



BREMS Board of Directors

October 24, 2017

LFD Administration Bldg, 800 Madison Street

6:30 pm

Board Members In attendance:

Mary Kathryn Allen	BREMS
Janet Blankenship	Bedford Fire & Rescue
Brad Ferguson	LFD
Jason Ferguson	CVCC
Allan Belcher	Centra
Bruce Stratton	Concord
Charles Mitchell	Huddleston
Michelle Turner	Campbell Co. Public Safety
Gary Roakes	Amherst CO. Public Safety
Susan Walton	Appomattox Rescue

Guest In Attendance:

Heather Childress	LFD
Steve Coleman	CCRS
Michael Gresham	VTR Int'l Inc.

Absent:

John Boon	BREMS Treasurer
Waddie Crouch	
Marilyn McLeod, MD	
Leonard Cohen, MD	

Brad Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Meeting minutes from the September 2017 were reviewed and a motion made by Bruce Stratton to accept, seconded by Charles Mitchell was approved and accepted as reviewed.

Chair's Report

Brad asked Bruce Stratton how he felt as a new member of the FARC Committee. Bruce reported it entailed a lot of work but he was looking forward to it.

Treasurer's Report

Brad Ferguson read the Treasurer's Report in absence of John Boon. A motion was made by Charles Mitchell to accept, seconded by Gary Roakes. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted as read.

Brad Ferguson introduced Michael Gresham from VTR Int'l Inc. Michael Gresham passed out an updated history on the BREMS Lifeline System. Mike stated he has purchased the equipment for the Long Mtn. site but the tower is too unsafe to climb. He noticed new equipment on the tower. He is going to Rustburg tomorrow to look at the plots to see who owns the tower. He has been told a Chuck Hirtz owns the tower and was willing to expect a \$1 a year from BREMS for the lease but has since changed his mind. Gary Roakes stated he would find a number to US Cellular for Mike to reach out to and see if they own the tower. Brad stated once we have information from Mike we may need to set up a meeting with Mr. Hirtz.

Director's Report (Old & New Business)

- MK advised that the BREMS updates will continue
- MK stated that the BREMS contract with the state has been completed and OEMS has received their signed copy and the BREMS invoice has been processed. We are just waiting on our quarterly money. The Regional Councils would like to see the planning process start earlier with contracts.

New Business:

- Grant Grading- FY 18 contract does require a grant review during the regional meetings. In February, BREMS is going to hold a pre-grant conference to help any agency, answer and questions prior to the March 15th cycle. The board discussed the grants and individual graded each item.
 - Huddleston- Charles Mitchell spoke on safety of the stretchers. It was noted the quote with the grant only included one (1) but the grant had the correct pricing for two (2) stretchers based on the quote received for one (1).
 - Campbell County Rescue Squad- Steve Coleman stated the power stretchers make lifting so much easier for their volunteers to lift and move the patient's safely. They are only requesting stretchers not loading systems.
 - Pamplin Fire & EMS- The Board members discussed the item on the grant was geared more towards the fire department then rescue needs. They believe this was not the best grant for them.
 - Appomattox Volunteer Rescue Squad- Susan Walton stated they are trying to replace Unit 1 and this was the same grant they put in last cycle, except they tried 50/50 this time. They have spent a lot of money on repairs.
 - Campbell County Public Safety- Michelle Turner stated CCPS has increased their call volume since picking up the Altavista area. They have a new ambulance on order and it should be in service soon and will help but they still need another unit. They are putting 5-6K miles a month per ambulance and they keep up with maintenance but their call volume is steadily climbing.
 - Lynchburg Fire Dept.- Heather Childress is replacing a Lifepack 15. They are in need of replacing a Lucas device they have. They have had great success in keeping the Lucas devices and monitors lasting longer because of their preventative maintenance contracts they have with the companies.

Other New Business:

- Susan Walton gave a brief update on their Active Shooter Drill held on October 9, 2017. They learned a great deal including that no of the agencies participating had great policies in place for a real active shooter. She would like to see this done every year.
- Allan Belcher stated Centra is going to have an Active Shooter Drill on November 30th at the Simulation Lab and would love to have a unit from LFD and BREMS participate in the drill.

With there being no further business, Bruce Stratton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Submitted respectfully by,

Mary Kathryn Allen- BREMS Executive Director