

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2007

The July meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Gary Victorson, Vice-President of the Council. The meeting was held in the North and South Twin Island meeting rooms at MMC/Ashland.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Chuck Elton, to accept the June minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton reported a current balance of \$4281.63. One service dues of \$650 is still outstanding.

Motion made by Ted Gostomski, seconded by Robin Friermood, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Discussion about the positives of having Dr. Keith Wesley continue as medical director. Jan Victorson will contact him and ask about his willingness to continue as medical director without the “interim” designation.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – Dan Diamon reported that PEPP dollars should be here soon. He also reported that car seats are being ordered for ambulances (priority) and car seat clinics.

Merrilee Carlson reported that MMC had a site review earlier today as a Level III trauma facility. They reviewed written policies and procedures, activated a trauma “code red” and shared rural realities. The review was very positive with some recommendations.

TRAINING – Discussion about the cost of training – \$760 per EMT student – and the issues created with the change in distribution of the FAP education funds...”rural truly got the shaft”. Services do not have the money to pay for a refresher course for their EMTs. Additional discussion about renewing the “One for Life” campaign fighting to get an increase in funding and how to convey the message at the state level.

MMC – Computers are needed in the EMS Room in order to begin working with WARDS. Discussion.

RADIO REPROGRAMMING – Issues with the reprogramming of radios were addressed. “Marine 68” was identified by Jason Johnson as the most common boat to land frequency.

APIS (Apostle Islands National Lakeshore) – Jason announced that Jim Dahlstrom, EMT-Basic with the Park Service will represent APIS at EMS Council meetings.

ANNUAL MEETING – Jan informed the Council that South Shore Ambulance has volunteered to host the annual meeting.

Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Ted Gostomski, to ask South Shore Ambulance to host the annual meeting and dinner on a Thursday or Friday evening. Motion carried.

FIRE HOUSE 50 – Teresa Gunderson reminded folks that the Fire House 50 is scheduled for August 4th. She asked that the EMS system for the event be covered under the Council insurance policy.

Motion made by Mary Ross, seconded by Dan Diamon, that the EMS system Firehouse 50 be covered under the Council's insurance policy. Motion carried.

FAT TIRE FESTIVAL – Gary Victorson reminded folks that the Fat Tire Festival weekend is the third weekend in September – September 15 and 16.

Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Chuck Elton, that the EMS system for the Fat Tire Festival be covered under the Council's insurance policy. Motion carried.

COUNTY FAIR – The Bayfield County Fair is scheduled for August 23 – 26. All EMTs are welcome to participate. Please report to the First Aid tent if you are willing to work with Iron River Ambulance in order to establish a clear communication frequency.

NCEMSC – A rebate check related to purchases for the first quarter of 2007 was received for \$31.44 from North Central EMS Cooperative.

WARDS – Discussion about having possible WARDS training as we work to implementation. Marie Cupp of Washburn Ambulance has a great deal of expertise in the program and may be willing to provide training.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING – Brian Litza of the state EMS section is willing to come north and conduct a leadership seminar. Discussion as to best time – first choice a weeknight; second choice a weekend day; third choice weekday only with lots of notice.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Association is scheduled at 7:00 PM for August 23rd in the Twin Island meeting rooms of MMC.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Robin Friermood, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Clark	Washburn
Merrilee Carlson	MMC
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Jim Dahlstrom	APIS
Dan Diamon	Gold Cross/RTAC
Chuck Elton	Washburn
Robin Frierhood	Barnes
Viola Frierhood	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Great Divide
Teresa Gunderson	Mason
John Harding	Glidden
Jason Johnson	APIS
Mary Ross	Madeline Island
Gary Victorson	Iron River Ambulance
Jan Victorson	BAEM