



VIRGINIA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes November 9, 2016 Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA

Chairperson: Gary A. Dalton President

Recording Secretary: Karen D. Wagner

Other Officers in Attendance: Kevin Dillard BOD, Danny Wildman BOD & GAB Rep, Randy Breton, VP, Ed Rhodes, Lobbyist

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

Discussion:	Action:
<p>Meeting called to order by President Dalton @ 11:00.</p> <p>Approval of Aug 17, 2016 Minutes</p> <p>No additions or corrections, approved as distributed.</p> <p><u>PRESIDENTS REPORT</u></p> <p>Discussion on Palmetto GPA....Quarterly phone conferences have stopped. For interaction from agencies, will now be sending out newsletter. President Dalton will attach newsletter to the meeting minutes.</p> <p>President Dalton has confirmed meeting with VHHA and the Sheriffs Association for Nov 14, 2016 at 4pm in Glen Allen VA to open a dialogue between the three organizations. Meeting will focus on the transport of mental health patients. Discussion points will include patients that do not meet medical necessity and how it affects commercial transport agencies, time frame for the transport, the safety of the patient, the security of the ambulance personnel.</p> <p><u>VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT</u></p> <p>Discussion on updates the EMS regulations, assurance that the balloon pump provider requirements are included.</p>	

<p><u>SECRETARY REPORT</u></p> <p>Minutes were distributed to the membership. Requested any leads for membership please be forwarded so we can contact them.</p>	
<p><u>TREASURERS REPORT</u></p> <p>Treasurer was excused from the meeting. Reports submitted are attached to the minutes. Noted that Tidewater Medical Transport has applied for membership.</p> <p><u>GAB Seat Representative</u></p> <p>Danny Wildman reported there were no action items submitted prior to the board meeting for consideration.</p> <p>Discussion on the VAA being the champion of legislation that will allow EMS providers to participate in rehab for substance abuse to prevent the permanent revocation of their certification to mirror that offered through Board of Licensure for Doctors, nurses, other healthcare providers. President Dalton will work with Ed Rhodes to research possibility and draft language if possible.</p> <p>Discussion was held on EV tags. Now that commercial agencies can utilize EV tags, when registering your transponders for EZ Passes, make sure you register your units/ambulances as emergency vehicles this should address the fees charged.</p>	
<p><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Discussion was held on the dues structure. President Dalton will discuss this action with the treasurer and attach any updates to the minutes.</p> <p>Nominations for Officers – Motion was made to extend the terms of the current officers for a period of twelve months. Motion Carried</p>	<p>Motion to extend terms of current officers. Motion seconded and carried.</p>
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guests from Divinity Insurance addressed the group. They are not selling insurance; their goal is to help associations like the VAA to become a unified voice for EMS. They reported on some marketing field testing they had performed prior to attending our meeting. They found that many of the agencies they contacted did not know of the VAA existing much less the advantages of being a member of the organization. The company will forward some additional information on how their company can help our association grow to President Dalton. 	
<p><u>Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>11:00a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017 - Glen Allen VA.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Wagner