

Virginia Board for Towing and Recovery Operators

October 3, 2008 –11:00 AM
Department of Motor Vehicles
Room 119
2300 West Broad Street,
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Final Minutes

Board Members present:

Ray Drumheller – Chair
Ray Hodge
Cary Coleman
Woody Herring
Gary Teter
Scott Wyatt
Archie Orr
Brock Cole (Designee of the Commissioner of Department of Motor Vehicles)
Ron Miner

Board Members absent:

Mark Sawyer – Vice-Chair
Lt. Curtis Hardison (Designee of the Virginia State Police)
Charlie Brown
Roy Boswell
Randy Seibert
Andres Alvarez, (VDACS)

Staff present:

J. Marc Copeland, Acting Executive Director
Daphane Phillips, Administrative Assistant
Jeff Spencer, Esq., Senior Assistant Attorney General

Called to order

Chairman Ray Drumheller called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Public comments

Floyd Mayes stated that the Deputy Secretary of Transportation introduced a change to the General liability Insurance. It was changed to Garage Keepers Insurance. This proposal was not in the general regulations when mailed. Mr. Mayes stated that it was not a major change, but it will add an additional charge to the operator fees.

Executive Director Marc Copeland states that it was brought to his attention weeks ago in his discussions with the secretary's office. During the discussions, Mr. Copeland mentions that the draft, which was form during a meeting on August 14, did not include the language that Mr. Mayes was referencing. The finalized draft did not intentionally exclude the change.

Acceptance of September 18, 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. The motion made by Mr. Teter, and seconded by Mr. Orr, the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Drumheller stated that this has been a very busy week, as Mr. Copeland and himself have conversed, via telephone, many times. He commends the work that Mr. Copeland and Mrs. Phillips are doing. He states that they are going over and beyond what needs done.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Copeland made a correction to the September 18 minutes. He stated that the MIROA representative had no concerns towards meeting with BTRO, and actually wanted to meet with him as well the chair, vice-chair. The Board has scheduled meeting with other associations in the upcoming months.

Mr. Copeland, chair, and the vice-chair met with the Superintendent of State Police on September 23. The meeting was strictly introductory, and went very well. They scheduled meeting with the Commonwealth Towing Association on October 7 and with the Towing and Recovery Association on November 19.

There were discussions on the additional public safety meetings that were scheduled for the upcoming months.

Mr. Coleman made a motion to advertise BTRO in the local newspaper and have Mr. Marc Copeland do a press release. The motion was seconded by Gary Teter; all were in favor of this motion.

Committee Reports:

A. Report of the Ad Hoc Education Committee

Mr. Minor moved that the board accept the recommendation of the exam that was presented by the committee. The motion was made by Cary Coleman and seconded by Woody Herring; all were in favor of this motion.

B. Report from the Administrative Affairs Committee

Mr. Herring reported that Mr. Copeland would meet with John Weigly, a representative of DMV, to write a description for the position of Compliance Officer. They will advertise this position as part time and full time. Mr. Weigly recommends that this board not be in such a hurry to advertise this position.

Mr. Herring made a motion to start the hiring process as soon as possible; motion was seconded by Mr. Coleman

Mr. Teter made the motion to accept the application for towing and recovery operator license and the tow truck driver authorization application Forms. The motion was second by Mr. Coleman; all were in favor by 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 12:23 p.m.