

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2008

The August meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Dean Hambrecht, President of the Council. The meeting was held in the Twin Island meetings rooms of Memorial Medical Center, Ashland.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Dan Clark, to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton reported as follows:

Current balance	\$4,519.85
NCEMSC	\$ 12.13
BA Emergency Mgt	186.00 minus
(reimbursement for Dr. Wesley's motel)	

Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Tom Renz, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

MDAC – Gary Victorson reported that the Medical Director Advisory Committee (MDAC) has finished reviewing the protocol document. The reformatting continues. The MDAC hopes to present the document at the October meeting.

RTAC – Jan Victorson reviewed the current Lake Superior Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) injury prevention and education project related to distribution of high visibility vests for public safety responders. These vests meet the new Class II requirements and have the optional breakaway feature. The vests were purchased in order to provide a sample of compliant vests to each department. Educational cards are available to be used to educate department members. It is hoped that each department will take the time to review this educational component stressing the importance of use of high visibility vests – when your feet are on the roadway the vest is on the back. The vests and additional copies of the educational review card will be distributed at a later meeting.

An additional responder safety reminder: shut down white lights at an accident/incident scene. The white lights blind approaching traffic; responders reflective vests become more visible.

FAP FUNDING – Jan Victorson reported on the presentation "Rural Is..." delivered at the August EMS Board meeting. Discussion related to possible uses locally for educational purposes occurred. EMS is still the invisible service – doesn't get the notice that other public safety receives.

HELP LINK – Jan provided information related to Help Link Basic Sign ASL, a service that provides communication tools and training services to assist public safety in communicating with hearing impaired

folks during emergency situations. She will contact related to doing a presentation at a future meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING – Iron River Ambulance will host the Annual meeting and dinner. It will be held on Sunday, September 21st at Hydes on Buskey Bay (formerly the Hermitage) – located about four to five miles south of Iron River on County H. Meals prices will range from \$13 to \$20 to include salad, entrée, potato, dessert and coffee. The formal announcement will be distributed to directors by email. Please forward to individual service members.

EVENTS – Discussion about upcoming events and need for EMS coverage:

Ashland County Fair –

Fat Tire Festival – September 13th and 14th

Apple Festival – October 3rd, 4th and 5th

MOCK FIRE EXERCISE – The DNR is hosting a mock forest fire exercise on September 20th – 11 AM to 3:30 PM with dinner to follow. The medical unit will be activated during the exercise. If you are interested in participating contact Jan Victorson.

SYSTEM ISSUES – It was reported that Ashland Fire has a new policy related to intercepts. There was a lengthy discussion related to policies being implemented that effect local services without being able to provide any input. The Council provides a forum to discuss these system issues. We should encourage representation from both the hospital and Ashland Fire at Council meetings.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Meeting and Dinner scheduled for Sunday, September 21st. Details will be distributed through email.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Tom Renz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Brendalen	Mellen
Dan Clark	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Chuck Elton	Washburn
Viola Frierhood	Barnes
Teresa Gunderson	Barnes
Dean Hambrecht	Great Divide
Tam Hofman	South Shore
Tom Renz	Barnes
Mary Ross	Madeline Island
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM