

Minutes  
KAPA MEETING  
June 16, 2005

KY Dam Village Inn Benton, KY

Region 1	Mark Harrison	Present
Region 2	Nell Thomas	Present
Region 3	Jim Inman	Present
Region 4	Mike Swift	Absent
Region 5	Barry Brown	Present
Region 6	Sherman Hockenbury	Present
Region 7	Mark Bailey	Absent
Region 8	Steve Becraft	Absent
Region 9	Terry Fraley	Absent
Region 10	Michael Mason	Present
Region 11	Joe Bradshaw	Absent
Region 12	Terry Akin	Present
Region 13	Duane Lee	Present
Region 14	Wendell Hatfield	Present
Region 15	Rodney McKibben	Absent
Region 16	Bob Gainer	Absent
At Large	Joe Prewitt David Webb Charles O'Neal Vacant Jamey Locke	Absent Present Absent  Absent
Others Attending	About twelve others attended. A sign-in sheet is on file.	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	President Joe Bradshaw called the meeting to order. Jim Inman offered the invocation.	None needed
Minutes Approval	Motion by Wendell Hatfield and second by David Webb to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.	Motion passed
Treasurer's Report	Jamey Locke was not able to attend. Doy White distributed the financial sheet. Total cash balance of all accounts is \$57,126.74. Recent expenditures are; General Fund \$5,111.58 and Conference Fund \$7,579.48. Motion to accept the report by Sherman Hockenbury and second by David Webb.  It was noted that to date, 31 ambulance providers have responded to the membership assessment request.	Motion passed
Conference Committee Report	Joe Bradshaw reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EMS Olympics are underway at the regional levels but more participation is needed.</li> <li>The KAPA Golf Scramble will be on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Summit Country Club. The elected officials session is being planned and may be scheduled for a half day on Tuesday.</li> <li>The guest speaker at this year's banquet will be Richard (Pitch) Picciotto, author of the best-selling book "Last Man Down". Pitch was the highest-ranking fire officer to survive the collapse of the North Tower on Sept. 11, 2001.</li> <li>National Registry Paramedic board exams will be</li> </ul>	

	held during the conference.	
Legislative Committee Report	Joe Bradshaw reported. Last March Joe Bradshaw, Mark Harrison, and Sherman Hockenbury represented KAPA in meetings in Washington, DC. Meetings were scheduled with all of our legislators and with the National Ambulance Coalition (NAC) representatives. It is felt by the committee that these meetings have been very beneficial and that we are beginning to see positive results.	
Medicaid Report	<p>Sherman Hockenbury reported. Presently, Kentucky Medicaid is spending 12million dollars annually on EMS. About one third of this is going to air ambulance providers. Rep. Nunn filed a bill during the last session, which called for Medicaid rates to be increased to equal rates under the Medicare Fee Schedule. Many KAPA supporters co-sponsored the bill. Although the bill did not pass, it provided the much-needed opportunity to discuss the Medicaid reimbursement issues in a public forum. Recently, Medicaid announced that EMS would receive a 14% increase (just over \$2 million annually) effective July 1, 2005.</p> <p>A bill has been recently introduced in Congress, which if passed, would increase Medicare reimbursement to EMS. Kentucky's share would be \$10 million annually.</p>	
NAC 17 State Coalition	KAPA has received a bill for NAC membership for 2005. The amount is the same as last year, approximately \$4,100.00. A motion was made by Duane Lee and second by Nell Thomas to renew our membership.	Motion passed.
KY Department of Homeland Security	Joe reported that Charles O'Neal contacted him recently. The DHS had appropriated \$100,000 for mutual aid planning and revisions but the funds had not been utilized. DHS is interested in KAPA helping to coordinate the expenditure of these funds to assist EMS providers. Charlie has agreed to be the lead person for KAPA to work on this. Motion work with DHS on this project by Wendell Hatfield and second by Michael Mason.	Motion passed
Board Vacancy	The At-Large position created by the resignation of John Blumenstock need to be filled. The existing term will expire December 31, 2005. The board received nominations for Tim Smith, James Hacker, and Mike Pointer. Motion to open nominations from the floor by Sherman Hockenbury and second by Terry Akins. Floor nominations included Tim Mahone, Dan Durham, and Jim Duke. Motion to cease nominations by Mark Harrison and second by Wendell Hatfield. Elected was Jim Duke. A motion was made to accept Jim Duke to the board by Duane Lee and second by Barry Brown.	<p>Motion passed</p> <p>Motion passed</p> <p>Motion passed</p>
Next Meeting	September 27 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in Owensboro, KY.	None needed
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 3:30 pm CST by Terry Akins and second by David Webb.	Motion passed

Submitted by Mark Harrison, Secretary  
KAPA Region 1