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FALL 2012 General Business Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Saturday, October 20th, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 11:52 by President Karen Beavers

Roll Call of Officers taken: Present: President Karen Beavers, Vice President Melanie Erbaugh, Treasurer/Recording Secretary Shane Cochrane, Dist. 3 Director Mike Strawser, Dist. 2 Director Mike “Pineapple” Raymond, Dist. 5 Director Brian Rogers, and Dist. 1 Director Matthew Dick

Members Absent: Dist. 4 Director Don Phillips, and Past President Jack Liberator

Pledge of Allegiance performed.

Suggestion was made to look in to the use of one of the square card readers like Intuit.

Sara Lee and Mindi Beth conducted the member count for the Credentialing Committee confirmed that a quorum was not present by show of hands of voting members, only 26 members present. Karen mentioned this should not be a problem as we not have much that needed voted on, most of the meeting will be information sharing.

Mindi Beth made a motion to approve the 2012 Summer Conference minutes and Phil Price seconded it, all approved.

Karen announced that the Board Retreat minutes were approved at the Board Meeting and are posted on the posting table.

The **Treasurer’s** report is posted, there is \$5,880.52 in the 5/3rd Checking Account and there is \$9822.62 in the Savings Account as of the morning of October 19th, 2012 with more money to be deposited to both accounts this weekend.

OAEMS Official Organization Facebook page update: we have 279 members – from in and out of state - on the page and postings of events occurring, as well as postings from other member areas appearing.

The 2013 Winter and Summer Conferences were well covered during the Board Planning Retreat.

Karen also shared the new Memorial Service SOG with the group.

Karen reminded everyone about the \$10,000 ADD policy and Kat has the list of covered items and amounts in the new issue of the Magazine. A part of the \$40.00 yearly membership dues (\$6.00) goes towards the premium for the insurance. The Raterman agency is still looking for an affordable Liability Ins for EMS and will let Kat know when they find something.

Marketing & Publishing Administrator Kat wanted to “Thank everyone for attending”. She mentioned the upcoming One-Day conference in December in Mansfield; Brian has some great classes planned, 5-5 ½ CEU’s will be available. Registration is \$20.00 and it will be a unique day.

Brian mentioned that the Board Planning Retreat went well and that we went in to Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director role, including a salary raise and additional “personal time”.

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Kat gave some mention of upcoming conferences:

Winter 2013 will be held at the Crowne Plaza North and will have an ATT Session and an Instructor Update

Spring 2013 will be held in Warren, Ohio again at The Magnuson same as this past year.

Summer 2013 will be held at the Crowne Plaza North again, the bombing classes from New Mexico Tech will be offered again, and an EMT-basic and Paramedic Refresher classes with the New Standards are planned.

Ohio Safety Congress will have us help again with their CEU's for EMS classes.

Kat reminded everyone to send articles for the Magazine to her. Also she has been sending blast e-mails out concerning the events and please get your e-mail address to her if you are not getting them.

Matt asked what the deadline for the next Magazine articles is for Kat, she confirmed December 1st, 2012.

Brian reminded everyone about the upcoming Paramedic Refresher at the Summer Conference. Karen mentioned it will have the New Standards included.

Susan Halter had a question about an Intermediate/Advanced EMT class. Can she use the Paramedic Refresher for her requirements? Others have that question also. That will be checked in to for accurate answer. For those who are State of Ohio certified only, and not National Registry, you can get the New Standards mixed in classes or "piece-meal" not as a whole class. For those who wish to maintain their National Registry standing,, they must take a Refresher class.

Kat mentioned that anyone from an area where we are holding an upcoming conference can feel free to contact her if you wish to help out; we definitely can use the help. Karen asked that if anyone in the area knew of media contacts there, please let Kat or her know.

Karen shared that during the 2013 Summer Conference we will be offering a 4-hour Water Rescue class on the Saturday of the conference outside in the pond at the Crowne. If you wish to take the class, you need to check the box on the registration form. You will need to bring a PFD or Dive Gear. Mickey Retman, Lead Diver with Box 21 will be teaching the class and have some other Rescue divers, such as Shane, on hand. The class is free to registered attendees or available for the One-Day registration fee.

