

**NORTEX REGIONAL EMS PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 3, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Foster Simmons.

See attached the attendance list for those present.

Minutes of the August 2013, meetings were reviewed. On a motion from Kade Long and seconded by Kelley Hudson to approve the minutes as written on a unanimous vote of those present.

Reports:

- The Financial Report was presented by Foster Simmons as follows:
  - Checking Account balance was \$1,454.69
  - Savings Account balance was \$ 41,744.69

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

Foster presented three bills to pay:

1. Wellington Center for event room and meals- \$1,191.71
2. Ryan Matthews for Advanced Skills Roundup drinks- \$86.48
3. Bill Sokora for late filing fee Secretary of State Provider's Tax return- \$50.00

Bruce Sutton presented to motion to increase to amount allowed for the Skills Roundup from \$1,500 to the total of \$1778.19. Kade Long second the motion. Approved

Bruce Sutton made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Kelly Hudson second the motion. Approved.

- No DSHS report
- The RAC Report was presented by Melissa Whitelaw as follows:
  - Executive Director's report
    - She is sending out receipts for RAC dues paid. It is not an invoice.
    - The RAC is in need of a 6'X12' trailer with ramps for the new golf cart for the distracted driving program.
    - The Al Garcia Scholarship was awarded by Vernon College.
- The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) report was given by Ryan Matthews as follows:
  - GETAC EMS Committee Meeting will be held in Dallas on November 1 at 10 am. He urged all to attend for updates related to new EMS legislation and rules.
  - Texas has a new EMS Director, Joe Schmider. He has an EMS background from up north.
  - Medical directors need to have a contract with the service they are affiliated with.
- TETAF report was given by Bill Sokora:
  - Plans are underway to offer a Medical Directors course.
  - The 'Just Drive' program related to distracted driving is rolling out in select communities with plans for statewide availability in November.

- The EMS Lunch and Learn series is scheduled to have more talks focused on administrative issues. Dr. Racht has put together some great speakers to present this series. As always it is free unless you desire the CE credit.

Old Business:

- The Advanced Skills workshop was a great success. Attendance included 50 participants. The success of the workshop has prompted consideration for holding it again next year.

New Business:

- Foster presented the need to have a dedicated person or firm to handle the filing requirements for the non-profit status of the Provider's Association. Suggestions included using the firm handling the RAC is using in Wichita Falls. No further action taken.
- Palo Pinto County has entities considering changing RAC affiliations from the Dallas RAC to North Texas RAC. Many questions related to the distribution of state funds and funding formulas would have to be answered.

Open Forum:

- CISM class will be held October 23, 24, and 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Air Evac will be hosting ACLS and PALS refresher classes in Wichita Falls on October 22 and 23.
- Kade Long ask if any other services have made any changes related to the new HIPPA changes that took effect in September.
- NTRAC Trauma Conference is scheduled at MSU March 8, 2014.
- Sam Vance with EMSC announced that many of the local providers and responders will be ask to fill out the new survey. The website with more information is [EMSCsurveys.org](http://EMSCsurveys.org).

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 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sokora

