

Minutes

KAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2002 1:00 pm ET

Quality Inn Corbin, KY

Region 1	Mark Harrison (Secretary)	Present
Region 2	Nell Thomas	Present
Region 3	Greg Ellis	Absent
Region 4	Mike Swift (President)	Present
Region 5	Barry Brown	Present
Region 6	Sherman Hockenbury	Absent
Region 7	Mark Bailey	Absent
Region 8	Don Adams	
Region 9	Bob Dixon	Absent
Region 10	Michael Mason	Present
Region 11	Joe Bradshaw (Vice-President)	Present
Region 12	Charlie Shaw	Present
Region 13	Brian Lindell	Present
Region 14	James Ritchey	Present
Region 15	John David Gantly	Absent
Region 16	Bob Gainer	Present
At Large	Jim Butler Billy Miller Jim Inman John Blumenstock Jamie Locke	Present Present Absent Present Present
Others Attending	Approximately thirty people from the membership attended.	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to order	President Mike Swift called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm ET and announced that a quorum was present. Mr. Billy Miller led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.	None Needed
Approve the minutes	On a motion by Jamie Locke, seconded by Nell Thomas, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.	Motion Passed
Treasurer's Report	Billy Miller, Treasurer presented the financial report and distributed the financial sheets to the board. Current cash balance of accounts are as follows; EMS Conference \$5,814.80; KAPA \$25,223.75; KAPA CD 12,096.68; Total of all accounts is \$43,135.23. Motion to accept by C. Shaw, second by J. Blumenstock. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by	Motion Passed

	<p>Article VII Section 5- Motion by C. Shaw, second by J. Blumenstock to correct a typo. Change "or" to "for".</p> <p>Article VIII Section 8 Treasurer & Article IX Finance- Both deal with audits. Bob Gainer will consult with our attorney and report at the next meeting.</p> <p>Article XI Amendments- Motion by C. Shaw, second by J. Butler to discuss at the annual meeting.</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p> <p>No Action</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>
Conference Report	<p>Jim Butler gave a brief report of how the conference planning was going. He noted that everything was on schedule and that we would be able to accept credit cards for registration fees this year. A motion by C. Shaw, second by B. Gainer to accept payments by credit card.</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
KAEMT- EMS Olympics	<p>Steve Becraft addressed the board asking for a donation from KAPA. Following Mr. Becraft's presentation, a motion was made by C. Shaw to donate \$800 to sponsor the EMS Olympics. A second was made by J. Locke. A lengthy discussion ensued. Many members were unhappy about the management and disorganization of the Olympics last year. Many agencies were notified late about regional competitions. Others felt that KAPA should take a more active role in the Olympics and that Steve Becraft should report to the board at the annual meeting. After a very long discussion of the issues, a vote was called for.</p>	<p>Motion Passed with four voting no.</p>
Conference Brochures	<p>James Ritchey stated that Anderson County Ambulance Service would be mailing all brochures again this year. He asked that the board approve the purchase of postage stamps for the mass mailing. Motion to approve by C. Shaw, second by J. Locke.</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
Star of Life Awards	<p>President Swift stated that the AAA Star of Life awards nomination forms would be used for the Kentucky EMS awards this year. Winners will be nominated at the national level representing Kentucky. The AAA recognizes EMT, Paramedic, Dispatcher and Provider.</p> <p>Motion by B. Miller, second by B. Gainer for Jamie Locke and his committee to proceed with the work of seeking and receiving nominations for this year's award winners.</p>	<p>None Needed</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>
Legislative Update James Ritchey	<p>James commented that the "Road Show" for HB 469 was complete. Attendance was good at all meetings</p>	<p>None Needed</p>

	<p>across the state. At this time there are no plans to introduce any new legislation in 2003. James encouraged KAPA to simply support bills sponsored by KAEMT, KMA, etc. during the next session.</p>	
<p>Regulations-Reporting Issue & Continuing Education</p>	<p>Rocky Johnson addressed the board. He discussed at length two areas of serious concern that affect the entire EMS community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEU's: In order for an individual or an organization to approve continuing education, approval from KBEMS must be granted in some cases. If ceu's are offered for other than in-house training, the agency must receive approval as an approved educational institution from KBEMS. 2. Reporting requirements: According to KBEMS, current law requires any EMS worker to report a certified or licensed person that may simply be suspected of breaching or otherwise not complying with all current regulation or laws. If a person fails to "report", then they too are guilty and subject to disciplinary action from KBEMS. This is thought to include information learned through department CQI/QA plans, individual department internal investigations, etc. This is certainly not what HB 469 was supposed to be about and will at times be in conflict with specific local/department policies. <p>Brian Bishop stated that KBEMS would be working soon to more clearly define both of these issues. Motion by B. Miller, second by M. Harrison to request that KBEMS issues an attorney opinion on the statutory enforcement of the "reporting issue".</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
<p>Flag</p>	<p>James Ritchey made a motion that KAPA buy an American flag and stand to be displayed at all official meetings. Bob Gainer seconded.</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
<p>Executive Session</p>	<p>Motion by B. Gainer, second by J. Bradshaw to move into executive session to discuss two confidential issues.</p> <p>Faye Rice of ESIP addressed the board regarding insurance coverage.</p> <p>Brian Bishop addressed the board and answered many questions.</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>

Regular Session Reconvened- No action taken	Motion to go back into regular session was made by M. Harrison, second by B. Miller.	Motion Passed
CMS Update	<p>President Swift stated that AdminaStar seems to be pleased with the transition of the fee schedule. Some providers are concerned that things are going "to well".</p> <p>CMS Compliance: An OIG draft is being circulated. A written response must be made by July 22nd.</p> <p>HIPPA: Changes have been made recently which will benefit ambulance providers. Much has been mitigated from the original proposals.</p> <p>CMS Mileage Payments: According to CMS, one tenth of a mile should be rounded up to the next mile.</p>	None Needed
AED Grant	There is a federal grant being coordinated through HERSA, which will make available 12.5 million dollars this year, and the same amount next year to place AED's out into the communities in rural counties. The state board of EMS should apply on behalf of the providers. Motion by M. Harrison, second by J. Locke of support for KBEMS to apply for the Federal AED Grant for KY.	Motion Passed
Medicaid	<p>President Swift had a meeting with Commissioner Robinson about EMS/Medicaid concerns and problems. He said the meeting was very positive.</p> <p>John Blumenstock gave a brief update regarding Passport. Passport has also increased mileage reimbursement by 25%.</p>	None Needed
KBEMS Update	<p>Governor Patton has approved the appointments of John Blumenstock and Jamie Locke to serve on the Kentucky Board of EMS. John will be representing air ambulance and Jamie will be representing private ambulance.</p> <p>Several comments were made about the importance of education. The future of EMS in Kentucky depends on the quality and availability of EMS education. Motion by M. Harrison, second by J. Locke to request that KBEMS create a lateral committee for education. This could be accomplished by simply moving the existing sub-committee.</p>	<p>None Needed</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>
Other Business	<p>EMS Training Grant:</p> <p>Public Officials Presentations: President Swift will appoint a committee to create an informational</p>	

	<p>presentation on EMS. This would be an on-going program used to discuss EMS with many different organizations.</p> <p>Insurance: A motion by J. Butler, second by J. Blumenstock to gather quotes and purchase board member insurance.</p>	Motion Passed
Adjournment at 5:30 pm	Motion to adjourn by J. Locke, second by B. Miller.	Motion Passed

Submitted by Mark A. Harrison, Secretary
KAPA Region 1