Members Present: Michael Drost, Dwayne Aalseth, Delinda Duckworth, Debora Jenkins, Travis Payne, Becky O’Bar, Kenny Tosh, Tonia Hale, Markann Young, Judy Taylor, Denise Carson, Mike Williamson Leslie Jenkins, Patrick McIntire, Penney Russell, T.A Simpson, Greg Russell, Mike Berry and Ronny Russell.

Meeting was called and started with swearing in of the remaining two left, Michael Drost- Board Secretary and Jennifer Blaylock-Conference Planning Committee Chair, then Ronny Russell lead everyone in prayer.

Michael Drost passed out a copy of the minutes from the previous meeting, before the minutes were read Dwayne Aalseth asked the President if the minutes that were being passed around were sent out to everyone by email and were seen and made a motion to approve the minutes that were sent out by email, second made by Kenny Tosh. All was in favor, motion passed.

Becky O’bar read the treasures report since the last meeting, motion was made by Dwayne Aalseth to accept the treasures report as read, second was made by Travis Payne. All was in favor, motion passed.

At this time President Ronny Russell called for the Board to go in to an executive session for an internal matter of the Board and asked everyone that was not an elected board member to step out and stated that they will able to return to the meeting after the executive session was complete. After all the guest left the room the matter was discussed and came out of executive session and let everyone return to the room to continue the regular meeting.

Jennifer Blaylock presented the Conference budget to the board for approval. Motion was made by Bucky O’bar to accept the budget that was presented, second made by Greg Russell. All was in favor, motion Passed.

Michael Drost brought up a discussion on social media sites, stated that we have the AEMTA website and a Facebook page and requested to the board to expand by adding a Twitter account to go with what we have so far. Dwayne Allseth made a motion to expand to Twitter, second made by Greg Russell. All were in favor, motion passed.

Ronny Russell brought to the board about getting a table cloth with the association name on it. Becky made a motion that we go ahead and buy a white table cloth, second was made by Dwayne Aalseth. Went in to discussion about the motion, at that time Becky O’Bar amended her motion and stated that we order 1 monogramed, printed AEMTA table cloth and two plain white ones to match. A second was made by Travis Payne. All were in favor, motion passed.
Ronny brought up about him having the AEMTA trailers kept at his residents and needing to buy/build a shed that could be moved for two of the trailers, with a cost of about $2700 but not to go over $3000. This was discussed with multiple options as to what to do and possibly having a commercial storage for the trailers, motion was made by Becky O’bar that we table this to the next meeting and get further investigation, second made by Judy Taylor. All were in favor, motion passed.

Ronny Russell stated that he had a letter from Rod Barrett requesting a letter of support on Field EMS Bill HR-809. Mike Williamson made to motion that the Association make a letter of support or endorsement for this bill, second made by Becky O’bar. All were in favor, motion passed.

Ronny Russell stated that he had a request from Jack Hill that they were in the works of creating a pediatric expo and wanted to know if the AEMTA would be interested in sponsoring the breaks for this event, there will be two of them, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The event is going to be limited to 100 people and the break items would consist of water, tea and coffee, with maybe a small afternoon snack. And we can also set up a booth there. Ronny checked on this and stated we could do this for under $250. Ronny asked if we could table this until the date of this event could be found out.

Two representatives sent a request and asked for our support in regards to the Arkansas Emergency Medical Services Instructor Educational Requirement proposal. Dwayne Aalseth spoke and stated to the representatives that the Board has not been made aware of this, and as a board we need to see the proposal and also if they would get with the Instructor Society president where we can get an opinion from them before we make a vote on this. Judy Taylor made a motion that we table this to the next meeting so we can study this more, second made by Mike Williamson. All were in favor, motion passed.

Ronny Russell stated that it is time to nominate the Hall of Fame recipients. Nominees are Joe Sexson, Denise Carson, Galya Gregory, John McMann, and Rob Barrett. At this time Becky O’Bar made the motion for the notations to cease, second was made by Judy Taylor. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Greg Brown from the section of EMS has asked again for $250 to help with refreshments at the reception after the parade of lights. Dwayne Aalseth made the motion to give the section $250 for refreshments at the parade of lights, second was made by Mike Williamson. All were in favor, motion passed.

Ronny Russell reported on CVENT in place of Sedley due to not being at the meeting, Sedley sent a list of stuff that still needs to be bought for CVENT with the funds that have already been approved by the board. He has $21,750 left to spend.

Jennifer Blaylock reported that there was a very large invoice sent in for Trauma funding. We are summiting $26,446.27 which included the initial CVENT cost and will go back in the general fund, and summiting $72,727.28 from conference for a total of $99,173.55 we will be getting back and that does not include Spring Fling expenses.
Regional and Member at Large reports:

Penney Russell – Member at Large reminded everybody about the Parade of Lights and was still going to happen.

Region 1: Mike Williamson reported on the Midwest First Responder Conference and stated that with the snow and bad weather that there was still a good attendance and a good conference.

Region 2: Kenny Tosh stated he would like an Escape Violent Encounters class in May in Region 2 and asked the Board for $800 to help out with expenses for the class. Becky O’Bar made a motion to give him $800, second was made by Tonya Hale. All were in favor, motion passed. Kenny also stated on March 17th from 9 to 4 at the Jackson B Stevens Spine Neurologist at UAMS there is going to be a Stroke Registry compliance conference and is free and said it might be something we might want to attend and please get the word out about this conference.

Region 3: Tonya Hale brought up that North Star EMS on May the 10th from 8am to 8pm is going to be hosting CEU classes free of charge for active shooter practical along with crime scene awareness.

Region 4: No report

Region 5: Mike Berry stated there was nothing new to report.

Society Reports

First Responder: Greg Russell that there was an EMS challenge and encouraged everyone to participate.

Industrial: Travis Payne stated that this year was the 25 year for the society, Talked about maybe making some challenge coins up.

Fire/EMS: Nothing to report

Paramedic: No Report

Instructor: No Report

Committee Reports

Advisory Committee: Dwayne Aalseth brought up about the letter for Rod Barrett which was taken care of earlier in the meeting and also had got ahold of the opponents that were against the First Responder last time and things seem to be going good on that so far and that they are putting together their own proposal and going to see if some type of agreement can come out of that. Also brought up about talking to EMS services on requirements of EMS personal and Jury duty.

Ronny Russell asked Mike Williamson if he would give a report on Eureka Springs, Mike said that there were some challenges due to the weather that had come through which included several cancelations, but given the challenges with the conference center with having to change the dates of the conference and all that the conference as well as could be expected given the circumstances.
Ronny Russell brought up that he had a meeting while at the MWFRC about Eureka Springs Fire becoming a charter member under the AEMTA Association, several things were discussed with Bob Pettus was present at this board meeting. Travis Payne made a motion to table the Charter until the board can get more educated on this and all questions can be answered, not only for Bob Pettus but for the board, second made by Dwayne Aalseth. All was in favor, motion passed.

Markann Young brought up that she was picked to help with the 911 Trauma video that was requested for by Joe Martian for our help. And has been talking to people and talking to places like Taylor Made ambulance and getting stuff donated and that there will be generic ambulance and generic uniforms for this video so that no one service will be used. Markann also brought up that Sheepdog Impact Assistance of Central Arkansas is having a Rucks challenge on March 22nd and asked if the association would be a sponsor. Judy Taylor made a motion that if the funds are available that we give the $150 level sponsorship which comes with a booth, second made by Kenny Tosh. All were in favor, motion passed.

Dwayne Allseth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second made by Josh.

Meeting adjourned