

Meeting Notes

VHSA Board Meeting

August 1st, 2018 Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 am



Present: Kim Hubbard, Alan Franklin, Nancy Andrus, Chief Koss, Glen Button, Jake Elovirta, Ann Gammell, Roger Thompson, Ture Nelson, Dan Batsie, Doug Masson, Mitchell Jay, Bruce Nyquist, Karen Yacos, Mandy White, Mario Dupigny-Giroux, Barb Brody, Tara Thomas, Chrissy Keating

Notes: Evelyn McFarlane

Welcome:

9:00

Vote to accept meeting minutes for June meeting notes.

- Motion to approve Chief Frank Koss. Second Barb Brody - June minutes approved as distributed.

VHSA Coordinator Updates

- Evelyn reviewed the events that the VHSA has been involved in since the April board meeting:
 - VTrans Safety Day, Card Room at the State House, Walk Bike Summit, Award Ceremony for #802phonesdown!headsup!, Operation Safety Corridor outreach and media, Municipal Highway Event, AT&T High School distracted driving event at Fair Haven High School, and Rutland High School, production of safety banners and posters, VDTSEA conference, Certificates of Timeliness, Lake Monsters Event, RAVE outreach, Marijuana Monday,
- Vote for Event at Oct 17 VHSA Conference: Think Fast event at the cost of \$3000 to be sponsored by vendors. Questions as to whether we want to have an hour of an interactive event for this price. Board vote to approve or disapprove: 2 Yes votes - 7 No votes. The expense is not approved.
- Decision to do a MentiMeter engagement interactive at conference led by Lt. Kevin Geno and Sgt. Tara Thomas.
- Update to New England Transportation Conference coming to Vermont.
- Vote to approve snap reflective bracelets for fair, *Be Safe be Seen*: Motion to approve \$2,000 for this supply, Bill, Second: Doug. Vote unanimous to approve.
- Update on the Schwartz Foundation Donation. The donation was made and invoices processed. Three DRE's have attended training using the donation funds.

Partner Updates – VHSA Members

- Barb: VTDSEA having conference in the spring of 2019. For details of the conference contact Barb Brody.
- ADTSY weeklong conference in July 2019 - Double Tree in Vermont. For details contact Barb Brody.
- Proposal to Vermont Police Academy to form a special council on traffic safety to look at critical emphasis areas in SHSP and to address the needs of Law Enforcement.
- Mandy update on data. Fatalities are up from this time last year.

- Discussion of why we are not a "Vision Zero" State. Kim Hubbard discussion of definition of "impaired driving" and misunderstanding in the public of what impaired is. Issues of chronic impairment are challenging.
- Lt. Kevin Geno presented on the Rutland Countywide SHARP project, consolidation of efforts and resources to better address the critical highway safety issues.
- Bruce presented the Data Integration Project.

Treasurer Report – Col Jake Elovirta

- Current Balance is \$11,698 Adjusted balance \$4,480.

Legislative Updates - Glen & Jake

- NHTSA working with States Attorney's office to bring speaker to present on Marijuana. This is scheduled for Fall September 2019.
- Legislative Updates: July 1 legislative change. Glen discussed the frequently asked questions and details of the new law. Glen outlined the changes in the inspection laws of Vermont. Glen encouraged Board to go to constituencies and get them involved in supporting bills that support the highway safety efforts. Some states looking to lower BAC levels for Uber Drivers.
- Discussion of new seatbelt rate. Higher rate may decrease chances of getting the primary law through. Glen stressed need to get the public involved (kids, parents, teachers) in speaking on behalf of the law.
- Discussion of number of teens who wait until they are 18 to get a license, without driver's education class.

Adjourn

10:30