

**New Hampshire Ambulance Association**  
**July 20, 2006**

<b>Members present:</b>	Patrick Twomey, President	Michelle Willette, V. President
	Beverly Hurd, Treasurer	Lynn Clogston, Secretary
	Dave Dubey, Legislative Liaison	Jonathan Dubey, Berlin EMS
	Robert Bousquet, Tilton-Northfield	
	Carolyn Morrill, Franklin Fire	Priscilla Beaulieu, Twin Rivers
	George Reynolds, Twin Rivers	Robert Homer, Twin Rivers
	Kimberly Kiesman, North Conway Ambulance	
	William Riley, Valley Transfer	John Warwick, Tri-State
	Neil Hurd, Tri-State	Pam Fowler, Access EMS

1. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Twomey at 6:06pm.
2. **Review of minutes:** May minutes were reviewed; motion to accept minutes by Michelle Willette and seconded by Robert Bousquet – all in favor.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance: \$5884.25. There are currently 33 members that have paid dues. Eric Perry of the Bureau of EMS has provided the most current list of NH EMS providers, including over 200 organizations. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Jonathan Dubey, seconded by Carolyn Morrill, all in favor.
4. **EMS/Medical Control/Bureau Report – Dave Dubey:**

The Medical Control Board is planning a gradual phase-in of the 2005 Heart Association CPR and ACLS Protocols.

Effective January 2007 EMT-I's will no longer be able to do endotracheal intubation.

A protocol for firefighter rehab is being developed but there is resistance from firefighters. The perception is that EMS is trying to take some decision-making authority away from supervisory fire personnel.

There is a question of whether or not PALS should be required for paramedic licensure. Dave asked for feedback from the group. Many members said that some pediatric program like PALS or PEPP would be a good idea, but concern was expressed about imposing another mandatory requirement on medics and that initial certification and refresher courses for some programs are either rare or nonexistent which would complicate maintaining certification. PALS is not required by the National Registry. Adding another pediatric course to the paramedic refresher would require adding an extra day to the class; a suggestion was made about possibly doing testing through TEMSIS. An Association consensus of supporting some additional formal pediatric training but not specifying which class was reached.

5. **New Members:** none
6. **Other Business:** Patrick listed several ideas for increasing organization visibility and member enrollment and participation, including an Open House/BBQ at Access EMS in Concord, a Red Cross blood drive, and hosting a golf tournament. Neil suggested using previously purchased trophies for an antique fire truck show with activities for all ages, maybe at a state park. Most of the ideas will have to be implemented after the new year, but the group decided to have the September meeting at Access EMS as a special, open event. Jonathon motioned, seconded by Beverly, to authorize Patrick \$5/head for food supplies – all in favor. Kimberly offered to do a pamphlet to hand out to prospective members.

Pat has not been able to get a response from Logisticare about the future organization of wheelchair van transports, and no one else has heard anything either. Beverly expressed strong concerns about how the increased fuel prices are burying wheelchair van providers and asked if there was a way to access extra state funding, perhaps from an emergency relief fund, to offset the costs, especially because wheelchair van reimbursement has not increased significantly in many years. Neil suggested forming a committee of van providers; Michelle discussed how to organize rate information for a presentation, perhaps in graph form, to the State to request an increase; there was discussion about who to go to with the request. Pat will continue to try to get in touch with Logisticare. Bev asked if there was anything that could possibly be done in the interim. Tom McEntee may have more information; a proposal would also need to be gotten to Denis.

Jonathon gave a presentation of website possibilities and will have a draft site for the September meeting. A website would probably run about \$90/year to host. Robert motioned, seconded by Michelle to authorize up to \$100 for Jonathon to start the website – all in favor.

Advertising for the new book: Neil doesn't want to be the only one selling ads. Several members offered to help contact advertisers if Neil could get a list for people to work from.

Neil presented a draft copy of a potential bill regarding easing re-licensing requirements for long-term EMTs; most members had significant reservations about the idea and potential problems it would create. Dave expressed concern about this bill distracting legislators from other EMS legislative goals. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

7. Next meeting will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, at AccessEMS; BBQ at 5:30pm, meeting at 6:30pm.
8. Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm by Carolyn, seconded by Michelle – all in favor.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Lynn Clogston, Secretary