to participate in the questionnaire and hearings, and provide their perspective. For the regions, completion of the PRQ will take the place of the annual needs assessment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next WACEMS Executive Board meeting will be via telephone conference call on February 7, 2007 via phone conference.
- b. Next regular WACEMS meeting date is March 8, 2007 in Lake Havasu City. Provider Assistance requests are due by March 2, 2007, and the Equipment Committee will meet to considers the requests on March 7, 2007.

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