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WACEMS Regular Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2008, Lake Havasu City, AZ

PRESENT

Jake Barlow – President
Mike Caswell – Treasurer
Edgardo Silva – San Luis Fire
Javier Hernandez - Somerton Cocopah Fire
Jason Marmolejo – WARMC
Karen Slaughter – La Paz County SO
Jeffrey Dreyer – Boundtree
Jerry Stein – Mohave Comm. College
Kevin Gifford – Pinion Pine Fire
Norm Simpson – Bouse Fire

Bill Johnston – Vice President
Kimi Locke - Treasurer
Ed Armijo – ADHS
Mathew Espinoza – Desert Hills
Jason Cramer – Buckskin Fire
Shawn Lawless – Golden Shores
Cesar Mora – San Luis Fire
Rudy Barboa – Golden Valley
Darren Winters – AZ DPS

Rod Reed – ED
Sue Kern – KRMC
Joel Bunis – ADHS
Danielle Stello – HRMC
Kim Briggs - ADHS
Steve Patraw – Boundtree
Al Masse – Tri-Valley Amb.
Earl Atkinson – Pine Lake Fire
Bryan Pennington – Hualapai

CALL TO ORDER

President Jake Barlow called the meeting to order at 1000.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 10, 2008 were presented. Motion made by Sue Kern to accept the minutes as written. Vote was unanimous to approve.

REPORTS

- a. President's Report. President Jake Barlow welcomed those present.
- b. Treasurer's report. Rod Reed presented and explained the WACEMS Profit and Loss and General Ledger reports for July 1, 2007 through March 10, 2008. Copies were available. Motion by Sue Kern to accept the Treasurers Report as stated. Vote was unanimous to approve.
- c. ADHS report. Ed Armijo introduced Joel Bunis and Kimberly Briggs from BEMS. Ed next reported on the March 11, 2008 meeting with the regional representatives. Topics covered were regional contracts, deliverables, and issues with state funding. Ed reported on an upcoming EMS conference and passed out flyers. Joel Bunis reported on upcoming national changes with all levels of EMT curriculum and naming, and possible mandatory accreditation of EMS training programs. Nothing concrete yet, NREMT to present at next EMS Council meeting. Joel next spoke regarding the Bureau's Premier EMS Agency data collection project. This project will be voluntary for agencies, and will focus on STEMI, stroke, trauma, and cardiac arrest. The Bureau will use the provider

EMS electronic data and tie in with QA for these agencies. Submitted data will be protected and legally non discoverable. This program is currently being developed, so look for more in the near future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

- a. Education Committee. Sue Kern reported that the committee had received requests totaling \$10,198. Requests included; River Medical for \$2683 for six ALS refreshers and three BLS refreshers, Quartzsite Fire for \$2250 for six ALS refreshers, Bullhead City Fire for \$4125 for eight ALS refreshers and five BLS refreshers, and Golden Shores for \$950 for one ALS refresher and three BLS refreshers. Sue Kern made a motion to approve the requests as stated, vote was unanimous to approve.
- b. Equipment/Resource Committee. Bill Johnston reported that the committee had received two requests that were forwarded from the Provider Assistance Committee as more appropriate from discretionary equipment funds. The total for these requests was \$7682, and included; Pine Lake Fire for repairs to their extrication equipment for \$1167.07, and Kingman area for \$6514.93 to purchase EZ-IO needles for area departments that can't afford to restock them. Needles will be stocked at KRMC by EMS Coordinator. Bill Johnston made a motion to approve both requests, vote was unanimous to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. 07/08 Provider Assistance Update. Rod Reed reported that the only outstanding items were Buckskin's request to upgrade LP-12's, which Medtronic can't fill yet. Lake Mohave Ranchos had applied for LP-12 upgrades also, but was able to use the same amount of funding to purchase a refurbished LP-12 to replace monitors badly in need of repair.
- b. Data Collection project. Rod Reed reported on the status of this project, and recent meetings with the state as reported above in ADHS report.
- c. EMSC Committee. Sue Kern presented a written report from Tomi St. Mars. Copies were available.
- d. Revision to Educational Reimbursement Policy. Rod Reed presented a draft update to this policy. Changes would include; no reimbursement to other than pre-hospital providers actually working in the field, requests must include receipts that detail actual costs, requests must be submitted by the designated agency representative, and reimbursement checks will only be made out the requesting agency unless specifically requested otherwise on the application. Jerry Stein made a motion to accept the draft revision as written, vote was unanimous to approve. Copies were available.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 08/09 Provider Assistance. Bill Johnston presented this item. He reported on the requests received, and presented a spreadsheet detailing the Provider Assistance Committee's recommendations. Bill Johnston made a motion to approve the recommendations as written, vote was unanimous to approve. Bill also cautioned that these awards are contingent upon availability of funding from the state in the next budget year.
- b. AED Grant. Rod Reed reported on the current fiscal year Rural AED Grant. AED's have been purchased and the project is underway. More AED's have been requested than are available, so "triaging" of the requests is underway.
- c. Changes to By-Laws. Rod Reed reported that the By-Laws can only be changed at the annual meeting, which is coming up in May. Please submit any changes to the Executive Board.
- d. EMS Budget Training. Rod Reed reported on upcoming rural EMS budget training that is being sponsored by the state. Flyers were available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next WACEMS Executive Board meeting will be via telephone conference call on April 10, 2008 at 1300.
- b. Next regular WACEMS meeting will be held on May 8, 2008 at 1000 in Lake Havasu. This is the annual meeting, with awards and lunch provided. Elections will be held for the offices of President and Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT