

NORTH CAROLINA DRIVER AND TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NCDTSEA Minutes

Meeting: 4/28/23

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association Board of Directors met on 1/26/2023 at the Village Inn Conference Center in Clemmons, NC. The following people were present: Doug Eller, Sam Deyton, Mike Jones, Tommy Ledford, Karl Logan, Michelle Roberts, Connie Sessoms, Dr. Ray Sparks, Devin Tanner and Ray Wyatt.

President Doug Eller, called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Review minutes from 3/16/23 meeting.

Minutes corrections: Take out: \$86 and purchase under financial report. Take out comment on page 2 DT under DPI. Under Old Business: take out \$250. Corrections have been made to the minutes.

Motion to accept minutes with corrections: Connie Sessoms 1st and Ray Wyatt 2nd

Doug Eller: At this time Connie Sessoms will go over the financial report.

Financial/Membership Report: from Connie Sessoms (Executive Secretary).

Financial report handout that is broken down in deposits on one side and disbursements on the other side. Checking balance as of 2/14/2023.

March 24th is the deadline for conference registration.

60 registrations so far (\$11,000)

Doug Eller asked if the numbers are around the same as previous year and Connie Sessoms replied that the numbers are down. Also, stated that not worried about a deficit.

Cost of conference is \$300,000

The alarming thing is the mail isn't getting there. Checks or conference newsletters. Looking into making a direct deposit for Susan Harrison.

Doug Eller asked if there were any discussions on this information. None.

Doug moved for motion to approve financial and Mike Jones 2nd.

Legislative Report: Susan Harrison isn't present, but sent information. Handout was given to everyone.

Devin Tanner: Bill 157 to leave permit at 6 months until end of year; then will change to 9 months after that. Asked Connie Sessoms to address this.

Dr. Ray Sparks: Are we making any progress with getting on track? (Will come back to that answer.)

Connie Sessoms: Back when there wasn't a policy we came together and supported the GDL, because of the tie to Driver's Ed.

Devin Tanner: We support the 12 months.

Connie Sessoms: It is documented that licensing with GDL reduces wrecks by 25%. Biggest issue in the delay is not the GDL. The biggest hurdle is also the DMV itself.

Dr. Ray Sparks: In May no appointments at the DMV.

Devin Tanner: Parents complain not getting through Driver's Ed when they waited. Maybe we should look at registration. Part of the problem is all of these students that are older.

Devin Tanner to Dr. Ray Sparks: We are still behind.

Connie Sessoms: We are danged if we do and danged if we don't. If we slow down teaching classes people will complain.

Dr. Ray Sparks: If we pay more we could get more teachers.

Devin Tanner: No one is going to be happy with whatever is decided.

Ray Wyatt asked: To go to level 2 does a student still have to be 16?

Devin Tanner: Yes. Senator Sawyer hasn't been a friend of Driver's Ed. It now goes to the House. I would recommend that we craft a letter that we have this House Bill and we want it to stay as is at 12 months due to data.

Connie Sessoms: People at Chapel Hill do not like it.

Devin Tanner: Sen. Sawyer used a 2020 map of NC that shows NC is in the red. ½ live on rural roads and compares to SC

Tommy Ledford: Stated that he would talk to Sen. Hise. Do we have the money to hire and then time to train new teachers? All of this has to be conveyed. We understand the short term.

Devin Tanner: Wrecks go up and insurance goes up. Will write the letter.

Doug votes for recommendation for letter to be written and Mike Jones 2nd All in favor.

Karl Logan: Senator started off with letter from parent. It was a disappointment letter from parent and kid. Be careful about addressing political people and address impact to the GDL. Advocate for long-term educating.

Ray Wyatt: Will letter be done by then.

Devin Taylor: Letter will be done by tomorrow afternoon.

Ray Wyatt: Does bill say to switch back to 12 months?

Devin Taylor: No, it stays at 9 after the end of the year with no end date.

Deven Taylor: Any questions?

Doug Eller: To summarize: Devon will draft a letter to support GDL as is and that data shows support for this. No names mentioned.

DPI Report: Karal Logan from DPI

Advisory Committee: Drivers Ed will send back to DPI

Fuel reserve money distributed in March. Difficult due to inconsistency in data. Need to be more consistent. Provide insight.

Doug Eller: What has been distributed?

Karl Logan: 88 districts participated the other 60 something need to rework numbers. 2.4 million

There are 2 groups: classroom and BTW. The Government sees one group. Contractors. In-house budgets causes issues. Enrollment is inconsistent around the state. We are always going to have that backlog.

Sam Deyton: Smaller counties stay kept up.

Karl Logan: There are a number of districts that are behind.

Tommy Ledford: Need to treat contractors and LEA's the same. In house and LEA's seem to be running on different tracks.

Karl Logan: To do what you do you should be able to make money. Discussed cost of vehicles and gas.

Connie Sessions: Potential train wreck unless system fixed.

Karl Logan: Business

Tommy Ledford: School systems contract so they don't have the headache.

Karl Logan: Concern: creates a huge inconsistency with students. Cars shouldn't be your problem.

Devin Tanner: Understand both sides. If I have to change vendors, I am screwed.

Karl Logan: To fix this, what do we do?

Mike Jones: Recruit

Karl Logan: They get in a program and drop out.

Ray Wyatt: When training people they want to get paid and that is an expense as a business.

Tommy Ledford: Contractor's perspective is lost, doesn't seem to be an issue.

Karl Logan: Complaints from contractors, especially if they put in a low bid and can not cover the expenses.

Mike Jones: How successful have you been in revising the rules?

Karl Logan: Some work well and some don't.

Doug Eller: Due to time could er table this and move on? A lot of moving parts that aren't going to be resolved.

Karl Logan: We need to have a risk management plan.

Ray Wyatt: Codes haven't been written to keep up whether inhouse or contractors.

Doug Eller: Anything else Karl?

Karl Logan: Governors Budget

Doug Eller: Do you feel like DMV & DPI work together?

Karl Logan: Teachers that go through our program and work for a contractor don't have to get in touch with DMV.

Ray Wyatt: What happens when we hire someone?

Doug Eller: Could we have some notification of that?

Karl Logan: DMV and I decided that. Does not need background check and physical unless district needs it.

Doug Eller: Any other concerns Karl?

Karl Logan: Trying to make it as easy as possible.

Doug Eller: If no other questions for Karl

Old Business:

Connie Sessoms: Tom Langdon passed away.

Devin Tanner: Gave details of visitation, funeral and celebration of life.

Connie Sessoms: 2023 ADTSEA Conference, Witchita, Kansas July 23-26 2023.

Newsletter is on the website.

ADTSEA: Series of paid opportunities, virtual workshops. adtsea.org 3/21 If you can not do it that day, will be able to go back and get it for credit.

Conference Agenda needs to be done 2 weeks prior to conference.

Tommy: Will get you the list. Mayor will do the welcome.

Connie Sessoms: Color guard. Get sooner than later.

Anyone that has stuff to go in bags will need to get it to Connie Sessoms before the conference.

Devin Tanner: Getting 300 Drug Free World for bags.

Connie Sessoms: Need to get to printer in 2 weeks

Ray Wyatt: Exhibitors

Connie Sessoms: 1200-1500 brake

Ray Wyatt: Insurance Company wants to be an exhibitor possibly have gift cards. Any objections. Maybe sponsor a brake.

Dr. Ray Sparks: Southeast: NC Professional Drivers School were asking about sponsor.

Connie Sessoms: Name of sponsor would be mentioned to group attending, at table and in program.

Ray Wyatt: When would you need to know?

Connie Sessoms: 2 weeks

Dr. Ray Sparks: Will get in touch with Southeast people.

Ray Wyatt: Exhibitors to be at conference: MADD, Zutobi, All in One Driving School

Connie Sessoms: Need Exhibitors. They will get 6ft table with Wi-Fi and 2 meal passes.

Ray Wyatt: Storage Unit in his area about the same price.

Looking at new design for recognition. Instead of a plaque a small trophy that will sit on desk.

Awards:

Nomination Committee: Out Field Award?

Tommy Ledford: Criteria?

Connie Sessoms: Not Driver's Ed Teacher, but has done an outstanding job.

Ray Wyatt: Awards: McGurt and Gene Crosby

Dr. Ray Sparks: sent around a spreadsheet to try to help fill in with past winners of those awards.

Nomination Committee: Mike Jones will be 1st Vice President

Michelle Roberts 2nd Vice President

Angie Stephenson: Recording Secretary

2023 State Conference details: In Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn and Conference Center

Date: April 27, 28, 29 2023. Hotel rates will be \$84.00

2024 State Conference details: In Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn and Conference Center

Date: April 25, 26, 27 2024. Hotel rates will go up slightly.

Area Elections: CS area President and Vice President

South West: Jim Gilreath President, Craig Leglue Vice President, Darren Hartsell Secretary, G. King ?

DEAC: Devin Tanner was sick and did not attend, but got minutes.

Transparency with DMV. Purpose is to look at Driver Ed Program and policy. Next meeting is May 16th. A lot of Stakeholders-GDL.

Karl Logan: Submit ideas to Board. School Board Policy. 19 members

Devin Tanner: Will send email. Leaving for another meeting.

Doug Eller: Additional Items?

New Business:

Karl Logan: Membership

Connie Sessoms: Jordon, NC Driving School, Mountain Professionals. Individuals less than 100.

Karl Logan: How can DPI help?

Connie Sessoms: Hope that Ray Wyatt will do electronic newsletters and membership.

Karl Logan: Public School Teachers Union, In-house program get in one area. Budget codes to pay for subs.

Doug Eller: Has asked for sub and was told no money.

Anything else?

The next meeting will be April 28th at 10 at Clemmons, Village Inn in the Boardroom.

Doug Eller motion to adjourn. Connie Sessoms 1st and Ray Wyatt 2nd. Motion carried.