

**SDEMTA DISTRICT VI  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Kurt Klunder at 1110 hours.

The following members were present: Connie, Marilyn, Margaret, Laurel, Brian, Mike, Jim and John Voyles.

Kurt advised that July is election month and the positions of president and secretary are up for election. Kurt did not get the notice out 30 days in advance to remind members of the election. The quorum that was in attendance advised that the policy has been set by previous elections and the voting should continue.

Laurel made a unanimous nomination for Kurt to remain president and for Peggy to remain secretary. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried. Brian abstained.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Acct - \$5148.80

Conference Acct – 859.55 – Laurel advises that the Sweet Adelines have never cashed their check from the conference. Kurt is going to check into this.

CD - \$6000

Expenses - \$2160.75

Ending Balance - \$11,588.35

Mini Conference – (\$136)

EMT-B Class - \$2497 /\$2325 = \$172

GEMS Class - \$315 (6 registered) /\$1402.24 = (\$1524.60)

Margaret made a motion to approve the treasurer's report – Mike seconded Motion carried.

President's Report

EMT-B Class 2 people did not pass. One student has not paid for his class yet. From now on anyone taking the EMT-B class will need to pay in advance.

EMT OF THE YEAR – Dick Johnson was nominated

Kurt advises that the District Presidents will be picking the EMT OF THE YEAR this year.

Kurt advises that he will not have the time to teach an EMT-B class this year. District VI will help support Spearfish and any other agency that would like to put on an EMT-B class. District VI has training materials available to be used.

District VI is also looking into purchasing some additional equipment for use in teaching classes.

Kurt also advises that he has instructors that can help teach a class also.

No GEMS classes scheduled. Margaret suggested maybe the last 2 weeks in September or the first part of October a GEMS class could be held.

Spearfish will host the GEMS Class on September 20, 2008. Registration deadline is September 6<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday weekend. The cost for the class is \$50 and this will include the book. Lunch will be provided by Spearfish Ambulance.

Spearfish Ambulance will host a PHTLS Class also. The PHTLS Class will be November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the class is \$75 and includes the book. Spearfish Ambulance will provide lunch.

Hill City Ambulance held a Wilderness First Responders Class. This is an 8 day class and was cut to a 5 day class. The cost of the class is \$600 and the class must be registered by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Peggy will make flyers for the GEMS Class and the PHTLS Class. Registrations for the GEMS Class will be sent to Cindi Kissack and the PHTLS Class registrations will be sent to Peggy.

The 2008 Conference is going to be held in Pierre.

Margaret brought up the subject of possibly bringing in National Speakers for the Mini Conference in February. She has heard a Critical Care Nurse speak and the speaker is from Portland, OR. The price would probably be about \$3000 with the expenses.

Decided to stay with local pool to help keep the price low and with gas prices the way they are, there could be a decline in attendance.

Discussion was held about holding the Mini Conference in Rapid City as that is about ½ for most attendees. Kurt was going to check with the Holiday Inn Express in Rapid City. This is the motel right by the civic center. Hot Springs has a new director and maybe will be able to draw some of the EMTs up to the conference.

The Mini Conference tentative dates are February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be 18 hours of CE on the Intermediate Refresher.

Rapid City will host the 2013 conference. This conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Express by the civic center. The general sessions will be held at the hotel. The vendors and the banquet will be held at the civic center.

Spearfish is to host the 2010 conference. Since this conference is only 2 years away – national speakers need to be looked at now and reserved. Kurt thought that the district should send to people to the National EMS EXPO in Las Vegas to scope out and speak with some of the speakers. Margaret would go and another person also. Laurel would possibly for the second person.

Mike made the motion to send 2 people to the EXPO in Las Vegas. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Kurt advises that District II is sending 2 people to the EXPO.

Discussion was also made on maybe doing a scholarship for upcoming EXPOS.

#### Vice President's Report

Matt Thompson is Chairman of the Fair EMS Committee. Anyone wanting to help out during the Central States Fair should contact Matt. The hours are from the am hours until ½ hour after everything is done at night. You will get into the grounds for free and also be allowed into the concerts and other grandstand performances.

#### Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Brian discussed the SD Board of Osteopathic and the problems that the new ALS providers are having. Some of the new paramedics and I-85s received their licenses in June and July and received letters from the board that they needed to recertify before July 15<sup>th</sup>. The new ALS providers also had to pay an additional \$25 on top of the \$50 they had just paid to get licensed.

Brian advised that the Chairman of the Board will only answer emails.

Several people are very upset about what is happening with the board and they are trying to get the ALS providers to be under the state EMS office instead of the Osteopathic Board.

Brian will keep the district abridged with any information he receives.

#### Political Report

Marilyn advised she attended a Farm Med Class north of Belle. Russ Hagen from Canton put on the class and Marilyn advised that this was an excellent class. The cost of the

class is about \$2000. The program that Russ uses is from the University of NY. Marilyn is going to get some of the information about the class and send it to Margaret.

Laurel suggested doing an EMS Service of the Year through the district and then helping that service with the paperwork for the EMS Service of the Year through the state. Have the entries due by May.

Margaret made a motion for District VI to pay for pizza for the meeting. Mike seconded. Motion carried. Mike got the district a discount on the pizza from the Pizza Ranch.

Kurt announced that the Vo-Tech will be starting up a Paramedic Class that starts in August. Kurt is going to be the lead instructor. If the student goes through the Vo-Tech they will receive an Associates Degree.

Kurt thought that maybe the district could put on a Paramedic Refresher but do it in 8 hour blocks, quarterly. Everyone thought this would be a good idea.

Margaret made a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Laurel seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1240 hours.