

# **Texas Rescue Competition**

## **Board of Directors Spring Meeting**

**20 April 2002**  
**Lake Whitney State Park, Whitney Texas**

Board members present: Greg Higgins, Darrell Carothers, Terri Wyatt and Stan Irwin.

Members present: Tom Brown, Les Wyatt, Penny Hale, Lloyd and Mary Turnbull.

Meeting called to order at 1415 by President Greg Higgins.

### **\*REVIEW OF LAST MINUTES:**

Terri Wyatt gave a report on the statues of the last minutes.

### **\*PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Greg Higgins reported on a letter of suggestion concerning last year's competition he had received and presented a letter of resignation from Wes Meyer.

### **\*TREASURERS REPORT:**

Stan Irwin reported that we have a balance of \$1658 with no outstanding bills at this time.

### **\*OLD BUSINESS:**

Penny Hale reports that we have received our final approval on the 501c3 and are now a "Tax Except Corporation". The 2001 taxes have been filed.

Les Wyatt reported that there is nothing new concerning the dog teams. He is still waiting on several phone calls to be returned.

### **\*NEW BUSINESS:**

Greg Higgins proposed the following By-law changes:

1. Change the number of board members from 5 to 7.
2. Forming a separate committee using team members to review scoring. The Board of Directors would pick the members to sit on this committee.
3. Set permanent meeting dates in April (Spring) and October (Fall).
4. Change board member terms from 4 years to 2 years to allow more people to participate.

5. Form a separate Grievance Committee to oversee complaints by teams. It would be made up of last year's team members and be appointed by the Vice President. They would report to the board.
6. To refine the "Grievance Fee" process to file a complaint, thus hoping to reduce the filing of frivolous complaints.
7. Develop a "Policy and Procedures Manual".
8. Create a planning committee who would be in charge of putting the competition together as well as the awards party.

Open, frank discussion ensued concerning the proposed changes.

The following changes were made.

1. Leave the number of Board members (Directors) as currently written.
2. Leave present wording on committees as currently written.
3. Permanent meeting dates to be in April and October.
4. The "Grievance Fee" is already a part of the "Day rules". No changes.
5. No changes to current By-laws concerning committees.
6. All planning will be left to the Board of Directors. No Planning Committee to be formed.
7. The policy and procedures in question already exist either in the By-laws or the "Day Rules". No action needs to be taken.
8. Election terms will change to the following:

**Elections, Terms, Resignations or Removal from the Board**

A Board member (Director) may be removed by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Any Board member (Director) may resign at any time upon written or electronic notification made to the President of the Board.

Any vacancy in the Board will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board members (Directors).

**Officers of the Board**

The President and Treasurer will serve 3-year terms. The Vice-President and Secretary will serve 2-year terms. Officers may be reelected to the same position for two (2) consecutive terms, except the Treasurer, who may serve an unlimited number of terms.

Motion to except the changes as presented made by Terri Wyatt, seconded by Darrell Carothers. Motion passed unanimously. The By-laws will be updated and posted to the official website.

The Board called a break at 1545 and resumed the meeting at 1610.

**\*OTHER BUSINESS:**

Terri Wyatt resigned as Secretary. Motion made to appoint Penny Hale as the new Secretary by Terry Wyatt, seconded by Stan Irwin. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to accept Dan Dittfurths' resignation as Vice-President. He has new obligations that will prohibit him from fulfilling his duties at this time. Motion made by Greg Higgins, seconded by Stan Irwin. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to appoint Darrell Carothers as the new Vice-President by Penny Hale, seconded by Stan Irwin. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to appoint Terry Wyatt in the now vacated position of "Member at Large" that was created with the appointment of Darrell Carothers, by Greg Higgins, seconded by Penny Hale. Motion passed unanimously.

**\*NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

In an article in the Texas EMS Magazine, Austin Fire Department and Austin EMS mentioned that their participation at Garner was a prominent training exercise for them. Austin EMS has been invited to compete in a Rescue Competition in California later this year. Good luck!

The next meeting will be October 12, 2002 at 0900 at Garner State Park.

Motion made and accepted to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 1647.