



VIRGINIA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes August 5, 2016 Courtyard Marriott, Glen Allen, VA

Chairperson: Gary A. Dalton President

Recording Secretary: Karen D. Wagner

Other Officers in Attendance: Kevin Dillard BOD, Danny Wildman BOD & GAB Rep, Anthony Wilson, BOD, Ed Rhodes Lobbyist

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

Discussion:	Action:
Meeting called to order by President Dalton @ 11:00.	
<p>Approval of May 6, 2016 Minutes</p> <p>No additions or corrections, approved as distributed.</p> <p><u>PRESIDENTS REPORT</u></p> <p>Reviewed the passing and enactment of the new law that allows commercial agencies to run EV Tags. Needed DMV paperwork is on the VAA website. If any members need assistance with this process please contact the president.</p> <p><u>VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT</u></p> <p>Excused from meeting. No report submitted.</p> <p><u>SECRETARY REPORT</u></p> <p>Minutes were distributed to the membership. Requested the website be updated to include all membership. President Dalton will speak with Webmaster and get access to update website as a back up to assist in busy times.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously.</p>

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer was excused from the meeting. Report will be attached to the minutes when distributed.

GAB Seat Representative

Danny Wildman reported there were no action items submitted prior to the board meeting for consideration. Discussion was held on the request for appointments to GAB committees. Chris Snyder was submitted for Provider Health and Safety. Randy Breton name will be given to Ron Passmore at the meeting today.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The secretary has contacted the VA Hospital Association requesting a meeting to discuss the transport of mental health patients. To date they have not returned a response to the request. (Note-since the meeting we have received contact. President Dalton has spoken with a representative from the VHHA and is in the process of gathering information from the VAA membership to use during the meeting.)

Although there is some headway being made with legislative actions for the coming year for transport and care of mental patients, the main issue is the length of time it takes to do a transport for a patient who requires no medical care. Reimbursement is very poor and it takes a needed medical care unit out of service. The Virginia Sheriff's Association is getting ahead of the curve by passing these off to commercial agencies. President Dalton will also include a meeting with a representative of the State Police or Sheriffs Association as well. He will notify the membership when the meeting is scheduled.

Discussion was held on the dues structure to increase money flow. Asking to send an assessment to current members to balance the cost of paying our lobbyist for the year. President Dalton recognized and thanked LifeCare for paying the 2016 balance of 1250.00. Motion was made to ask the current membership to pay a one-time assessment to cover the reimbursement cost for lobbyist fee. President Dalton will discuss this action with the treasurer to send out assessment.

Motion to bill a one time assessment to cover the cost of lobbyist. Motion seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative needs for the coming year: The following items were discussed

- Wheelchair van tags/Non-emergency transport tags.
There is a need to a tag that meets the requirements for LogistiCare and patient medical transports. The VAA would like to have something that is uniform across the state just for wheelchair vans
- Discussion on the ability for commercial ambulance agencies to apply for and be eligible to received RSAF funds. President Dalton will ask our lobbyist to research the code for wording to identify what prevents commercial and/or for profit agencies from applying and if the VAA can assist them to qualify to apply.
- Report on the Policy & Regulation Committee meeting. Tony Wilson noted that OEMS is looking into a way in which statistical information from crashes or near misses could be reported and or mandated for reporting to be utilized for the improvement of ambulance safety.

Next meeting is election meeting. President Dalton appointed Anthony Wilson to chair the nominating committee. If any members have the desire to service the VAA as an officer they should contact Anthony.

Next Meeting:

11:00AM on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, VA.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Wagner