

Motorcycle Safety Education Commission Meeting Minutes

March 11th, 2019 10:00am

Department of Public Advocacy - 5 Mill Creek Park Frankfort, KY 40601

Commission Members Present:

Marshall Johnson

Bob Heckel

Joe Altobellis

Glenda Hobbic

Justice Cabinet Representatives

Jay Huber

Brad Holajter

Jetta Collett

Guests:

Jenifer Reinbold, Tim Jenne, Evan Schipper, Bill Meister, Carlos Luna, Scot Williams, Bruce Young, Randy Deere, Josh Bentley

Open Session:

Meeting called to order by Bob Heckel and introductions were made. Motion to accept the minutes made by Bob Heckel and seconded by Glenda Hobbic. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Floor was opened for comment and none were made.

State registration website:

Report was given by Carlos Luna and Scot Williams from Kentucky Interactive. The booking side of things is working as previously shown. Currently working on the redirects after a student signs up along with the encryption features of the driver license information for security purposes. For now the booking side is up and working but the back office side needs some work. KI requested that schedules be sent to them for them to preload the information into the system for this time around.

Bob Heckel asked if the site providers would need to enter some of the student information for classes they have already taken registrations for. The answer from Carlos was yes there would be a transition period.

Randy Deere asked about tech support for students that may be having difficulty with the system. Carlos Luna said yes that was part of the contract with the Commonwealth to provide that support.

Additional question as to which browsers will the program work in. All websites in the Commonwealth are required to work with the most current version of the popular browsers and one version back at least. Will also be mobile friendly.

Randy Deere asked about changing prices for special groups. The current process is to create a discount code for those groups to use. This is still to be developed at this point. Will need the information from the sites as to what types of discount codes they want along with an end date for the code to expire.

Jay Huber asked Jen Reinbold about the landing page on the Harley Davidson website and how that was coming along. Jen Reinbold said they have things ready to go and it will have a specific landing page for their Kentucky dealers only.

EKU Equipment:

Jay Huber reported that we have received the titles to most of the bikes and Jetta Collet is heading up processing. Working with the Finance Cabinet's Properties Division to secure a location to store the bikes until ready for auction. ECU is not willing to store the bikes there until the auction takes place. They have requested the bikes be moved by March 31st. There is the possibility of the Ash building in Frankfort but there are issues with flooding in that facility which may damage the bikes depending on the severity of the flooding. The other option is the Devo Paint facility in Louisville which is now a storage area. They have not given an exact price but have estimated about \$2000 per month for approximately 5000 sq ft of space.

Part of what we were able to get in the negotiating process were the helmets, spare parts, cones and other small parts. Potentially these can be bundled with the bikes in a package to help drive up the auction prices.

There are 4 bike titles and the titles to the truck and trailer which have not been received at this point.

Once everything is checked in and Surplus Properties has taken care of items on their end the bikes and equipment will be up for auction. Most likely this will be held as an online auction.

Program Status:

Training contracts had to be redone and rereleased as an RFP due to the previous RFP expiring. The RFP just closed and will be scored over the next week. The same providers applied once again as the last time and very few changes were made from the last submissions.

Administrative Regulations and Applications:

Commission Members reviewed the draft regulations and applications.

Change was made to coordinate the term Program Administrator throughout the documents. There were also changes since the last meeting to make all terms match the NHTSA guidelines which are different slightly from the terms currently used in the program.

Instructor Application – Added in information pertaining to current instructors to make sure they are qualified per the applicable KRS. Instructor certifications would work off their certification date. Question as to why some of the questions were asked. Questions spoke to experience levels. Motion to accept by Bob Heckel, second by Joe Altobellis. Motion Passed.

Instructor Training Application – Motion to accept as written by Bob Hecel, second by Glenda Hobbic motion passed.

Training Provider Application – Added from the previous draft were questions about facilities being ADA compliant and restrooms available on the range. Motion to accept as written by Bob Heckel, second by Glenda Hobbic, motion passed

Administrative Regulations – Draft regulations were provided to the commission members for review.

Question raised about types of helmets able to be used in the course. NHTSA says it should be a ¾ or full face DOT compliant helmet.

Next was whether to require the site providers to provide helmets as a loaner. The one side of the argument being that students would have to spend additional funds to purchase a helmet when they are in the process of determining whether they want to pursue riding or not. The counter argument being that of a potential liability issue as well as health issues of passing on things such as lice or other items. The issue about the age of the helmets was also raised along with the proper fitment of the helmet. Also if a student does not show up with a helmet then they would not be able to take the course. It was decided to delete the line requiring the site providers to provide the helmets. Training providers may still offer the helmets but they would not be required.

Other changes to the previous version was to change the terminology to match the NHTSA regulations and clarify various terms.

Motion to accept as amended by Bob Heckel, seconded by Glenda Hobbic, motion passed.

Explanation of the administrative regulation process and approximate time frame

Revised Site Provider Contracts:

New contracts will be issued based on the regulations just passed and once signed by the Governor.

Potential New Sites:

KCTCS – A meeting was recently held with them to start offering the course through the workforce development branch of the colleges. Somerset and Elizabethtown have expressed direct interest in offering the program with several other colleges looking to see how things go. This has the potential to help address the underserved areas of the state currently.

Josh Bentley asked about how contracts or agreements could be structured with the colleges specifically to try and work with colleges like UK and ECU in developing a for credit course. Discussions are being held as to how to structure the agreements between the private providers and colleges. It was left that further information would be needed but the idea is definitely worth pursuing to help bring younger riders to the sport.

Future Meetings:

Offer was made to have meetings on Wednesday and Thursdays at the Cabinet office in order to have staff more readily available.

Decision was to stay on Mondays and keep the current schedule with the next meetings being June 10th, September 9th and December 9th.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Heckel, second by Glenda Hobbic, motion passed.