



VIRGINIA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes May 6, 2016 Courtyard Marriott, Glen Allen, VA

Chairperson: Gary A. Dalton President

Recording Secretary: Karen D. Wagner

Officer Attendance: Randy Breton Vice President, Steve Higgins Treasurer, Kevin Dillard BOD, Danny Wildman BOD & GAB Rep, Ed Rhodes Lobbyist

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

Discussion:	Action:
<i>Meeting called to order by President Dalton @ 11:00.</i>	
<p><i>Agenda approved as distributed.</i></p> <p><i>Conference call was opened and made available for the meeting.</i> No call ins.</p> <p><i>Approval of November 11, 2015 Minutes</i></p> <p>No additions or corrections, approved as distributed.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously. May be posted on website</p>

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Dalton reported on the passing of the legislative action to allow transport companies to utilize EV tags. It is believed that agencies still need to install transponders to allow passing for through toll booths. DMV registration and sales tax EV tags fees will still apply to all commercial agencies. President Dalton will clarify with the DMV fees etc.

President Dalton stated that he would draft a membership invitation letter to include the information on the passing of the EV tag law and send notice to all non-members to invite them to attend our next meeting and to join the VAA.

Noted that the VAA contract for our lobbyist is due for renewal. (Fee included in the treasurer report). Motion was made and properly seconded to renew the contract with Ed Rhodes. Motion carried.

President Dalton reported that elections of officers for the VAA will occur at the November meeting at Symposium. Nominating committee will be appointed at the August meeting.

President Dalton reported on his attendance to the MDC committee. Focused on scope of practice...the addition of evasive patient care devices and the use of perfusionsists or RN as additional staff for transports. See attached MDC minutes to clarify changes to scope of practice approval and/or acceptance.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Vice President Breton discussed that OEMS continues to look regulations and scope of practice needs for new medical devices that require additional personal for transports. He noted for the record that Mary Washington and Winchester Medical Center are utilizing ECMO on patients being transported thus providers need to be familiar.

VP Breton opened a discussion on psych patient transports. His agency is struggling with law enforcement asking or telling their providers to take the powers of TDO to get the transport completed. It is recommended that we contact law enforcement and see what the process for transporting TDO psych patients truly is.

Discussion continued regarding the business effect on commercial agencies with the reluctance for payment by insurance companies for psych patients. It appears for most agencies that there is an immediate need for facilities to get patients transported to clear ER and hospital beds being the driving force.

As a result of the discussion, President Dalton will contact Morris Reese to get the current hospital association president and Cree Deeds from the legislative side of the process to set up a meeting to discuss psych transport challenges and needs. Group noted that it would be a good idea to include a rep from law enforcement; attorney general office to include the law enforcement requirements. President Dalton will set up a meeting ASAP with the VA Hospital Association and will notify membership once completed.

Physicians Transport is struggling with Southeast Trans and LogistiCare not making payments. Priority Transport suggested contacting Erica Forte in claims processing for Southeast Trans as she will help you get you claims processed.

SECRETARY REPORT

All minutes have been recorded and will be posted on the website upon approval at each meeting.

**MOTION MADE AND
SECONDED
MOTION CARRIED**

**Action Item:
President Dalton will
set up meeting to
discuss psych
transports**

<p><u>TREASURERS REPORT</u></p> <p>Treasurer report see balance sheet. Balance forward 866.71 Accounts receivable 500.00 Expenses 36.00 Action items recommended as follows: + Get the newsletter out ASAP to show the benefits of being members. + Can we solicit some vendors to support the benefits of joining? + Challenge each board member to reach out and get one member to attend the August meeting.</p> <p>Discussion on the GAB Mobile Integrated Health Committee:</p> <p>Steve Higgins is setting on the OEMS work group as the voting member of VAA. Dr Yee is the chair of that group. Community paramedicine and mobile integrated health that goes out to the person in need are the two pieces of the process. Steve reported that action is occurring in the meetings but it is and will be a slow process for actions to occur.</p> <p>President Dalton noted that the VAA Website is maintained by Steve Higgins. Good input, anything anyone would like to see posted, please forward to Steve and President Dalton for approval and posting.</p>	
<p><u>GAB Seat Representative</u></p> <p>Danny Wildman reported Workforce Development and Provider Health and Safety need a rep from the VAA to set on the committee. President Dalton will speak to GAB chair to see if there are any other openings on committees and begin locating reps from the VAA to participate.</p> <p>President Dalton will submit Randy Breton for Provider and Health and Safety committees.</p> <p>Chris Snyder for the Workforce Development Committee.</p>	<p>Action Item: President Dalton will identify any GAB committees that have openings VAA can participate in.</p>
<p><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None mentioned. 	
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None mentioned. 	
<p><u>Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Friday, August 5, 2016 at the Courtyard Marriott in Glen Allen VA.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Wagner