

**Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association
Board Meeting Minutes**



Meeting Date: July 13th 2017

Meeting Location: Boyd County EMS

Board members in attendance:

| Region | Board Member (^ = Even Year term) | Present or Absent |
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| At-Large | Kevin Callihan | Present |
| At-Large | Rick Driskill (Secretary) | Present |
| At-Large | William Dukes ^ | Absent |
| At-Large | Aaron Stamper | Absent |
| At-Large | Diane Vogel | Absent |
| Region 1 | Mark Harrison | Present |
| Region 1 | Allen Jones | Absent |
| Region 1 | Troy Walker ^ | Present |
| Region 2 | Jim Duke (<i>Treasurer</i>) | Present |
| Region 2 | Jim Willaims ^ | Absent |
| Region 2 | Joe Prewitt (<i>Vice President</i>) | Present |
| Region 3 | Joe Bradshaw | Absent |
| Region 3 | James Hacker | Absent |
| Region 3 | Michael Reynolds ^ | Present |
| Region 4 | Mike Phillips | Present |
| Region 4 | David Eldridge | Absent |
| Region 4 | Phil Deitz ^ | Present |
| Region 5 | Robin Barber ^ | Absent |
| Region 5 | Ashley powell | Present |
| Region 5 | Brandon Remley | Absent |
| Region 6 | Tom Adams (<i>President</i>) ^ | Present |
| Region 6 | Terry Fraley | Present |
| Region 6 | Michael Mason ^ | Present |

The following items were presented, discussed, and/or acted upon while the board meeting was in order:

| Item | Discussion | Action |
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| Call to order | The meeting was called to order at 13:00 CST by President Thomas Adams. | |
| Invocation | By Tom Adams | |
| Roll Call | By Rick Driskill | |
| Determination of Quorum | By Rick Driskill. A quorum of not less than 51% (12) of the Board of Directors for any regular or special meeting was established. | Established |
| Minutes of last meeting | Reviewed and approved by a motion by Terry Fraley and 2 nd by Mark Harrison and members voting yes. | Motion, Second. No discussion. Approved. |

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| <p>Financial/Reimbursement Committee Report</p> | <p>Jim Duke presented the report, Jim reported that the general fund is at \$76,619.97. The paypal account is zeroed after each conference so we can have a true reflection of each years amounts.</p> <p>Jim reported that the general fund is down a little due to having more than normal legal fees fighting higher than normal legal fights being waged on behalf of the membership in relations to CON'S.</p> <p>Jim gave an itemized account of the different expenses .</p> <p>Jim reported that for the most part we have broken even on the conference this past year.</p> <p>Jim spoke about the agreement KAPA entered into a couple of years ago with the Slavic group as a purchasing group that is open to all KAPA members to receive better pricing. Jim reported that KAPA has received money form being in this group which comes in the amount of \$ 4,600.00 and they have a couple more hundred to send to us.</p> <p>Joe recommended that we place information about this in the newsletter. Mr. Hultgren advised that there has been a nice graphic about this in the past newsletters but it has become out dated but if someone would give him a short summary he could place it in future newsletters. Tom said he would see what he could come up with and get it to John.</p> <p>Jim spoke about the Medicaid project:</p> <p>Jim advised that we are ready to move forward with this but he has learned 2nd hand that the Governor's office is in opposition to this and that before we move forward we need to set down and address their concerns. Also Jim advised that before we do anything we need to make sure we don't have opposition from the KAPA membership If so we need to address those issues first before moving forward.</p> <p>Jim added that this program has been very successful in other states and that the folks from Tennessee would be at the conference to explain how it works in their state.</p> <p>The use of EMT-A's</p> <p>Jim asked the group if anyone is currently billing at an ALS rate for the EMT-A is the provider. He advised that if so this just his opinion that CMS has not given an answer if this is legal in Kentucky and if you are billing in this fashion you fall into three areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If your billing company says you are good then wait for an audit and make CMS give you a clear answer. 2. If you are billing ALS services but decide that you are not sure you are in the right and decide to stop you should send back a refund to CMS for those extra charges. 3. Bill at the basic level until the new Reg's come out which defines the EMT-A is at the ALS level and get an answer form CMS to see if this meets the requiements. | <p>Motion to acc</p> |
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| Legislative Report | <p>By Joe Prewitt, Legislative Committee Chair.</p> <p>Update on HR. 1394 which co-sponsored by Rep. Guthrie has it is currently written would allow each state to decide if they want to continue Medicaid reimbursement for non-emergent transports. This bill was aimed at the wheel chair type services but as it is written it would include ground ambulance service. It was brought to the attention of MR. Guthrie's staff of the needed wording change but currently no change has been made and it remains part of the Obama rewrite.</p> <p>Joe attempted to speak to Mr. Guthrie three weeks ago about the subject but he was very shy about the topic.</p> <p>Joe spoke an the topic of the continued effort to increase the weight limit on large trucks form 81,000 lbs. to 91,000 lbs. efforts continue to get h=this passed but KAPA has been leading the effort to stop it and will continue to watch and oppose these efforts.</p> <p>Mr. Adams talked about the positive trip to DC in May of this year to include the conversation with Mr. Paul and that he is commented to signing or writing the bill to make our current rate permanent when they expire later this year.</p> <p>Mr. Hultgren spoke on the topic of the right of patients to have access to medications which has passed the house and is waiting for approval in the senate.</p> <p>Mr. Adams feels the trip and efforts have been a great success again this year and that the money spent for the trip will come back to our members a thousand times over.</p> | |
| KBEMS Report | <p>Mr. Duke gave the KBEMS report.</p> <p>Mr. Duke reported that the 501's have gone through all the required steps and became stalled in the LRC.</p> <p>They have advised that they have never passed regulations this large and have requested that we break them down and send the regulation in smaller parts. Mr. Prewitt pointed out that the current reg's are much larger than the new ones.</p> <p>With that being said Jim advised that the new 501's are currently with the KBEMS legal team and will have to go back through the entire process again. But the only problem as pointed out by some of the members in attendance is that we might see some conflicts between the old reg's and the new ones.</p> | |
| Membership Report | Mr Dukes was unable to attend this meeting. | |
| Conference Committee Report | <p>Mr. Walker gave the report on the status of the conference.</p> <p>He advised that the conference is looking great again this year and that the team has done another great job in preparation. The only negative thing to report is that after it was about 98% set Zoll has</p> | |

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| | <p>advised they will be unable to provide the cadaver lab this year. Troy advised he will work on it for next year.</p> <p>Troy gave a break down on how the room block works and reminder everyone that if they do not need the rooms the reserve please cancel them asap so we do not end up having to pay fees to falling under our room amounts.</p> <p>Troy gave a breakdown on the numbers from last year and advised the conference continues to grow.</p> <p>Troy advised that he has signed the contract for 2018 but there might be a small chance we will lose the back 1/3 of the hall but that is unknown at this time but should not pose a problem because we don't use that part anyway but he just wanted to make the group aware of it.</p> <p>Mr. Adams wanted to remind everyone about holding their regional meeting not more than 90 days and not less than 14 days before the conference and gave a breakdown of who is up for election this year.</p> <p>Rick Driskill reminded everyone about the awards process and advised to date he has not received any nominations and advised that the deadline for submission would be no later than August 30.</p> <p>Rick gave a breakdown of the guideline and offered copies of those.</p> | |
| Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. | |
| Next Meeting | The next meeting of the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association will be at the conference. The location and time to be determined. | |
| Adjournment | This Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association Board Meeting was concluded at 15:00 | Motion to Adjourn, Second, Approved. |

Respectfully submitted by: Rick Driskill