

Motorcycle Safety Education Commission Meeting Minutes

August 14th, 2020 10:00am
Google Meet - Virtual

Commission Members Present:

Mike Canchola, Jacob Renner, Dave Newman, Marshall Johnson,

Justice Cabinet Representatives

Jay Huber

Guests:

Mark Carroll, Bill Meister, Dinah Meister, Stephan Smith, Wendy Namio, Tim Jenne, Scot Williams, Jason Siwula, Jeff Merriss, Josh Bentley

Open Session:

Meeting called to order by Jay Huber. Motion to accept the previous Meeting Minutes by Dave Newman, second by Capt. Johnson. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

Tim Jenne asked a question about the new registration system. Will be addressed later in the agenda.

Updated Contracts:

Waiting on Jason Hamilton to have time freed up to be able to finalize work on the updated contracts. He has been pulled away by other issues related to Covid and the federal programs that relate to it.

Stephen Smith asked about when the contract for Four Rivers would be available. Jay Huber responded that the plan was to have that happen about the same time as the updated contracts. Waiting on the coordination with the Finance Cabinet to finalize the work to bypass the RFP process for new site providers. Still looking to add providers in the far Eastern and Western parts of the state.

Policy and Procedure Manual:

Jay Huber asked the members to please review the draft version of manual if they had not done so already. A link to a Google Doc had been sent out to the Commission Members in order for them to comment. Once the draft is complete it will be made available to other interested parties for comment and potential revisions before being finalized.

State Registration Website:

Scot Williams provided an update of the progress. The booking app has been used for a number of other state agencies which has allowed updates and other bugs to be worked out. Reporting features have been added as well as the completion certificate is in its final stages. The site providers have more control of the student information and being able to move students between classes. More updates that are specific to the motorcycle program are coming including adding the physical address. A feature to communicate directly to the student through the app has been added also. Tentative date for rollout is approximately Feb 1, 2021. Capt. Johnson discussed how it has worked for the State Police and scheduling testing for licensing purposes.

Marketing Program

Mark Carroll to give an update. The name of RideSmart was decided on for the naming of the program. Some initial ideas on the logo have been submitted. Additional work has been put on hold until the proper paperwork is signed off on.

EKU Equipment

Auctions have resumed. All equipment has been moved from the MegaCaverns to the Surplus Properties warehouse. All work was completed in FY20. A big thanks to the KYTC for their help in moving things. There are about 80-90 bikes left to sell, parts for the bikes along with the truck and trailer. Dave Newman had received feedback that there were difficulties picking up the bikes. Jay Huber responded that so long as they were trying to pick them up on the correct days and times listed there should not be an issue but if more details were available, we could pose the question to Surplus directly. Bill Meister mentioned he had purchased a few of the bikes but had issue with the titles not being filled out correctly by ECU on the back. The county clerk would not take the title so he could not transfer them. Since he did not need to transfer the title it was not an issue for him as much as someone who would need to be able to put them on the roadways.

Training:

A 3WBRC was held at Balance Dynamics in Walton recently. Bill Meister gave an update. There were 8 coaches registered originally but the class was moved from Louisville to Walton due to the unrest in Louisville that was projected for that weekend. For this reason, 2 coaches could not attend and one other was not successful. This left 5 coaches completing the course successfully. This gives us 18 coaches in the state that are certified for the 3WBRC.

New Instructor prep is scheduled to be held in October at Man-O-War with 11 students scheduled.

Program Status:

Annual Report to the LRC:

Report for FY2020 has been completed and ready to submit to the LRC. Covid did have an effect on the number of students through the program. The program was on track to see about 2500 students through the program. The final total was 1872 due to being shut down from March through May. The program did see a profit of just over \$280,000. The fund has about \$1.9 million in it. The program is on sound financial ground moving forward.

July Report:

Seeing record numbers through the program once the COVID restrictions were lifted. Once all the numbers are reported it is expected to see about 1000 students through the program in just the first 2 months. Dave Newman had asked about the number of minors through the program. So far there have been 11 in FY21 and 27 during FY20.

KCTCS and Other New Sites:

Having trouble reaching folks at their systems office. The two ladies who we were working with have retired and their positions have not yet been filled. Ben Whitlock at Elizabethtown Community College is moving forward with things. They were able to have a dealer in their area donate 6 bikes to be used in the program. They were also able to get some additional donations to buy another bike, spare parts.

Tim Cody has been in discussion with Ashland schools about using some of their facilities. As more information becomes available it will be passed along. Discussion with Morehead have been on hold due to the COVID situation.

Man-O-War has looked at working with the National Guard post in Frankfort and using their lot if things can be worked out. The lot was used in the program previously but was need of repairs from potholes and other surface issues.

Office of Highway Safety:

Jason Siwula discussed the grant applications. Still waiting on a decision from the federal government folks. He also discussed the focus of his office to help prevent accidents. Their focus is on vulnerable road users which motorcycles are considered one of those. Jay Huber discussed how a merge of efforts in relation to the marketing may happen to promote a common message. Also, the need to update some old links out there to the program's new website.

A question was posed to Capt. Johnson about the program's instructor's administering the motorcycle skills test for the KSP. KSP is in support of the idea but needs more work to be done on it to move it forward. Part of the issue relates to the Transportation Cabinet taking over the Driver Licensing duties from the Circuit Clerks. Those offices are being regionalized which in turn may have an effect on KSP's tester being regionalized also. As this transition plays out more information will become available to move forward with a plan to allow for 3rd party testing.

Future Meetings:

December 7th, 2020 10:00am at the KYTC offices or virtual depending on the COVID guidelines at the time.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Newman, seconded by Capt. Johnson and approved.