



WACEMS Regular Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2008, Yuma, Arizona

PRESENT

Bill Johnston – President/Kingman Fire
Javier Hernandez – Somerton/Cocopah Fire
Lynn Hooker – YRMC
Al Masse – Treasurer/Tri-Valley Ambulance
Shawn Lawless – Golden Shores Fire
Jason Cramer – Buckskin Fire

Sue Kern – KRMC
Edgardo Silva – San Luis Fire
Mike Caswell – Secretary/River Medical
Theil Cooke – Colorado City
John Valentine – River Medical
Steven Lepore – Fort Mojave Mesa Fire

Rod Reed - ED
Hank Green – San Luis Fire
Glen Jeffs – Colorado City Fire
Joel Bunis - BEMSTS
Noreen Adlin – BEMSTS

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1005 by President Bill Johnston.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from regular meeting of September 11, 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 Bill Johnston reported that all agencies in the region are very busy with the beginning of the winter season. He also reported that no members have come forward with ideas for the Fire Act Grant, and asked that everyone continue to consider this idea.
- b. Executive Director's report. Rod Reed reported on the HealthEMS summit that was held in Tucson on September 29 and 30. Federal and state tax returns have been filed, as has the annual Arizona Corporation Commission report. He reported that WACEMS was the first region to receive any funding from the state this fiscal year. There were problems with the language on the insurance certificate and other difficulties, but the staff at BEMSTS, especially Betty Yunick, worked tirelessly to help shepherd the paperwork through the process. Rod next reported that all regional agencies originally sponsored by WACEMS for their first year of the HealthEMS project, are now responsible for their own costs associated with continued use of the system. He also reported that Yuma Fire has submitted six months worth of EMS data to the state as part of the pilot project for EMS data submission.
- c. Treasurer's report. Rod Reed presented the WACEMS Profit and Loss, and Ledger reports for the period July 1, 2008 through November 12, 2008. Copies were available. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Sue Kern, vote was unanimous to approve.
- d. ADHS report. Joel Bunis reported for the BEMSTS. Joel thanked the region for their patience with the funding. He next reported that BEMSTS will be contacting the regions soon to set up a meeting with all the regions and the state. Joel stated that BEMSTS will soon be posting data on their web site that lists CON holders offload times, but info won't identify individual hospitals. The trauma system is continuing to develop, with consultations scheduled with three hospitals looking at Level 4 designation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

- a. Education Committee. Sue Kern reported that the committee had received requests totaling \$13650. Requests included EMTB refreshers from River Medical for \$675, EMTP refreshers from River Medical for \$3000, EMTP refreshers from Lake Mohave Rancho for \$550, EMTB refreshers from Peach Springs for \$450, EMTP refreshers from Buckskin Fire for \$1500, EMTP refreshers from Golden Shores for \$600, EMTP refreshers from Lake Havasu for \$4875, and EMTP refresher reimbursement to Mohave Community College for Kingman Fire in the amount of \$2000. Sue Kern made a motion to approve requests as submitted, vote was unanimous to approve. There was discussion regarding sponsoring an EMTP class in the Kingman area, and how to handle various requests of this type in the future.
- b. Equipment/Resource Committee. Javier Hernandez reported that the committee had received no requests.
- c. EMS for Children. Sue Kern reported that there had not been a meeting, but that the committee is still working on the pediatric designations for state hospitals.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. 0809 Provider Assistance. Rod Reed reported that he is still working on the current Provider Assistance due to the lack of funding. Only a few items still outstanding, and should be completed by the end of the year.
- b. AED Grant. Rod Reed briefly reported on this upcoming grant process. AED request forms were available at the meeting. 22 AED's will be available for distribution within the region, also some trainers.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2009 Meeting Schedule. Discussion was held on the dates and locations of the meetings for the upcoming calendar year. Rod Reed presented a schedule that summarized the recommendations. Sue Kern made a motion to accept the dates and locations in the schedule. Vote was unanimous to approve. Printed schedules were available at the meeting and are also posted on the website.
- b. 0910 Provider Assistance. Rod Reed presented recommended dates for the upcoming Provider Assistance application process. Sue Kern made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented. Vote was unanimous to approve. Applications will be due by March 6, 2009 at 5pm. Applications were available at the meeting, and are also available via the website.
- c. Rules Committee Member. The BEMSTS is re-activating the Rules Committee, which is a sub-committee of the EMS Council. WACEMS has a seat on the Rules Committee, and this seat is currently vacant. There was some discussion on possible appointments to fill the vacancy. Consensus was that interested persons, who are members of WACEMS, should submit a resume prior to the next general meeting, and a decision will be made at that meeting and the name forwarded to BEMSTS. The next meeting of the Rules Committee is scheduled for early February 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Announce next WACEMS Executive Board meeting, date, time and location. Currently scheduled for December 11, 2008 at 1:00 pm via phone conference.
- b. Announce next WACEMS regular meeting, date, time and location. Currently scheduled for January 8, 2008 at 10:00 am, Lake Havasu City.