

NEAAMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10TH 2026

VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS

Meeting Called to Order: By Mickey Sauser President @1100 cst

Notetaker: Dee Vogel Secretary/Treasurer

Present:

Mickey Sauser President (WINGS), Tracy Meyer Vice President (Air Link), Dee Vogel Secretary/Treasurer (Air Link), Tiffany Howton (Air Link Transfer Center/Dispatch Supervisor), Jared Patterson (LifeNet Columbus), Steve Kahle (Apollo), Liz Moore (TriCity), Ryan Holland (ICare Ambulance), Molly Weber (StarCare), Rebecca Meredith (Children's Omaha), Colby Bettles (MARC), Josh Marshall (TriCity), Tina Monteith (LifeNet Norfolk), Ryan Penrose(Apollo), JR Walker(Apollo), Trevor Tetley(), Alisa Minnich (Children's Omaha), Thomas Allenstein(Children's Omaha), Summer Orender (LifeNet Columbus)

Previous Minutes:

Approved as written. Minutes may be downloaded at www.neaams.org password NEAAMS#1. The minutes are also attached to the meeting invite on TEAMS.

Safety/ Gage Norman

Gage is not present rumor has it that he has taken a new job within the company and he is no longer a line pilot. Please reach out to your pilots to see if a pilot would be willing to step into the position. 4/20/2026 Josh Burke has contacted him and he is still interested in helping us.

Open Discussion:

A. Weatherturndown.com

Tiffany from Air Link has been having issues with the site since the upgrade, not enough information is being put in regarding the where the weather is at, turndown times are not correct, Tracy will get Tiffany and Aaron Bowles in contact with each other. Follow up: emails have been exchanged between the two and they are working on the issue.

Summer Orender also had questions on how to log on the site, Tracy was able to get her in contact with Aaron

New Application Review:

We have 1 new application form LifeNet 1-4 in Sioux City Iowa. Received on 2/12/26 the application doesn't have their AAMS Number and that is a requirement for NEAAMS, Mickey will reach out to them and see if they have a number.

New Business:

- A. Air Methods will be adding a FW program in Omaha target date July 2026, will be transporting both Adult and Peds pt.'s.
- B. Mickey made a motion for the association to give a \$100.00 donation to the VITALS Foundation formally the Medivac Foundation, Thomas Allenstein is on the board, the motion was seconded by Steve Kahle and approved by the association.

Action Item: Donation of \$100.00 made via credit card on 4/10/26

Old Business:

A. NEAAMS Website

Luke had agreed to continue to run the website and had been paid \$500.00. you can send updated pictures to him at lukeBallmer@gmail.com

Treasurer Report:

Current Balance \$9877.58

PROGRAM UPDATES:

AirCare (Kearney)

- Fully staffed
- Down 1 pilot and mechanic

Air Link (Scottsbluff)

- Multiple staff taking ATLS
- 1 Nurse position open
- Hamilton T1 to go into service this month
- Working on carrying whole blood
- Working on carrying ultra sound
- Free EMS conference October 17th
- 1 communications specialist position open

Apollo (Grand Island)

- Fully Staffed

Children's (Omaha)

- They have changed to Metro Aviation they are flying a EC145 and PC12
- Will be carrying whole blood

LifeNet (Columbus)

- 1 medic position open
- Have a new pilot
- Construction around the hospital

LifeNet (Norfolk)

- Not present

LifeNet (North Platte)

- Fully staffed

LifeNet StarCare (Crete)

- 2 positions open offering a \$10,000 stipend

LifeNet TriCity (Kearney)

- 2 Medic positions open
- 1 pilot position
- Carrying fetal monitor

LifeNet (Omaha)

- Fully Staffed
- 1 pilot position open
- Crane NE side of the hospital and ongoing construction

MARC (Rosebud, Valentine)

- Both bases are fully staffed

WINGS Air Rescue (Sioux City IA)

- 1 nurse and 1 Medic position open
- Cont. to have issues getting ground transportation from the airport. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE TRANSPORTATION BEFORE YOU ACCEPT A FLIGHT.

I-Care (Colorado ground flight transport service)

- Ryan would like any information on the issues in Omaha and Lincoln with getting ground transportation his email is ryan@icareambulance.com
- They have added a part time ambulance to their base at Centennial airport in Denver

Nebraska EMS Conference

- Next conference is July 10th-12th in Kearney

Government State & Local

- Nothing to report we no longer have anyone to update us
- Tracy will reach out to Dan Duncan

Safety Symposium (Tracy, Mickey, Josh)

- Tracy will be setting up a meeting

Open Discussion:

- Omaha Trauma conference at Creighton
- Air Link free EMS conference October 17th
- Apollo is having a cadaver and Airway/Chest tube lab May 19th 20th CEU are offered, contact Steve Kahle also check their Facebook page. \$80.00 for the 5hr class \$20.00 for the 2hr class
- Discussion on when a helicopter is sitting on Children's helipad and who to contract
- Discussion on the AMOA Air Medical Operators Association landing zone video and number of people have watched it, still looking for feedback

Next Meeting: July 10th 12:00 cst

Meeting Adjourned: