



VIRGINIA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes February 3, 2017 Richmond Marriott Short Pump 4240 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Chairperson: Gary A. Dalton President

Recording Secretary: Karen D. Wagner

Other Officers in Attendance: Anthony Wilson, BOD, Danny Wildman BOD & GAB Rep, Steve Higgins, Treasurer, and Ed Rhodes, Lobbyist

Member Agencies in Attendance: LifeCare Medical Transport, Medical Transport, Priority Transport, Valley Medical Transport and Woodstock Rescue

Discussion:	Action:
<p>Meeting called to order by President Dalton @ 11:00.</p> <p><u>PRESIDENTS REPORT</u></p> <p>Gary reported that he had attended Legislative and Planning Committee Meeting of the Virginia EMS Advisory Board. The Chair of that committee asked for a name and contact information be submitted by the VAA for consideration for appointment to the committee representing commercial ambulance agencies. Steve Higgins, Priority Medical Transport, expressed an interest to fill the position. The desire of the group attending is for Steve to be appointed. President Dalton will provide Steve's contact information to Committee's Chair and OEMS Staff Representative.</p> <p><u>VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT</u></p> <p>Randy was unable to attend the meeting but had requested the President to add an agenda item to discuss allowing vendors to join the VAA as support members. After some discussion a motion was made to allow corporate sponsorship for an annual fee of \$500.00. Motion was properly seconded and passed.</p> <p><u>SECRETARY REPORT</u></p> <p>Karen reported that the minutes were distributed to the membership and with no additions or corrections the Minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting were approved</p>	<p>Motion to extend membership to corporate sponsors for an annual fee of \$500.00. Motion seconded and carried.</p>

<p><u>TREASURERS REPORT</u></p> <p>Steve reported LifeCare Medical Transport is owed \$1,150.00. The account will have sufficient balance to pay once the dues checks come in.</p>	
<p><u>GAB Seat Representative</u></p> <p>Danny reported Dr. McCloud (Chair of the GAD Medical Direction Committee) has asked the Provider and Safety Committee to work toward developing rehab and addressing addiction of providers to drug/alcohol. Also that the VAA will go on record supporting a program that mimics other healthcare provider programs to prevent the permanent revocation of certification of EMS providers.</p>	
<p><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></p> <p>There was an open discussion regarding the future of EMT-Intermediate certification. It was announced that Town Hall meetings are being scheduled through-out the state with the first meeting held on February 2, 2017. Membership was encouraged to attend and participate. The agenda, PowerPoint Slides and dates/locations are listed on the Virginia Office of EMS website.</p>	
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <p>There was some discussion on the tolls being charged to ambulances. President Dalton reported that the hopes were that when an ambulance displays an Emergency Vehicle tag that no charges would occur on the vehicle's EZ pass in Virginia. Anthony Wilson stated he would check the language his agency used to prevent them from having to pay fees and forward that info to Ed Rhodes and Gary Dalton. It was noted that privately owned roadways...i.e. Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel...fees cannot be waved.</p> <p>Also, Kevin Dillard, LifeCare Medical Transport has asked the VAA to push support of the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program. This program is a monitoring program offered by the Department of Health Professions. Self-reporting is an option that helps the healthcare provider retain their license in a case of drug or alcohol charge. EMS is a certification program where other healthcare professionals are licensed thus EMS does not fall under Healthcare Professions. During the discussion the question is to participate in the program it costs, where will the money come from?</p> <p>The meeting concluded with a discussion on a bill that mandates training on provider mental health for all Fire and EMS, how to recognize mental health challenges the provider experiences and their fellow workers experience. This is not patient care, but will help in identifying during patient care.</p>	
<p><u>Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>11:00a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017 - Glen Allen VA.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Wagner