

KAEMT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 9,2002

Executive Inn Rivermont , Owensboro, Kentucky

Tom Ferguson – Call meeting to order at 8 pm CDT

Our President Bobby Thacker has resigned due to obligations. According to the

bylaws he has appointed me to complete his term through December 31,2002.

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the EMS Olympics. I know how much it costs but also the expenses Judges and the committee put out to travel across the state.

Let's take the time this week to remember those individuals who can't have a good time anymore. Last year we lost a large number of the fire and EMS family on September 11, 2001 we need to remember those who like us chose to serve.

At this time we need to have an election of officers.

Since our Sgt. of Arms Bill Milan was unable to be here I would like to appoint a temporary Sgt. of Arms Roger Cropper

Ginny Shumate – take attendance.

Tom Ferguson – I would like to open the floor for nominations for President.

Bob Shumate – Discussion concerning availability for Tom Ferguson to serve as president.

Motion to nominate Tom Ferguson for President.

Steve Becraft – Second

Tom Ferguson – Call for a vote. All in favor Tom Ferguson for President

We now need to vote on a replacement 1st Vice President for the remainder of my

term through December 31, 2003.

The floor is now open for nominations for 1st Vice President.

Bob Shumate – Motion to nominate Ed Schmidt for 1st Vice President.

Bill Hornback – Second

Tom Ferguson - Call for a vote. All in favor Ed Schmidt for 1st Vice President

I would like to see Ginny Shumate remain as 2nd Vice President since she has been working on our Education program and she is our Kentucky EMT Instructor Association representative.

Do I have any others interested in the position?

Call for a vote. All in favor Ginny Shumate for 2nd Vice President

We have also have the position of Secretary, do I have any nominations?

Bob Shumate – Motion to nominate Debbie Sheppard for Secretary.

Ginny Shumate – Second

Tom Ferguson – Debbie do you accept the nomination.

Debbie Sheppard – I've never did any type secretary work. But, Ill try.

Ginny Shumate- We have a tape recorder so that it will make it easy for you to listen to the meeting

and type it out at your own speed.

Steve Becraft- Motion nominations cease.

Bill Hornback- Second

Tom Ferguson – Call for a vote. All in favor Debbie Sheppard for Secretary.

Next we need to look at filling the Vacancies on the Board of Governors.

Bob Shumate- Discuss the qualifications for Board of Governors and do we have any individuals who would qualify? Are there individuals Kentucky certified who are interested and what region do they reside in?

Tom Ferguson- I have a gentleman who is interested and he is currently in a Paramedic class.

Ginny Shumate- Remember that an EMT from any state can come to Kentucky and take a Paramedic class, they just have to pay the money.

Tom Ferguson- call for a 5 minute recess

Roger Cropper – Second

Tom Ferguson – Reconvene the meeting. Any further discussion

Bob Shumate- Motion to forgo any election, reelection or appointments to the Board of
Governors

until our next regular meeting.

Mike McCord- Is that in violation of the bylaws? It was just read in the bylaws that the elections
has to be done at the September Annual Membership meeting just like all
officers.

Tom Ferguson- No I don't think so.

Ginny Shumate- Second the motion and we can have discussion on it

Bob Shumate- Currently I don't have the list of the Board of Governors with me and we don't
have

enough members as far as that goes to have elections and the wise thing
would be to re-advertise for information and have a regular election by the end
of the year.

Tom Ferguson – This is one of the problems that needs to be addressed when we fix the wording
in the bylaws.

Do we have any other discussion of putting off the election of the Board of
Governors until our next meeting in either December or January.

Call for a vote to put off elections of Board of Governors. All in favor.

I call for all elections to be closed at this time.

We need to discuss the bylaws.

I would like to appoint a bylaws committee to bring back a revised set of bylaws for the Association to review. I appoint Bob and Ginny Shumate, Theresa Martin and Debbie Sheppard to the committee.

One thing that should be included is to include in the bylaw review is the dates for election of offices to be bi-annual for President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer to be on the even numbered year. The offices of 1st Vice President and Secretary to be elected on the odd numbered year. This will provide the Association with consistent leadership since we have had a number of resignations and it has caused the Association to have special elections to fill the positions.

Is there any other discussion? The committee will bring back to the Association a revised set of bylaws for consideration.

Next on the agenda is Education .

Ginny Shumate- One of the things we need to work on is to get our Educational Institution completed. I have the paperwork to file with KBEMS and I think there shouldn't be a problem being accepted. Sharon Pierceall probably knows more about the qualifications.

Sharon Pierceall- You actually have to send the paperwork to Lee Brown.

Tom Ferguson- I believe we have everything we need. Ginny and I have both went through the checklist.

Bruce Bowling- We want to try to get this done quick before KBEMS raise the rates.

