



North Carolina Division of the American Trauma Society Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2008 **President:** PJ Schenarts, MD
Location: High Point Regional Hospital **Secretary:** Bernie Medeiros, RN
Present: **Kushana Ballard, Deb Braun, Angelina Drews, Dale Hill, Linda Kalafut, Gail Kluttz, Bernie Medeiros, Debra Petrarca, Tina Poole, Michele Rudisill, PJ Schenarts, Dennis Taylor**

PJ Schenarts called the meeting to order at 0835.

The January 22, 2008 minutes were reviewed and accepted without corrections.

Treasurer's report was given by Debra Petrarca. The ending balance for 3/31/08 was \$8,217.02. This amount reflects a recent deposit from National ATS for \$3,714.00.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Advocacy/Membership – Linda Kalafut**

Linda shared a form letter distributed by National to ATS members, asking members to renew their membership. She plans to wait approximately three to six months and then request an updated membership list from National. The group held some discussion regarding the feasibility of placing membership booths at various conferences.

- **Legislative**

There was no legislative report, but the group discussed a report issued by the NC Department of Transportation that stated that NC motorcycle deaths have tripled since 1997, when the state helmet laws were relaxed. The report noted that there was an increase in the number of motorcycle riders, and that weather conditions may be a contributing factor.

The group discussed whether to fill the vacancy in the Legislative Liaison position but made no decision.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- **Fundraiser for 2009 – Gail Kluttz**

Discussed working on a fundraiser to raise money for injury prevention activities within each RAC region. Gail discussed a professional painter who sells his works for charities and non-profit organizations. Deb Braun will work on marketing this initiative. Dennis Taylor will discuss ideas with Dr. Petty. Motion was made to hold on injury prevention scholarships for the coming year. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Deb noted that there has been some discussion with Harry Teter at National to sign a release allowing hospitals to broadcast the TraumaRoo videos over closed-circuit television to pediatric patients. National has made no decision.

- **National ATS Meeting – Gail Kluttz**

Gail discussed the focus of this year's National ATS meeting which is Trauma Survivor's Network. Last year 12 people attended the 2nd Trauma meeting, which was a wonderful meeting. Motion was made to send 2 people to the National meeting. The group discussed sending Gail Kluttz (Executive Director) and Deb Braun (Incoming President).

PJ Schenarts shared that Maryland holds an annual Survivor Day, and that the group might consider that as a possibility here in NC.

- **Nominations & Election of Officers – PJ Schenarts**

Members were nominated from the meeting floor and elected to serve 2-year terms as noted:

Chair	Deb Braun, RN
Chair-elect	Open
Secretary	Dale Hill, EMT-P
Treasurer	Debra Petrarca, CSTR

Two potential nominees were offered for Chair-elect. Deb Braun will follow up with the individuals to gauge their interest.

- **Presentation – Dennis Taylor**

On behalf of the NC ATS, Dennis Taylor presented a plaque to outgoing chapter President, PJ Schenarts, which read in part, "For your selfless, dedicated and limitless courage. Thank you for your service."

Adjourned

Next Meeting scheduled for July 24, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in High Point, NC

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Hill, EMT-P
North Carolina ATS