

Motorcycle Safety Education Commission Meeting Minutes

December 9th, 2019 10:00am

Kentucky State Police Academy, Frankfort, KY

Commission Members Present:

Steve Hanlon

Capt. Marshall Johnson

Joe Altobellis

Glenda Hobbic

Justice Cabinet Representatives

Jay Huber

Elisha Mahoney

Guests:

Bruce Young , Tim Jenne, Lila Payne, Jason Bentley, Scot Williams, Carlos Luna Theresa Mcfadden, Bill Meister, Dinah Meister, Richard Epley, Ray Day, Jason Siwula

Open Session:

Meeting called to order by Steve Hanlon and introductions were made. Motion to accept the minutes made by Glenda Hobbic and seconded by Joe Altobellis. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

No Comments were made.

State registration website:

Scot Williams reported that the booking app was not live just yet due to technical issues. KI expects to have the app live within the next few days. There is also website specific to the program located at www.ride.ky.gov with general info and links to the site providers and sign ups.

The reporting function is not yet operational along with any discount codes. Part of the issue to test the reporting function is to get data into the system. Also need to add in the coach info.

Discussion of how would out-of-state riders be charged on the website. The way the program is built all out of state riders would need to be charged the same amount across the program. Final decision was not to charge any additional amounts to out of state riders. If a site wishes to charge extra it would left upon them to make arrangements with those students. Decision to pursue a legislative remedy to treat all riders equally was discussed and supported.

Discussion of some of the outlier situations of which students received a reimbursement and which did not. Referred back to the contracts.

Question was raised as to how and when the tuition dollars would be dispersed back to the sites from the state funds. Will need to discuss with the accounting personnel at the Cabinet as to the logistics.

Theresa McFadden asked questions to Scot Williams about the ability to edit and delete classes. Scot assured her that the sites would have that ability. The situation she was referring to had to do with the testing phase.

Josh Bentley asked about a cancellation policy. The website and all literature says that there are no refunds. However should a person cancel and you feel they will take the class at a later date the site can change the date of the student. Bill Meister asked about the notification email to the student and what it said. Scot Williams responded that it gave them a reschedule code that can be used up to 7 days prior but nothing else at this point. Theresa McFadden asked about the site getting an email or other notice when a person signed up for a class. Scot Williams said that was not in the program at this time however all site providers present were in agreement that was a needed item. Scot Williams said he could work on that option.

EKU Equipment

Auctions are proceeding in batches of 10 bikes. Towards the end of the month another 40 bikes will be moved over. Currently Surplus Properties is overloaded with office equipment due to the recent opening of the office building near the Plaza hotel. The transfers to the site providers through the 501c3 is currently on hold waiting on the new Cabinet secretary and staff to come on board.

Administrative Regulations

Reg committee hearing has been pushed back again so nothing to report at this time. There was a change in the instructor application to include a question asking about whether they have a high school diploma. Discussion as to whether a check box was sufficient. Consensus by the Commission that only a check box was needed.

Program Status:

3WBRC

There are currently 5 sites and/or potential sites interested in offering the 3WBRC. It is hard to capture data related to the number of 3-wheelers since the DOT lumps 3-wheelers into the overall motorcycle category. However anecdotal evidence supports an increase in the number of 3-wheelers on the roadways. BRP, makers of the Can Am Spyders have a program to help provide bikes and storage to sites willing to use their products. Currently there is only a 3WBRC available which is a 3 day course but MSF is supposed to release a 3WBRC2 in the Spring which is a one day course. Sites under this course are not required to purchase bikes but can if they wish to. They can ask the students to bring their own 3-wheel bike to use in the course.

The need at this point is to get more coaches trained in order to teach the courses. Discussion about how the course works with information provided by Bill Meister who has a training class scheduled in January. BRP has agreed to pay the first training session to be held in January at Balance Dynamics. Another class may be needed in the Louisville area also.

[Rider Coach Training Classes](#)

MSF conducted the first class in Louisville for existing coaches that needed an update to the BRC-U for 7 people.

