AEMTA Board Meeting
January 14, 2014 @ Freeway Medical Building

Members Present: Ronnie Russell, Becky O’Bar, Dwayne Aalseth, Judy Taylor, Josh Woods, Kenny Tosh, Penney Russell, Mike Williamson, Travis Payne, Mike Berry, Greg Russell, Michael Drost, Tonia Hale, Marcus Pullen, Markann Young.

Meet called to order by the newly elected President Ronny Russell.

Meeting started off by appointing K.C Jones as the AEMTA Chaplin and then was lead in prayer. Then all newly elected Board Members were sworn in by K.C. Jones.

Reading of the minutes from the last board meeting was done by Becky O’Bar, there was a motion and a second, and Ronny asked if there was any discussion, there were no discussions and all were in favor and there were none opposed, motion passes.

Treasure report was passed out and given by Jennifer Blaylock which showed profit & loss from November 1, 2013 through January 14, 2014 and a balance sheet as of January 14, 2014. She also stated in the report there was still some outstanding invoices that were out there and needed to get paid and was going to turn them over to Becky to get them taking care of, Jennifer stated that she needed to turn in her final trauma invoice from conference and CVENT. Jennifer also stated that she receiver an invoice from Harper (Jan 1 through June) for his services. Motion made by Becky O’Bar, second by Tonia Hale. Motion passes. Ronny stated that he had an extensive talk with Harper and he is going to stay till June. Ronny entertained a motion to have this bill paid to Harper.
Motion made by Becky O’Bar, Second by Dwayne Aalseth. Motion passes.

Joe Martian requested time to speak to the Board to request help with a video that the section of EMS is trying to produce that explains the actual trauma system. Dwayne made a motion that we partner with the section of Trauma to make an educational video, second made by Greg Russell. Motion passes. Dwayne Aalseth made a motion to create a committee to come up with the time lines and story lines for this video and then brought back to the board for total approval before it is made. Second made by Travis Payne. Motion passes. Becky O’Bar made a motion for Markann Young to be the chair on this committee, second by Travis Payne. Motion passes. Ronny Russell also brought up to Joe that he would like the Arkansas Ambulance Associations to also be involved in this as to nor exclude then due to making a better working relationship between the associations.

At this time Ronny Russell praised everybody for the great turnout and had everybody introduce their self and their position on the Board.

Becky O’Bar passed out a request for funds reimbursements and needs to be filled out and approved before you spend any money unless it is president approved and that is only if it is urgent. Ronny also stated if you are going to have a proxy it is to be turned to the secretary before each meeting either by text, email, letter etc. Ronny Russell also stated that any equipment that belongs to the association is for AEMTA use only.

Ronny states that he has received several complaints as to the webpage with outdated information and current bylaws, meeting minutes or Treasure reports not being posted and that we are going to strive to do better on this in the coming two years.
Ronny brought up to the Board due to the $12.50 that Harper charges every time something is posted or changed on the AEMTA website that if you want something to posted that involves the CPC that it needs to go to the Conference chair Jennifer Blaylock and approved, then it goes to either the Webmaster or Lifeline editor for posting. Anything else will go through the President. Becky O’bar made the motion that any Lifeline or AEMTA webpage changes should be submitted to the appropriate person by Thursday noon. Second made by Judy Taylor. Motion passes.

At this time Ronny Russell made his Committee chair appointments. Jennifer Blaylock- Conference chair, Trauma Committee – Ronny Russell and Becky O’Bar, Membership – Becky O’bar, Finance – Jennifer Blaylock with Judy Taylor and Penny Russell as members, Awards – Penny Russell, Bylaws – Judy Taylor, Election Committee – Mike Williamson chair with Sedley Tomlinson and Ken Kelly members, legislative and EMR – Dwayne Aalseth as Chair and Keith Edmonds member, Lifeline Editor – Michael Drost and Markann Young as equal co-chairs, Webmaster – Sedley Tomlinson. Motion by Mike Williamson to accept the appointed positions, second made by Tonya Hale. Motion passes.

Ronny Russell asked the Board for their permission to be able to work with the Health Department with CVENT and was granted by members present, no motion was made. Ronny brought about Lifeline and was told by Harper that we did not need him for Lifeline stuff that we could do a very short class online and be able to do it ourselves as an association. A motion was made by Mike Williamson that we separate Lifeline from Harper, second made by Kenny Tosh. Motion passes.

Ronny Russell brought for discussion about the Midwest First Responder Conference and them not complying an what was to be done
as far as listing the AEMTA as co-sponsors on the website, Mike Williamson spoke to the board and said that he has talked to Bob Petus and he apologized for the delay and stated due to the date change everything was up in the air which delayed changes to their site and that this will be corrected and that we will be added to the Midwest First Responders website as co-sponsors. Ronny Russell asked the Board for a vote on whether we still give the money to the Midwest First Responder Conference and asked for a show of hands for giving Bob Petus the money for his Conference. Of the members present 7 were for given the money, 2 were against 5 abstained. So with a 7-2 vote Bob Petus will get the money for the Conference. Several Board members are going to attend the Conference and we are going to have a booth and have two banners with the AEMTA logo to display at the conference.

Travis Payne had to leave the meeting and gave proxy to John Millwood.

Dwayne Aalseth presented to the AEMTA the flyers that have been made in the past. A motion was made by Dwayne that we reproduce the flyers with the corrected amendments to the flyers. Second by Judy Taylor. Motion passes.

Ronny Russell brought to the board that he has taken two AEMTA computers and gave one to the Conference Chair and one to the Secretary so when the positions change hands that all information will be on the computer for the person that takes over, and asked the board if this was something that they were ok with. Dwayne Aalseth made a motion that that the secretary and the conference chair remain in control of the computers, second made by Judy Taylor. Motion passes.

Discussion was brought up on buying Board member shirts and what color they were going to be and the two colors voted on was red and
black, voted by show 9- red and 4 for black so the new board shirts will be red. Motion made by Tonya Hale to purchase new board shirts with the color red, second by Judy Taylor. Motion passes.

Becky O’Bar made a motion that we suspend any region or society reports, second made by Dwayne Aalseth. Motion passes.

Ronny stated the date of painting at the Section has been changed to Saturday February 22, 2014 @ 10:00am. And requested that everybody that could help to please be there.

Ronny Russell stated that he is calling a special Board meeting to be held on February 11, 2014 @ 9:00am to discuss Bylaw changes and policies and procedures.

Motion to adjourn made by Becky O’Bar, Seconded by Greg Russell. Meeting adjourned