

Virginia Board for Towing and Recovery Operators

September 18, 2008 – 9:00 AM
Department of Motor Vehicles
Room 131
2300 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230

Final Minutes

Board Members present:

Ray Drumheller – Chair
Mark Sawyer – Vice-Chair
Ray Hodge
Cary Coleman
Woody Herring
Randy Seibert
Gary Teter
Charlie Brown
Roy Boswell
Scott Wyatt
Archie Orr
Brock Cole (Designee of the Commissioner of Department of Motor Vehicles)
Lt. Curtis Hardison (Designee of the Virginia State Police)
Mr. Michael Skiffington (Designee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services)

Board Members absent:

Ron Miner
Jeff Spencer, Esq., Senior Assistant Attorney General

Staff present:

J. Marc Copeland, Acting Executive Director
Daphane Phillips, Administrative Assistant

Called to order

Chairman Ray Drumheller called the meeting to order at 9:41 am.

Public comments

Floyd Mayes would not like to see Charlie Brown as the chairman of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee. To put him back in that position of authority will confirm that recent actions which may be heading BTRO and the towing industry in a more compatible direction will be deemed smoke and mirrors by the industry. To replace Mr. Brown as Chairman will say to the towing industry, we heard you and we are here to work with you, not against you, not more of the same.

Eric Fly stated that it was under Mr. Brown's leaderships that hundreds of tow companies became angry and energized, attending many informational meeting that they would not have otherwise bothered to attend, sitting beside competitors that they otherwise might not be speaking to. At these meeting they are learning how to contact their legislators and preparing for the next battle should one come. Mr. Fly stated that he has not seen that kind of cohesiveness among competitors in his thirty years of insuring the towing industry.

Acceptance of August 28, 2008 Board Minutes

Chairman Drumheller asked the members if they had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Seeing no questions, Chairman Drumheller called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Cary Coleman. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Drumheller stated that this has been a very busy week. His phones have been ringing off the hook with questions from towers.

Mr. Drumheller attended a meeting in Virginia Beach with Mark Sawyers and Acting Executive Director, Marc Copeland. He states that the meeting was very productive in many ways with understanding the concerns of the towers. He along with Mr. Sawyers and Mr. Copeland will meet with D.B. Smit of the Department of Motor Vehicles next week.

Review & Approve Model Public Participation Guidelines

Scott Wyatt made the motion to adopt the (PPG) Model Public Participation Guidelines as written. The motion was seconded by Charlie Brown, the motion was carried unanimously.

Scott made the motion to accept resend of the first (PPG), the motion was seconded by Mr. Brown; all were in favor of the motion.

Review Committee Assignments & Assign and Approve Chairs:

Administrative Affairs Committee

Woody Herring - Chair
Ray Hodge
Cary Coleman
Ron Miner
Mark Sawyers
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Department of Motor Vehicles

Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Committee

Gary Teter - Chair
Charlie Brown
Archie Orr
Scott Wyatt
Virginia State Police
Randy Seibert
Roy Boswell

Communication of Consumer Affairs Committee

Cary Coleman - Chair

Ray Hodge

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Charlie Brown

Mark Sawyers

Scott Wyatt

Roy Boswell

By- Laws Committee

Randy Seibert - Chair

Gary Teter

Ron Miner

Archie Orr

Woody Herring

Department of Motor Vehicles

Virginia State Police

The following Committee was voted on by the Board;

Mr. Ray Hodge called for the motion to accept the assigned Committee's Chair as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Seibert; all were in favor of this motion.

Mr. Herring called for the motions to leave the Ad Hoc Education Committee as is; the motion was second by Mr. Teter all were in favor of this motion.

Adjourned:

Chairman Drumheller called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Coleman made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Herring; the adjournment passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.