The Fall 2013 conference is going to be held in the Zanesville area in October. Joshua Tilton is putting it together.

VP Melanie gave a "Thank You" to all for coming. Her Report is posted. She also shared that the Board Planning Retreat went well. She then mentioned the new memorial Service SOG – sharing the plan of it and the why it was revised.

District 5 Brian Roger's report is posted. He wanted to let anyone who attended the 2012 Summer Conference and wanted to order the "Survived the Power Outage" T-shirt to contact him or Kat. He also mentioned that the Incident Reporting Advisory Committee has been suspended currently by the EMS Board

District 3 Mike Strawser's report is posted, nothing else to add at this time.

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District 2 Mike Raymond mentioned that he has heard that people look at the Organization and say we are not growing, but we are. He brought up that the Ohio State Fire Fighter Association had a meeting recently and counted that they only had 100 people in attendance. After discounting Board members and their families, there were really only about 15 others there – not good. He also mentioned he recently attended a fire school in Wayne County which had 57 counties from Ohio and some out of state representation and their numbers were also down considerably.

District 4 Don Phillips' report is posted. He had to leave last night due to leaving for vacation today.

District 1 Matt Dick's report is posted. He gave an update on the State EMS Board. They have some new members starting the 1st of 2013 and will be having a Retreat in February. Part of the update: 1.) the Advanced EMT's may get sub-lingual Zofran, and 2.) EMT-Basics may get Nasal Narcan. The minutes from the EMS Board are posted also. Matt also brought up OAEMS becoming an ASHI Training Center. Red Cross and American Heart Assn prices are going up too much anymore. He also mentioned that OSU main and branch Campuses are going to ASHI and the State EMS board recognizes ASHI along with Red Cross and AHA as acceptable training.

Karen mentioned that anyone who is an ASHI Instructor or want to become one and want to help teach let Kat know and we can get you on the list. If you are an EMSI or CE Instructor, get copy of card to Mel.

There are shirts for sale at Kat's table. They are Port Authority brand and we have them in gray and blue. The Board opted for red and white ones.

Karen mentioned the coupon for summer Conference is on the Teaser sheets and will be in the Magazine. Also, reminded everyone that each time you come to a conference, try to get someone else to come. Also, the Silent Auction / 50-50 / Ongoing raffle / and Logo item's sales are going on.

Matt reminded all that the County Rep meeting will be here in the classroom at 1400 hours.

Karen reminded that Public Safety groups / Fire or EMS groups can exhibit for free. Also, the Membership Meeting will be here in the classroom 10 minutes after the last class.

There will be a "Hospitality Suite" in the Breakfast Nook at the Holiday Inn Express from 2100 to midnight tonight. Please feel free to come in costume if you wish.

Karen reminded everyone to wear their name tags for lunch and also to get the CEU' stickers. We do have some other colored name tags for certain things such as the green ones for our photographers.

Mindi Beth mentioned for the "Good of the Association" that she wanted to Thank Everyone for the cards, concerns, fruit (Sara Lee), Face Book notes, etc. It really goes to show what a family we are – a great support system and a real network of caring, also have had Baby Showers, Wedding receptions, etc.

Brian mentioned that the Website has been inactive for some time, and he is trying to get it moving forward. He has made some changes but has had difficulties with progressing. He asked that if anyone can help, please let him know.

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Wayne Turner brought up that he is very concerned about the Website issue. It has been very frustrating to not be able to share with people to get information out there. He feels we should start over with it if necessary, even if we need to change web server host.

The board will meet Sunday morning to set a timeline for the Website. If no improvement in a couple of days, we will go to a new host. We will still keep oaems.org even if we need to pay for it. We may have to use a .net server if we cannot keep the .org link. We do want to keep the oaems.org if possible.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mindi Wynne and seconded by Tom Shumate and adjourned at 12:35.

A big "Thank You" was given to all for attending and for the support they have shown the OAEMS Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Shane Cochrane
Recording Secretary