

NORTEX REGIONAL EMS PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Bill Sekora.

See attached the attendance list for those present.

Minutes of the April 5, 2012, and June 7, 2012, meetings were reviewed. On a motion from Ryan Matthews and seconded by Foster Simmons these minutes were approved as written on a unanimous vote of those present.

Reports:

- The Financial Report was presented by Foster Simmons as follows:
 - Checking Account balance was \$2,451.48
 - Savings Account balance was \$ 41,682.87
 - Total Balance on Hand (Dues and Checking) was \$44134.35.

On a motion by Kelly Hudson and seconded by Joel Moore the Financial Report was approved as presented on a unanimous vote of those present.

- The RAC Report was presented by Al Garcia as follows:
 - Executive Director's report
 - Everyone that submitted requests to the RAC for equipment received what they asked for.
 - Dues for the upcoming year are due in September.
- The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) report was given by Ryan Matthews as follows:
 - EMS rules 157.xx are now open for comment. Jane Guerraro with DSHS wants to discuss every proposed change at the October meeting. Ryan advised all to keep abreast of the proposed changes as they develop.
 - Proposed rule changes will be introduced at the November EMS Conference.
 - Some of the proposals recommend scheduling all GETAC meetings within a 2-day window. Day 1 would be for GETAC to get reports from the state. Day 2 would be to get reports from committees.
- The Department of State Health Services report was given by Jerry Bradshaw as follows:
 - Jerry reminded all providers that current provider licenses will expire in July. License renewal can be accomplished on-line and providers were urged to get information submitted to the state early to avoid possible lapses in provider licenses.

Old Business:

- Adam Scott reported that the newly revised regional protocol guidelines have been distributed along with a copy of RFFlow software which will enable all providers to modify the protocols in accordance with the providers' medical directors' instructions. The group acknowledges and appreciated the work Adam put in on this project.
- On a motion from Bruce Sutton and seconded by Kelley Hudson, and passed by a unanimous vote of those present bills and expenditures were authorized as follows:
 - Adam Scott, \$300.00 for revising EMS protocols
 - Refund to the RAC in the amount of \$1,945.40 for GPS units
 - Refund to Mike Furrow in the amount of \$25.00.

New Business:

- It was noted that non-profit status of the Provider's Association has been reinstated. One of the requirements of a non-profit organization is that directors must be elected. On a motion from Ryan Matthews and second by Pete Wolf, it was proposed that the directors be the current officers plus the immediate past president. Current officers are President Bill Sekora, Vice President Adam Scott, Secretary Mike Beimer, and Treasurer Foster Simmons. Roger Ritchie is the immediate Past President. The motion passed unanimously.
- By a unanimous vote of those present, Kenny Hoffman was elected to be the Providers Association representative to the RAC.

Open Forum:

- Ryan Matthews noted that the EZ-IO form is now on the RAC website. More adult and pediatric needles are now available. Ryan reminded all to return expired EZ-IO needles to him.
- Kelley Hudson reported that there would be a health fair in Graham on Saturday, August 4th.
- Ryan Matthews reported that TransStar EMS would be rolling out CPAP capability onboard their units in the near future.
- Roger Ritchie reported that AirEVAC will be offering PALS and ACLS classes in the region over the next few months.
- Adam Scott reported that the Vernon Fire Department will be starting an Intermediate class in Vernon later this month.
- Jack County will be having a health fair on September 15th as well as hydroplane races.
- Wichita Falls Fire department will start a new academy on February 25th and anticipate hiring 14-15 new people.
- Al Garcia reported that Vernon Regional College has opened a new classroom in Wichita Falls that will include a simulation lab. AMR donated six stretchers to this program. There will be Basic, Advanced, and Paramedic classes forthcoming in this program.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kelley Hudson and seconded by Bruce Sutton to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Beimer, Secretary

**NORTEX REGIONAL EMS PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION
ATTENDANCE SHEET
AUGUST 2, 2012**

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Adam Scott	Vernon Fire/EMS
Al Garcia	RAC-C
Audrey Collins	Three Rivers Ambulance
Bill Sokora	Archer City Ambulance
Bruce Sutton	Olney EMS and Loving FRO
Chantil Miller	Petrolia VFD
Charles Peters	Byers VFD
Foster Simmons	P.K. Westlake Vol. EMS
Harrold Shelley	Cryovac FRO/Electra EMS
Jeff Miller	Faith Community Hospital EMS
Jerry Bradshaw	DSHS
Joel Moore	Bowie Fire/EMS
Kelley Hudson	Graham EMS
Kenny Hoffman	AMR
Len Nauman	Burkburnett VFD
M.W. Stripling	Seymour/Baylor County EMS
Mike Beimer	Hardeman County EMS
Mike McCarty	Kamay VFD/Cryovac
Pete Wolf	Windthorst VFD
Roger Ritchie	AirEvac Lifeteam
Ryan Matthews	Trans Star Ambulance
Tony Fox	Petrolia VFD
Wes Edwards	Nocona EMS