AEMTA Board Meeting 5-13-2014
Freeway Medical Building, Little Rock

Members Present: Ronald Russell, Penny Russell, Mike Berry, Greg Russell, Jennifer Blaylock (proxy for Judy Taylor), Todd Thompson, Travis Payne, Tonia Hale, Josh Woods, Donald Reed (proxy for Marcus Pullen, Becky O’Bar, Robert Galligher, Mike Williamson, Michael Drost, Markann Young, Kenny Tosh, Dwayne Aalseth.

Guest: Sedley Tomlinson, Joe Martin, Susan Drost, Scott Endres.

Meeting was called to order by the President Ronny Russell at 09:06

Started the meeting off by the swearing in of two more Board members that had not been done yet, and that was Robert Gallinger and Todd Thompson. After the two were sworn in, Ronny Russell asked Robert Galligher to lead us in prayer.

Michael Drost read the minutes from the April Special Board meeting. Corrections were made to the minutes as to the misspelling of the last name Martin and add Jennifer Blaylock as proxy for Tonia Hale. Dwayne Aalseth made a motion to approve the minutes as read, second was made by Mike Berry. All were in favor, motion passed

Minutes from the March meeting were also read. Becky O’Bar made a motion to accept the minutes as read, second by Mike Williamson. All were in favor, Motion passed.

At this time Joe Martin presented to the Board and went over an itemized Trauma EMS Association Sustaining Grant Budget Form with a grant amount of $48,895. Motion made by Becky O’Bar to accept this budget
form and Joe Martin go forward with it, Second by Kenny Tosh. All were in favor, motion passed.

Becky O’Bar read and presented to each board member a copy of the the treasures report as of May 12, 2014. Motion was made by Michael Drost to accept the treasures report as read, second was made Dwayne Aalseth. All were in favor, motion passed.

Becky O’Bar said she was asked by Ronny Russell to be reimbursed for things like paint and mileage reimbursement for pulling the AEMTA trailer up to Harrison for spring Fling @ $0.41 a mile, for a total of $159.90 but stated that Ronny knocked off $59.90 due to that is what it would of cost him to go to Harrison by himself without the Trailer and is asking for a total of $100.00 to be reimbursed. Motion was made by Jennifer Blaylock to reimburse Ronny $100 for taking the trailer to Spring Fling, Second was made by Todd Thompson. All were in favor, motion passed.

At this time Markann Young made a motion that we go into an executive session, second was made by Becky O’Bar. And at this time all guest were asked to leave the room and the board went into executive session to handle an internal matter. The matter was handled and discussed and concluded the executive session, guests were allowed to return and continued with the regular board meeting.

Ronny Russell brought up the fact that he found out that he had made an error and appointed two people from the same region to be on the Finance Committee and when it was discovered Judy Taylor, which was one of the Committee members resigned and now would like to appoint Mike Williamson from region one to fill in the spot. Motion was made by Tonia Hale to accept the appointment of Mike Williamson, second made by Mike Berry. All were in favor, motion passed.
Dwayne Aalseth presented a project that he was working on due to the recent storm and Tornado victims would like to show unity in the state of Arkansas by getting red ribbons (Arkansas Red) and have one on the front of every unit that is going to be at the Parade of lights and of them units, any that were involved or responded to the areas that were affected will also get a black ribbon to be placed on the front of their unit to signify the victims that lost their lived in the tornado and will also lead the parade. Also stated that he would like the names of the lost individuals to be read during the parade of lights. Michael Drost made a motion that we go ahead and get the red ribbons to be placed on each unit at the parade of lights and a black ribbon for the units that were involved and lead the parade with a budget not to succeed $400 to purchase the ribbons, second made by Becky O’Bar. All were in favor, motion passed.

Ronny Russell brought up about EMS world Expo which is November 9-13 2014 in Nashville Tennessee. And stated that the world expo offered to give the AEMTA three paid conference fees to whoever the Board wants to select to represent the AEMTA, they will also give us a booth, a free meeting room and free exhibit hall passes to any of our members. All we were asked to do in return is to place their advertisements on all our websites. Ronny Russell appointed himself as lesion, Dwayne Aalseth as past president and Jennifer Blaylock as the conference chair and also requested that the association pay for the rooms of the three that will be going. Motion made by Becky O’Bar to pay for the room of the three selected to go to the world expo, second made by Robert Galligher. All were in favor, motion passed. Ronny also stated that any AEMTA member can get there NAEMT membership for a 25% discount. And advertise this on all media sites.

Donald Reed representing Air Evac made a presentation to the Board to offer all AEMTA Members a discount on membership at reduced rates. And asked if we would advertise on our website and social media sites.
Becky O’Bar made a motion that we accept Air Evac (Air Med Care) promotional membership discount and list it as one of our membership benefits. Second made by Robert Galligher, all were in favor. Motion passed.

