

TENNESSEE AMBULANCE SERVICE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2012

State EMS Iris Meeting Room, Nashville, TN

Present: Mike Shankle, John Fitzsimmons, Doug McQuary, Brandon Ward, Derek Merritt, Andrew Reed, James Lynn Thompson, Keith Douglas, Chad Graham, Dennis Rowe, John Combes, Ricky Slack, Lis Henley, Scott Storey, Paul Anderson, Shannon Seaton, Joyce Noles, and Jackie Wilkerson.

President Brandon Ward called the meeting to order at 1100, welcoming all who made the trip.

Minutes were provided from the December 8, 2011 meeting. After review, Andrew Reed made a motion to accept the minutes. John Combes seconded, the motion carried.

Larry Billingsley, treasurer was absent due to sickness. Treasurer report was omitted at this time.

Legislative Report was delivered by Brandon Ward. He discussed the meeting that was held with the Department of Safety. It was a productive meeting with an understanding of the department that EMS was not to be included in the original bill. Legislation will be drafted this year to exclude EMS from the bill. Discussion was also held on the possibility of legislation concerning electric cars with the need of an identifier of where the electrical lines are located.

EMS day on the Hill is being planned for the first part of February with a date to come later.

TNCare monies should be left alone this year but we will watch to make sure.

Discussion was held on whether or not the 25 year retirement could be passed. Brandon will ask Beth Winstead the chances of this being adopted. TASA will also ask Beth to check on the possibility of the essential services bill being brought up next year that would make EMS essential.

Doug McQuary and Chad Graham discussed the Mid-Winter conference in Gatlinburg for February 15 -17, 2012 at the Park Vista, Double Tree hotel. Doug McQuary updated the group on the Mid-Winter conference. He asks the group if they knew of anyone who knew a vendor that would sponsor a break to please contact him.

John Fitzsimmons updated the board on the awards program. There are only a few nominations received, he ask that regions to promote the program.

Secretary Shankle discussed the need to increase the dues in the upcoming year. He suggested that they be increased by \$10 per licensed ambulance or helicopter. Paul Anderson made a motion that it be placed on a ballot at the Mid-Winter conference to allow the membership to decide. Motion was seconded by Ricky Slack. Motion carried.

Donna Tidwell State EMS Director addressed the board with an update of the state office.

Being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Paul Anderson seconded by Ricky Slack.