

**SEVEN MOUNTAINS EMS COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Meeting Minutes October 15, 2020
Conference Call**

- I. Call to Order
President Mike Coldren called the Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 20:14 PM.
- II. Roll Call (sign-in sheet)
Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined as present.
- III. Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Joy Byler, 2nd by Dave Jones to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented. President Coldren asked for any opposition – nothing stated. Motion approved.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2020 Board Meeting
A motion was made by Allen Weaver, 2nd by Joy Byler to approve the August 20, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved.
- V. Financial Reports – April-May 2020
The following reports were furnished for Board Review: Aug.-Sept. 2020 transactions; 2020-21 Grant-to-date; Council Balance Sheet; CARES Aug.-Sept. 2020 transactions; CARES Grant-to-date overview.
Motion by Bob Edwards, 2nd by Dave Jones to approve the financial reports as presented. President Coldren asked for any opposition – none stated. Motion approved.
- VI. Council Reports
STAFF:
Staff reports were distributed via Delegate-Web. Nothing additional added.

RMAC/QI
Jim reported that MAC discussed implementation of IALS within the Region; the antibiotics for open fractures program; and prehospital response to cardiac arrest patients. Next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2021.

EMS LEADERSHIP
Kent Knable, Dave Jones, Cathy Grimes reported that EMS Leadership met last Tuesday. HB1838 was discussed along with plans for conducting an instructor training course for the EMS rescue task force class.

PEHSC

Dave Jones reported that the statewide EMS conference was a success – multiple “new” attendees participated; mentioned the budget cuts throughout the EMS system largely due to COVID-19 & decreased revenues; Several VTRs were forwarded to the Bureau for review and action; State EMS awards were announced, Seven Mtns. has two regional award winners – Joy Byler (Big Valley EMS) is the BLS practitioner of the year and Shari Spicher (Mifflin Cty. 911) is the recipient of the EMS communications award.

VII. Election of Officers

President Coldren opened the floor for nominations for Board officers for 2020-21. He asked for nominations for the position of President:

Mike Coldren was nominated by Gerard Banfill, 2nd by Dave Jones

Mike asked for additional nominations for President and hearing none entertained a motion by himself, 2nd Dave Jones to close nominations for President. Motion Passed.

Mike then asked for nominations for Vice-President:

Gerard Banfill was nominated by Mike Coldren, 2nd by Dave Jones

Mike then asked for additional nominations for Vice-President and hearing none entertained a motion by himself, 2nd by Gerard Banfill to close nominations.

Motion Passed.

Mike then asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer:

Scott Rhoat was nominated by Gerard Banfill, 2nd by Dave Jones

Mike then asked for additional nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and hearing none entertained a motion by Gerard Banfill, 2nd by Matt Kurtz to close nominations. Motion Passed.

Motion by Dave Jones, 2nd by Matt Kurtz to allow the Secretary to cast unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Motion Passed.

VIII. Business

A) Establishment of Committee Structure

President Coldren asked that this item be tabled until January and invited everyone in attendance to reach out to him if they are interested in serving on any of the committees.

B) Setting of 2021 Meeting schedule & location(s)

Motion by Gerard Banfill, 2nd by Dave Jones to maintain the current meeting cycle (attached) with Zoom meetings continuing until it was felt safe to do otherwise. Motion Passed.

C) Setting of 2021 Holiday schedule

Tim proposed the attached holiday schedule for Council acceptance. A short discussion followed. Motion by Gerard Banfill, 2nd by Tom Perrin that with the removal of Spring Break as a holiday, Council business (minimally, the answering of telephone calls) would need to occur that day. Motion Passed.

Motion by Gerard Banfill, 2nd by Tom Perrin that the 2021 Holiday schedule be approved as presented. Motion Passed

D) Other Business

Tim presented preliminary figures for the 2020-21 provider equipment

projects. Currently you have \$64,471.96 allocated. The only project he currently has committed is continuation of the PCR program which is projected to cost \$45,360. He asked that Board members start thinking of potential projects for the remaining funds but hold off on committing anything until January or April so that those funds would potentially be available should the Bureau need to institute another round of budget reductions. Jim Urban stated that the only project he currently knows of would be a second offering of the patient lift-assistance devices for those agencies who didn't respond last year. A discussion followed. Gerard Banfill mentioned that he had the opportunity to talk with Director Ferguson a week or two ago. They discussed both training & system finance. Dave Jones discussed HB1838 and its potential impact on the Commonwealth EMS System – hopefully it will pass and help generate some additional income but nobody knows how long it will take to implement. He also discussed our ability to review EMSOF balance/revenue through the PA Treasury web-portal; the unfortunately low collection rate of EMSOF monies; and a proposal to assess a portion of insurance company excess income in support of EMS. Matt Rodgers asked when we last solicited proposals from PCR vendors. Tim/Jim guesstimate in the 7-10-year range. Tim stated that he isn't opposed to the idea of investigating but said that he is aware of several other regions who stated that they would 'love' to have the EMS Charts deal that we have though that shouldn't stop us from examining options.

IX. Good of the Organization

Scott Rhoat discussed the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) initiative through PEHSC & DOH. He questioned if Geisinger (because of the children's hospital) or another institution, who specialize in pediatric care, would have someone interested in fulfilling this requirement for any of the Regional EMS agencies who would like assistance. John Harahus asked for an e-mail explaining our request and he would investigate. Tim stated that he would forward information to John.

X. Next Meeting

January 21, 2021 – Noon.

Currently scheduled as a Zoom virtual meeting but may be changed to Union County Government Center if appropriate to do so.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Gerard Banfill, 2nd by Dave Jones to adjourn the meeting at 21:11. Motion passed. President Coldren thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.

Attendance/Sign-in Sheet
Board of Directors' Meeting
October 15, 2020
Conference Call – Roll Call of participants

Gerard Banfill, Delegate Lock Haven EMS*
Scott Rhoat, Delegate, Bellefonte EMS*
Thomas Derby III, Delegate, Geisinger EMS/Berwick Ambulance*
Michael Coldren, Delegate, FAME EMS *
Bob Edwards, Delegate, PSU*
James Blount, Delegate, William Cameron Engine Company*
Matt Kurtz, Delegate, Geisinger EMS*
Thomas Perrin, Delegate, Union County West End*
Derick Shambach, Delegate, Snyder County EMA*
Phil Lucas, Delegate, Mifflin County EMA
Nicole Fye, Delegate, Goodwill Hose Ambulance*
Joy Byler, Delegate, Big Valley Ambulance*
Matt Abbey, Delegate, Northumberland Fire Co. QRS*
Allen Weaver, Delegate, Juniata County EMA*
Chad Aucker, Delegate, Snyder County 911*
Kent Knable, Delegate, Centre Life Link
Matt Rodgers, Delegate, Hope Hose Company #2
Laura Shay, Delegate, Port Royal EMS*
Dave Jones, Delegate, University Ambulance Service*
Scott Reiner, Council Staff
Tim Nilson, Council Staff
Cathy Grimes, Council Staff
Laura Rompolski, Council Staff
Jim Urban, Council Staff

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