It was suggested that there should be a benefits committee to find and put together benefits for the members. Ronny asked if there were any volunteers and Tonia Hale said she would chair the committee along with Sedley Tomlinson and Kenny Tosh as part of the committee. Dwayne Aalseth made a motion that we accept this committee, second made by Mike Williamson. Motion passed.

Policy for the EMS Hall of Fame was brought up and a committee has already been appointed for this and Dwayne Aalseth brought up and suggested that there be no more than two people a year to be placed in the Hall of Fame, that the nominations would be coming in January of each year and let the past presidents sort thru them and narrow it down to about five nominees and then would be brought to the board in February and be voted on by the Board in March at Spring Fling from the nominations which two will be placed in the Hall of Fame. Tonia Hale made a motion that we do two a year and let the past presidents narrow the nominations to five before it is presented to the board, second made by Becky O’Bar. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Ronny mentioned about the Hall Of Fame and thanked everybody that come up to the Section of EMS and painted the room but mentioned it was discussed about bringing in an interior decorator to come in and hang the plaques and still will be within the budget of which $5000 was approved and still has $1500 left. It was suggested by Greg Brown to maybe have UCA to have their interior decorator students come in and hang the plaques.
Trauma Check and trauma funding was brought up and Ronny stated that the budget has been approved and been sent to the State Department.

Ronny Russell brought up about an EMS Memorial at the State Capital in conjunction with the Arkansas Ambulance Association in 2018 being the 40th year of the AEMTA to form a committee with him being the Chair of this committee and appointed Jennifer Blaylock, Tonia Hale and Scott Endres as committee members. Motion made by Tonya Hale to proceed with this recommendation, send by Dwayne Aalseth. All were in favor, motion passed.

Ronny Russell stated that due to the recent Tornado that we form a Search and Rescue/Clean up Team and get this team approved by FEMA and ADEM. A motion was made by Dwayne Aalseth to form a committee for the Search and Rescue/ Clean up team and a CISD Team, second made by Becky O’Bar. All were in favor, motion passed. Ronny Russell appointed Keith Edmonds and Rod Barrett to be on this committee and a motion was made by Tonia Hale to accept this appointment, second made by Jennifer Blaylock. All were in favor, motion passed.

Scott Endres brought up to the board about a new award, like a Good Samaritan of the Year or something along that line. Becky O’Bar made a motion that we get a couple of people together to figure the logistics of this and come up with an award for a lifesaving or Good Samaritan, Second made by Mike Williamson. All were in favor, motion passed. Becky, Patrick and Scott will be the three on the committee for this award.

Member at Large Report: Penney Russell stated that the Parade of Lights will be next Wednesday and passed out the brochure with the lineup of events. Penney also presented her expenditures to the board for approval which included the following:
$1000 budget was approved by the board
EMS Foundation donated $500
Tee Shirts - $658.57
Pens - $414.68
Two cakes - $125
Parade Permit - $25
Drinks, Ice and Misc - $276.75

Mike Williamson made a motion to approve the budget as read, second was made by Mike Berry. All were in favor, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Conference – Jennifer said everything was moving along and everybody was working hard. Jennifer did state that she was having a little bit of a hard time getting stuff posted on the website and is trying to stay on top of Harper to get this done. Also was brought up about hotel rates and reservations and if you have made a reservation and did not get the conference rate that it was going to be straighten out.

Region Reports:

Region one – Becky O’Bar stated that Sebastian County is hosting an ATERF class (TCCC) June 23rd and June 24th.

Region two – no report

Region three – Tonia Hale requested $500 for her May 31st “CEU Saturday” Becky O’Bar made a motion that we go ahead and give her the $500 she requested, second made by Mike Williamson. All were in favor, motion passed.
Region four – Donald Reed (proxy for Marcus Pullen) stated that Ouachita County Medical Center in Camden also has a “Super Saturday” did not have the dates but it is free of charge and Steve Hill is the Contact person and his email address is ocems1@yahoo.com.

Region Five – Mike Berry states that there has been some talk about getting a couple of classes in the region and working on details and dates.

Society Reports:

Paramedic Society – Robert Galligher stated that they are working on the Paramedic Retreat and also having a class called the “Last Resort” sometime in September or October and open up for all and hold the class either in region one or four or somewhere in the middle. Also stated that the Paramedic Society will be donating some money to the board to go towards equipment for the disaster trailer but the amount is not known at this time.

First Responder Society – no report

Instructor Society – Instructor retreat was held back in April and was believed to be one of the biggest turnouts that anybody could remember.

Fire/EMS Society – No report

Industrial Society – Becky stated that they were giving $500 dollars to help with Eddie Sysco.

Tabled Business:

Jack Hill’s class was brought up about providing the snacks during breakouts. Becky O’Bar made a motion that we sponsor up to $250 for the breakouts for the Jack Hill conference, second made by Tonia Hale. All were in favor, motion passed.

Becky O’bar made a motion that we adjourn, second by Mike Williamson. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.