

Virginia Crime Stoppers Association  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 17, 2007  
Holiday Inn, Staunton

Minutes

Meeting called to Order at 11am by President Fred Kern

Present: Fred Kern, Marc Woolverton, Tom Kifer, Cathy Simmons, Tonya Borman, Judy Boyer, Jim Pearce

Absent: Linwood Byrd, Rosie Fagan, Nancy Garrett, Joyce Sachs, Richard Abbott

**Minutes from last meeting:** Fred Kern read the minutes from the last meeting in Oct. One change was noted and made, Stafford not looking to start a board, Stafford was looking to host the next conference and will. Minutes voted on with the change and passed.

**Website:** Tonya is working on the state website, servers have changed and she is making great progress and changes. Marc showed Tonya a micro-soft website, one form is free, one for \$20. and one for \$30. Tonya will check it out and make appropriate inquires and changes which will be best for the state website.

**Dues:** Fred reported that Linwood will be sending out the notices for the yearly dues real soon.

**New mailing list of groups:** Fred reported that the new mailing list, which was started on last year, is still in the works. Apparently there are still some confusion and communications problems with this project.

**Newsletter:** Marc reported that he would like to send out two newsletters this year. The date to get all information for the next one will be February 19. Marc will do an article about this years' award winners. He will also contact Souza from Stafford and get the information needed for this year's conference for this newsletter.

**VCIN:** Fred and Judy brought up the fact that the conference notice use to go out on the police Teletype, VCIN. Judy will check into doing that again this year.

**Awards:** Cathy reported that the year date is the only thing that has to be changed on the award paperwork. She is still using her old mailing list, but apparently it is still working for most groups.

The winner from Matthews still has not received her award as of this date. She was not able to come to the conference, Richard took the award back and he and Fred are to make arrangements to have a special presentation for her. This needs to be done soon.

**Reimbursement:** Marc requested reimbursement for office supplies, \$43.47. This was voted on and passed.

Fred also needs to be reimbursed for the meal on this date, since the checkbook was not there.

**Virginia Crime Stoppers Training Institute:** Marc has worked endlessly on this major project for the state board. From his work he has completed the project single handedly and he presented the board with a great notebook and cover sheet of his work. There is much more work to be done, but Marc is right on it and has everything lined up.

He asked for a motion for \$500.00 to complete the project for filing fees and payments needed. This motion was second by Jim and passed by all.

Marc also made a motion for a seal for this project; it was passed to get one up to \$100.

**Legislature:** This also was a major project that was put on Marc, he has been so busy getting the Training Institute going that he has not had the time to work on this. He has not forgotten it. The project will not be dropped.

This project is for courts to order reimbursement for rewards that are paid out. Jim advised that Judges NOW can order this and that most judges need to be trained on this.

**Fall 2007 Conference:** Stafford will host this year's conference. Contact person is Cayrn Souza, 2033 Midshipmen Drive, Stafford, VA 22554 phone: 202-294-5627  
Email: [souza@CTAA.org](mailto:souza@CTAA.org)

Several items brought up:

1. Fall training, suggested training: drugs/trafficking/children (Fred)
2. Need to get Hampton Roads Regional Crime Lines business cards properly translated in Spanish (Tonya & Fred)
3. Need to justify training to benefit crime stoppers (Marc, Tom)
4. Networking suite, need to make it work, it is a system to get out more information to folks, need right atmosphere (good space, good drinks & snacks (food) good leadership.(Tom)
5. Add on to the registration form, first time attendee, state board members will then make it a point to meet, greet and spend time sharing with the newcomers.(Cathy)
6. Have groups bring displays for networking room, it will make a good sharing item and can be used in the Fundraiser 101 class. (Cathy)
7. How about an OLD TIMERS school since there is a beginners school. Everyone loved this idea. (Jim)
8. Whatever happened to Crime Stopper Day? Fred will work in this and try to have it for September for the conference. (Cathy)
9. Hours for conference, everyone at this meeting like the old way better of classes starting on Friday then all day Saturday and Sunday morning, they did not like the one day conference when things had to be crammed and no time for networking.

## Tentative schedule for Conference 2007

### Friday

1. 10am – noon Newcomers school Marc
2. Noon Lunch (on own?)
3. 1pm – 4pm Media Management Marc

### Friday

1. 1pm – 3pm OLD TIMERS School Jim
2. 3pm – 5pm Board members: getting and retaining Tom
3. 5pm- 6pm Hospitality Room Opens Host
4. 6pm Supper Host
5. 7pm - ??? Hospitality, Networking Host & Board

### Saturday

1. Criminal Profiler – 2hours Marc will arrange
2. Hispanic topic 1hour Tom will arrange
3. Duties and Roles of all members- 2hours, (including point system for payouts and how you pay rewards.
4. National Center for Children Tonya will check with Charles Picket for a presentation.

When Fred gets the conference dates from Stafford he will let everyone know so confirmations can be made.

**Filing state papers:** Fred advised that last year we had to pay a fine. This year Fred has make contact with the state lawyer and get it done on time.

**Other conferences:** Fred brought up other conferences, which may be help in getting new groups started and educating those who do not know about crime stoppers. Chief of Police, Sheriffs and Commonwealth Attorneys conference were discussed. Our state board would like other groups to add a link to crime stoppers, the Chief of Police have one. Jim advised that he had a contact with the Sheriffs Association and will make contact there. He also advised that if we could get a slot at the commonwealths attorneys training that that would be a good place to start the training for the judges about paybacks.

**New Board Member:** Fred advised that our state board needs one more member. It will be the responsibility of this state board to look for one at the next conference; this conference will be election year for all on the board.

**VCSA goals & objectives:** Fred passed out copies of the goals and objectives.

**Clark County:** Jim reported that Clark County has been trying to start up a crime stopper group. They have been invited to join in with the Winchester group.

**Richmond County:** Judy reported that Richmond County is starting a crime stopper group and has been working with Lancaster on this. They hope to be up and running on their own by this May.

**Hampton Roads Regional:** Fred reported that this years Top Cop Dinner was highly successful and funds raised will be used to pay the phone bill for the regional Crime Lone tip number and advertise and promote Crime Line in the region. They also contracted with a company to put advertising on the sides of their trucks, which are seen all over the area.

**Next Meeting:** April, Fred will check with Stafford to arrange the next board meeting at the conference site.

Meeting adjourned 3pm

Respectfully,  
Cathy Simmons