Balance Dynamics is hosting 2 more classes for new instructors and any other existing coaches who were not able to make the first update class. The first has already begun in the Louisville area and the next will start in a couple weeks in London at Wildcat HD. Big thanks to Theresa McFadden for all her efforts in getting folks signed up for that class and getting a full class there.

Fort Campbell has expressed interest in getting people active as rider coaches as well as several from the KMA in the Sturgis, KY area. This leads to the possibility of holding a couple new instructor classes in perhaps the Western KY and Lexington areas for next year.

Idea to have

[IRETS Conference / Rider Coach Trainer Training:](#)

Tim Jenne is the only person who expressed interest in attending the IRETS.

Dinah Meister has asked about attending the rider coach trainer program in Phoenix, AZ. Currently we have 2 trainers in state with Ray day and Tim Cody. Jim Whitehair is also certified but has been working primarily with HDRA at this time. Motion to pay the tuition to the rider coach trainer course by Glenda Hobbic and seconded by Marshall Johnson motion carries.

[3 Wheel Course](#)

Discussion between Jay and BRP who owns the Can-Am Spyders. They offer sites use of up to 6 of the bikes for use in training classes plus help with storage and marketing. A couple of the KCTCS schools and a couple current sites have expressed interest in holding these classes. Additionally HDRA is looking to start offering the 3WBRC at some of their locations as well.

Discussion as to whether new legislation should be pursued for creation of a 3-wheel endorsement or if it could be done through administrative regulation. The idea being that if you pass the skills test on a 3-wheel bike you would limited to 3-wheel vehicles on the roadways. This could be done either through a new endorsement or with the use of the restrictions section of the license. The consensus was that new legislation was the best option.

[Monthly Report to LRC](#)

Incomplete category was added to the report but the numbers may not be fully accurate. Only students where a comment was included as to not finishing the course for some reason were added to the category. If no comment was added that supported an incomplete status it was left in the fail column. We are on pace to see about the same number of students this year as last.

[New Rider Coach Training and IRETS](#)

Dinah Meister had successfully completed the rider coach training certification and is now our newest coach trainer.

Tim Jenne gave a brief report of information gathered at the IRETS conference. There was a study presented about the types of motorcycle crashes happening. Motorcycles running into the back of another vehicle along with low or no speed tip overs saw a big increase. Grant money is available from NHTSA to help fund sending letters to permit holders to encourage them to get their full endorsements.

Dept. of Highway Safety

Jason Siwula was introduced as the acting Director of the Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) and offered to help the Commission with gathering statistics. He discussed how they are working a 5yr plan for road safety and including a vulnerable road user section which would include motorcycle, pedestrians and pedestrians.

There is a survey ready to go about starting a Dial-a-Ride type program to discern the interest in starting a program such as this that are in other states. The Christian Motorcycle Association has expressed interest in being involved in the program depending on the details of the program. There is a program to help drivers of all vehicles get an Uber, cab or Lyft if they have too much to drink being worked on by the KOHS.

Coaches Conference

Discussion of the need to hold a bi-annual coaches conference. KCTCS Systems Office was discussed as a possibility. This would fulfill the MSF requirement for continuing education of the coaches. Discussion as to whether to appropriate funds for shirts to give to the rider coaches. Josh Bentley said the Harley sites would not need them as they already have them.

Steve Hanlon asked how many coaches were current and certified. Motion made by Glenda and second by Joe Altobellis to appropriate up to \$10,000 to pay for the rider coach conference and purchase shirts for the coaches.

Josh Bentley offered his facility at Man-O-War HD to host the coaches' conference.

Discussion as to what a new name might be for the program's branding purposes. Please submit ideas via email to Jay Huber.

3rd Party Testing

Jay Huber asked about an ongoing discussion with Capt. Johnson about the rider coaches of the program acting as testers for the State Police similar to the way school bus testers are done for the CDL-B. Capt. Johnson reported that due to changes in administrations things are on hold. In principal, he said the idea makes sense but would require changes to the administrative regulations along with a method of oversight. Ray Day discussed how Tennessee runs their program where the written test is waived also when taking the BRC course and completing successfully.

Future Meetings

March 9th, 2020 10:00am at the KYTC offices

Motion to adjourn by Joe Altobellis, seconded by Glenda Hobbic and approved.