Bob Shumate- We want to get this done also because we have a group wanting a class.

Ginny Shumate- I'm giving everybody a copy of what's been prepared so that everyone can see what I have put together. I've done most of this myself and I've tried to covered everything but I'm not infallible. I would like everyone to look over the paperwork and let either Tom or me know what you think needs to be changed and we will take care of it. As you look at it I will tell you that there is no specific dates, I have a letter stating that once we have approval and a class set that I would provide KBEMS the information, purchase books and materials.

Tom Ferguson- We would like for everyone that's interested in teaching to look over the cellabus.

If you see anything that you would be interested in teaching let me or Ginny know. Currently Bobby Thacker is going to stay on as our web master and if you want you can send it to KAEMT Education and he will forward it on to us. We want to have strong instructors for our classes.

Ginny Shumate- We are talking about a class in Greensburg who have contacted us to teach for them. Greensburg is located about 1 ½ hours Southeast from E-town. They are wanting a Saturday class with 8 hour days. We will try to pay the instructors depending on how many we end up with in the class. Right now we have 42

people on the list for the class.

Tom Ferguson- Considering there is a certain number that drop out we could still end up with a good number for the class. The one thing is it would only be a one day a week class instead of two or three nights a week.

Lets move on to the Olympics.

Steve Becraft- The Olympics are held for EMS personnel and if each service would send one person or one team to compete our numbers would grow. There is always room for improvement and the biggest item I see to improve on is communications. We have attempted to mail every service in the state. For 2002 we requested KBEMS to send us a mailing list and when we used it we still had a large number of returned letters. We would like to find a way to get the word out without spending so much money on postage, we know that not all have internet access. One thing we are trying to do is get the dates set as early as possible so we can get the word out and maybe reach more people. I hope that we as EMS personnel realize the need for this and how much it can improve EMS in the state. This gives EMS personnel a chance to gain knowledge, improve their skills, plus a chance to shine for the rest of the state. I am going to thank KAPA and KAEMT for allowing the competition and assisting with it. I have a letter that I will give to Mike Swift along with a proposed budget for 2003 highlighting criteria for hosting cities and why we go to each city. We need to look at getting more support for the budget. I budgeted \$1460.00 for each region and \$2860.00 for the State Finals.

We actually spent:

Region 1 - \$1202.11

Region 2 - \$1293.44

Region 3- \$1315.00

Region 4- \$1429.74

State Finals – unknown at this time

Our income from sponsors is down, registration is down and this causing us to
come

up short. I know we will probably be short I know the trophy's will be \$1200.00.

As it is getting harder to raise money, one thing I would like to introduce
is selling advertising in our Olympic site programs. The price would be \$50 for
a business card size, \$100 for a ¼ page, \$200 for ½ page. If we could get each
member to sell \$100 that would be a big help to pay for the Olympics. I know
you

give up time, take up your weekends to help with the Olympics but we also need
money for expenses.

Bob Shumate- Motion to accept Steve's budgeting. The only thing is make the letter to
Olympic Sponsors.

Ginny Shumate- We're a new organization, we're only 2 years old. All these organizations we
need to show them so they have the faith in us to continue to support us.

Steve Becraft- I plan on attending the KAPA meeting tomorrow and present a report.

Tom Ferguson- You have everything in one report. We just need to give it to KAPA Mike Swift
and hand it to them directly. They have stated they never received a vendor
letter
and I know that it was mailed to them. Ginny can present it to KEMTIA at their
meeting. This way there will be no way they can claim they didn't receive it.

Bob Shumate – Motion to rewrite header for letter.

All in favor.

Tom Ferguson- I would like to get a list of services addresses that is correct. I got a list from
Brian Bishop that the state uses.

Sharon Pierceall- The state ambulance inspectors have addresses for the stations because they
have to do the inspections.

Notices most often go to the Director and if they are not interested it usually
gets tossed, not posted for the EMT's and Paramedics to see.

Tom Ferguson- Who do we want to nominate for EMS Olympics chairman?

Debbie Sheppard- Nominate Steve Becraft for EMS Olympics chairman

Mike McCord- Second

All in favor

Tom Ferguson- We need to do more work in our committees. This will help with the length of
our meetings. Remember we need to get our numbers up so that we have the
money we need to get things done. Let's get our membership up and get our
organization stronger. Is there anything else we need to talk about.

Bob Shumate- We need to vote on "Vital Signs" as our official newsletter.

Tony Clayton- Motion to make “Vital Signs” the name of our newsletter

Dave Smith- Second

Tom Ferguson- Is there any discussion about the newsletter? If not we need to vote.

All in favor

Mike McCord- Motion to adjourn meeting

Ginny Shumate- Second

Meeting closed.