



OHIO BOARD OF MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION REPAIR REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2009 10:00 AM
Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy
740 East 17th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10A BY CHAIRMAN PAUL DUNCAN.**
INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER RUSSELL A. WESTFALL, NEW
ASA REPRESENTATIVE ADAM LEMKE & GUESTS PRESENT:
A. Welcome new Board Member Russell A. Westfall of Cadiz and ASA
Representative Adam Lemke.
2. **MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT:** Ricky Finney, Jennifer Haley, Paul Duncan,
Ronald Nagy, Russell A. Westfall, Steve Schats (Lancaster Auto Glass), Mike Stalf
(Stalf Paint and Body) Jerome Brown, Michael Greene, Daniel Gibson, Kimberly
Sherfield, Ted Klecker (OAG)
3. **REVIEW OF MAY 13, 2009 MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION TO ACCEPT: RONALD NAGY
SECOND: JENNIFER HALEY
VOTE: ACCEPTED
4. **BOARD REVIEW AND DETERMINATION RE: PENDING REGISTRATION
APPLICATIONS:**

A. Vote by Board on regular registrations pending from April 25, 2009 through
July 24, 2009.

MOTION TO ACCEPT: RICK FINNEY
SECOND: RONALD NAGY
VOTE: ACCEPTED
5. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
A. Investigator's Report (Inv. Dan Gibson) as of August 6, 2009

Shop Visits	485
Renewals	20
NOV	121
New Shop Apps	50
Complaints Investigated	109 (involving 113 shops)
Prosecution Action Pending	398
Shops Located Out of Business	43



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B. Status Report on Injunctions (AAG Ted Klecker)

AAG Klecker will be meeting with Director Greene and Investigator Gibson on which areas to begin injunctions. Per Director Greene: we have received a pretty extensive complaint in Southeastern Ohio, involving approximately 4 to 5 counties. The Office of Collision Repair Registration may end up holding off Franklin injunctions long enough to go down to Southeastern Ohio and pursue approximately 8-10 shops in that area named in that complaint. There are a couple of shops that have not registered since 2002-2003.

UPDATE ON FINAL NOTICE LETTERS: We started out with 50 shops in Franklin County and we are now down to approximately 20-25. As a result of sending out the Final Notice Letters, about 20 to 25 shops came into compliance. This response gave us the incentive to do the same in other areas/locations. It is believed that the combination of the injunctions, the shop lock-downs, the Final Notice letters, stepped up visits and enforcements contributed to the rise in registrations from a few years ago.

C. Status Report on Legislation (ASA Adam Lemke, Membership Director) – Introduction and update the Board on his position with ASA (a new position in the ASA Organization). Legislatively, there wasn't a lot going on because of all of the budget concerns. As far as the inclusion of the mechanical side, we are getting pretty close to having the support we need.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FY 09 Annual Report (Dir. Greene) The Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009 – CRB has a total revenue of \$352,182.50. Our total expenses were up this year \$300,024.57 which left us with a difference of \$52,157.00 in the black, which is where we want to stay. As far as the revenue comparison, we had \$6132.50 over the revenue that was collected last year. We have a 5 year difference in revenue of \$226,492.00. We are looking for this to level out a little bit, especially with the way the economy is and the number of shops that have closed down as opposed to the number of shops that have opened. At the end of Fiscal Year 2008, we had 161 shops that had gone out of business. That is now down to 72 shops in 2009. We have had only 71 new ones that have opened up, last year we've had approximately 90. A break down in the revenue, about \$12,000 higher than FY2008, this is attributed to the higher cost of gasoline, rent and operating expenses. There has been a salary freeze since January, 2007. We went from 1597 shops registered last year to 1369 registered this year. Legally registered shops were down by 161, we have collected \$44,000 in back fees this year. Obviously, that is going to slow down and level out, too. As stated in the media,



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the budget that was approved by the Senate and the House, cut every agency across the board. It cut CRB by about 30% over a two year period. I think that we can absorb that and still operate without any shops or clients, consumers seeing any change in our operations. We've cut our spending before the cuts and have done away with temporary help and extra equipment, so I think we're going to be alright. It did make a big difference, but I don't think that we're in any danger. There are other boards that have actually had to pull their investigators off the road and do away with their state vehicles. There are even talking about changing the law so that board meetings can be held as a webinar or a conference call. That would take a change in the statute. All and all, our numbers are good, we're financially doing well.

Discussion about CRB's pending move.

Question: How do they expect us to hold a public meeting by teleconference/conference call?

Answer: Well, can't. This is just something that they are "kicking around".

Question: Is it costing us anything to do this?

Answer: Right now, it's not. What they are looking at is travel expense.

Question: For board members?

Answer: Yes. They are looking to cut out the travel expense because it is a huge expense for the State. For CRB, it's not that bad but for the larger boards they are paying hundreds of thousands of dollars out in travel expense.

Question: So do they do a blanket across the board cut or will they pick and choose which boards are going to be cut?

Answer: No, it's going to be across the board. There will have to be a change in the open records law that calls for open meetings. I think it's 122. Right now, just like everything else, it's on the table. Nothing settled.

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Suggestion was made by Mr. Mike Stalf that only registered shops be allowed to purchase collision repair materials and there was a discussion that followed.



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- 8. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT BOARD MTG. – NOVEMBER 18, 2009
MOTION TO ADJOURN: JENNIFER HALEY
SECOND: RICK FINNEY**