

## Region 6 EMS

### Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2017

Today's meeting, at the Fort Scott National Historical Monument grounds, was called to order at 1302 hours by Chairman Rod Pace.

Board members present:

**K. Yoakum, R. Pace, D. Bruner, C. Harrison, C. Mattes, J. Reed, R. Grimmett, D. Hall, R. Long, M. Burnett**

Absent members: *T. Modesitt, Wilhelms, Miller*

*Guests: David Cowan, Public Safety Director, Independence*

Agenda: The agenda was presented by Chairman Pace. A motion was heard for approval of the agenda by Mr. Bruner and a second by Mr. Mattes. Unanimous vote was heard.

Minutes of the April 2017 meeting were presented at the meeting by Mr. Yoakum. A motion from Mr. Mattes to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mrs. Harrison. All voted in approval.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Bruner reported the balances of the funds: \$7,969.61 in the Education Fund and \$45,364.60 in the general fund.

New Board members Danny Hall, Rodger Long and Mike Burnett were seated in their elected positions at the beginning of the meeting as voted at the April meeting. Mrs. Lisa Miller essentially put forth her resignation from the Board by accepting employment and moving outside the state. We wish her well in her future!

Discussion was brought forth by the Chairman about filling Mrs. Millers seat. Discussion centered on the two nominations from the April elections that were not elected and whether they were still willing to serve in the capacity. Mr. Cowan is present today and Mr. Mattes indicated he had reached out to Mr. Reisig but had not heard from him. Both names were nominated and a vote was held. Ten votes were received and counted by Mr. Yoakum. There was a tie. Mr. Yoakum made a motion that with Mr. Cowan's presence would indicate his interest and he should be elected. A second is heard from Mr. Reed and a voice vote was unanimous.

Officer's positions up for election this year include: Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Member-at-Large. A motion by Mr. Mattes to retain Mr. Bruner as the Treasurer was heard with a second by Mr. Reed. No further nominations were brought forth. All voted in approval. A motion by Mr. Cowan to nominate Mr. Reed for Vice-chair was heard with a second by Mr. Grimmett. No further nominations were heard and all voted in favor.

The Member-at Large position heard the nominations of Mr. Chris Mattes and Mrs. Courtney Harrison. A vote was taken in which there was a tie. The Chairman casts a vote for Mr. Mattes thus making it 6-5.

**KEMSA Reimbursement Maximization Project:** A brief review of the project was heard from the Chair. This has somewhat stagnated over the last few months after a peak in participation. As the 2018 legislative season approaches it is the desire of the coordinators to inspire increased intensity to achieve the objectives of this project and see it to completion.

**KSBEMS:** Mr. House could not attend the meeting and no formal report was given. Mr. Pace denoted some topics on the KSBEMS agenda currently.

**DMSU:** Training courses for NIMS 300 and 400 were hosted at Crawford County EMS in April and May. Several members attended and were certified. Activity for the summer is limited but a training with Task Force 4 this fall is anticipated.

**KRAF Grant Committee:** Mr. Yoakum reported that the committee is dormant right now until October when a meeting to examine the application process will be held to make any necessary changes in the process. Applications will be taken for FY2018 until the first of January. As for the 2017 program, the Board of EMS has made the awards and the completion documents will be before the Board of EMS at the August meeting for approval. The list will then be posted for broadcast at their website for viewing as to awards of grants. A concern was brought by Mr. Burnett that he felt the system was “flawed”.

**Homeland Security:** Currently Travis Modesitt is our delegate to this committee and he could not attend the meeting for a report. The Chair indicated that the Region has two seats on the committee and Mr. Burnett stated he would have interest in serving on this.

**SEKRTC:** The last agenda of this group was geared towards education within the region. One area of discussion was an increase in funding for the PHTLS program and the ATLS program. At their last meeting Kenny Wunderly resigned his seat as a nursing representative. Naomi Powers was appointed to fill his term. Jessica Cobb was appointed as a nurse along with Courtney Harrison in an EMS representative role to the EMSC committee.

**EDTF:** Current topics of this committee (Dave Bruner, Kenny Yoakum) are exploration of the long standing topic of Educator credentialing. This is an ongoing discussion that has been continually perpetuated for many years since there seems to be no concensus among the stakeholders across the state. Also Mr. Yoakum asked if we were still expected to develop scenarios for the hands on exam for EMT’s. It was agreed by the EDTF committee that we were and Mr. Yoakum, along with Brad Sisk of Region 2 and Derek Champlin of Region 4 would work on this and report back.

**MERGE:** Mr Bruner advised that the next meeting of this group was slated for July 28. One topic the group is considering is staffing a First Aid tent at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. There seemed to be no clear direction as to whether the group was interested. Mr. Burnett suggested that if MERGe decides not to do it if perhaps it would be a project for the Region 6 EMS DMSU team. The Chair advised he would reach out to a contact for details.

**KISS Committee:** No activity to report right now.

**Medical Director Workshop:** Darlene Whitlock, RN came away from the workshop in May with some good information and is formulating a plan to take this program throughout the state. The first one since then was held in Region 3 with approx 30 participants. It seemed to be well received and amendments to the program are being completed before doing other meetings.

**EMS-C:** Mrs. Cleary could not attend today but she sent an e-mailed synopsis of activities her office is conducting.

**KEMSA and MEMSA Scholarships:** Mr. Yoakum reported that he had 4 scholarships as of the day before the meeting, One person had to cancel his attendance due to schedule conflicts. No one contacted Mr. Yoakum about the MEMSA scholarships. Scholarships for Brandon Howard- Paramedic, Jim Foresman- EMT and Kristen Jackson-EMTA have been awarded. Discussion was heard within the group about attendance on a daily basis being considered since scheduling seemed to be a limiting factor in participation. The group seemed favorable to this. Mr. Yoakum would be willing to coordinate that.

**Committee Assignments** were either spoken for or delegated by the Chair. They are as follows:

**Bylaws Chair:** Travis Modesitt, **Education Chair:** Randy Grimmatt, **Communications/PR:** Dave Cowan, Rodger Long, **Finance:** Dave Bruner, Mike Burnett, **Executive Committee:** Jesse Reed, Danny Hall

**Upcoming events include:**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at Downstream Casino: Pediatric Care Symposium (details will be out soon)

The next meeting date of the Region 6 EMS Board is October 10, 2017 at 1300 in Cherryvale Kansas. Location: TBA

A motion to adjourn was heard from Mr. Mattes with a second by Mr. Burnett. All voted in favor at 1520,