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WACEMS Regular Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2009, Lake Havasu City, Arizona

PRESENT

Bill Johnston –President/Kingman Fire
 Javier Hernandez – Somerton/Cocopah Fire
 Mike Caswell – Secretary/River Medical
 Jason Cramer – Buckskin Fire
 Joel Bunis – BEMSTS
 Shawn Lawless – Golden Shores Fire
 Dick Gardner – Native Air
 Jason Marmolejo – WARMC
 Heather Miller – PMI
 Jeffrey Dreyer – Boundtree
 Earl Atkinson – Pine Lake Fire

Sue Kern – KRMC
 Edgardo Silva – San Luis Fire
 Russ Paronto – Lake Mohave Ranchos FD
 Steven Lepore – Fort Mojave Mesa FD
 Ed Armijo – BEMSTS
 John Valentine – River Medical
 Al Masse – Tri-Valley Ambulance
 Dann Hussey – GMFD
 Mathew Espinoza – Desert Hills Fire
 Rick Felish – Lake Havasu City Fire
 Maria Martiniz – La Paz Regional Hospital

Rod Reed - ED
 Cesar Mora – San Luis Fire
 Steve Duncan – Bullhead City FD
 Jake Barlow – Colorado City Fire
 Kim Briggs - BEMSTS
 Chad Conlin – Buckskin Fire
 Christian Beesley – River Med.
 Nancy Hussey – GMFD
 Steve Patraw – Boundtree
 Michael Todd – PS Comm.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1015 by President Bill Johnston.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from regular meeting of January 8, 2009 were presented. Motion made by Sue Kern to accept the minutes as written. Vote was unanimous to approve.

REPORTS

- a. President’s report. President Bill Johnston reported on the Regional Council meeting with BEMSTS and all regions. He reported that Will Humble is again the acting director of ADHS. Bill spoke about regional funding issues that could impact provider assistance in the next fiscal year, still no final word about the budget. We do know that EMSC funds will be available in the amount of \$9000, and the AED grant funds will be \$25,000. President Johnston next spoke regarding upcoming changes in EMS certifications and training program accreditation, and possible state responses to these mandates. He next covered the states upcoming Premier EMS system program, and asked Joel Bunis to give a more detailed update during the BEMSTS report. Next Bill reported on HB 2399 which will reportedly revamp liability issues on community based AED programs, making them more liability friendly. Copy of HB 2399 attached. Lastly, Bill reported on two meetings held by the state on disaster preparedness, and promised to get the plan distributed to the region, possibly on the website.
- b. Executive Director’s report. Rod Reed reported that the WACEMS contract with Boardback continues to be successful, and estimated that the region has saved about \$10,000 that would have been spent for replacement equipment if the contract was not in place. He also reported that there were several backboards outside that WACEMS agencies needed to sort through and take back to their agencies. The AED grant cycle is in full swing. AED’s were passed out to

requester agencies prior to the meeting, and he will finish up after the meeting is completed, provided their paperwork is in order.

- c. Treasurer's report. Rod Reed presented the WACEMS Profit and Loss, and Ledger reports for the period July 1, 2008 through March 11, 2009. Approximately \$20,000 left in this fiscal year. Copies of the report were available. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Sue Kern, vote was unanimous to approve.
- d. ADHS report. Ed Armijo introduced himself and all other personnel present representing the state. Ed thanked WACEMS for their participation in state programs and initiatives. Mr. Armijo also spoke concerning the state budget situation and commented that WACEMS was responding appropriately to possible budget cuts. Next, Joe Bunis gave a detailed report on the Premier EMS agency program. PEMS participation is totally voluntary. Four components to the program, EMS agencies must have their senior management sign off on participation, have a QA process that covers STEMI, CVA, OHCA and major trauma, send data to the state electronically, and use their QA data to improve patient care. All data submitted to the state is non discoverable, non identifiable and completely confidential. Agencies must comply with two of the four components to be designated as participating. State is working on a program that would allow smaller agencies to log in and enter run data if they do not have an electronic reporting system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

- a. Education Committee. Sue Kern reported that the committee had received requests totaling \$5065. Requests included two EMTP refreshers and two EMTB refreshers from River Medical for \$1250, Kingman area PALS class for \$1500, Golden Shores Fire Department one EMTP refresher for \$375, Buckskin Fire for \$1500 to sponsor a Wizard Education class, and Pine Lake fire for one EMTB refresher for \$440. Motion by Sue to approve all with the exception of cutting Pine Lake down to \$275 to comply with WACEMS educational guidelines. Vote was unanimous to approve.
- b. Equipment/Resource Committee. Javier Hernandez reported that the committee had received a request for \$86.11 from Tri-Valley Ambulance for an O2 cylinder, and a request from Golden Valley Fire for a cardiac monitor for \$3900. Motion by Javier to approve the request from Tri-Valley Ambulance, and deny the request from Golden Valley, vote was unanimous to approve. Per Javier the request from Golden Valley was not recommended as the amount was too large and the request was much more appropriate for the Provider Assistance process.
- c. EMS for Children. Rod Reed gave a brief report of the last meeting that was held immediately following the most recent EMS Council meeting. EMSC is currently surveying pediatric equipment on ambulances, no new requirements, just surveying what is there.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. AED Grant. Rod Reed briefly reported on this ongoing grant process, and reported on the funding for the next fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 0910 Provider Assistance. Bill Johnston gave a quick report on the Provider Assistance meeting that took place prior to this meeting. Nothing certain until the budget is resolved, and then providers will be advised.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Announce next WACEMS Executive Board meeting, date, time and location. Currently scheduled for April 9, 2009 at 1:00 pm via phone conference.
- b. Announce next WACEMS regular meeting, date, time and location. Currently scheduled for May 14, 2009 at 10:00 am, Lake Havasu City. This was changed to May 13, 2009 same time and location, due to a conflict with the state Rules Committee meeting.