



Virginia Crime Stoppers Association  
Board Meeting  
January 31, 2008  
Ukrops; Staples Mill Road – Glen Allen VA  
**MINUTES**

- 1) **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS** present: Tom Kifer, President; Det Tonya Borman, VP; Linwood Byrd, Treasurer; Marc Woolverton, Secretary; Fred Kern, Immediate Past President; **BOARD MEMBERS** present; Lynn Jarnecki; Cathy Simmons; Joyce Sachs; Nancy Garrett; Jim Pierce; Judy Boyer; Harold Eley; absent: Amanda Mathews; Rosie Fagan
- 2) Presidents comments
  - a) Why are we here? Is there a legitimate reason for the existence of the VCSA?
  - b) VCSA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is 2009. Looking at forming a planning committee to work celebration.
- 3) **MINUTES:**
  - a) Rosie has suffered an injury, and is unable to attend. She submitted hand written minutes through Cathy Simmons to Marc.
  - b) Marc will transcribe; forward to Rosie for her review, then send to board via email for email approval.
- 4) **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - a) Checking account: \$8,084.95
  - b) VSCTI account: \$500.00
  - c) Linwood printing dues notice invoices. In the mail next week.
- 5) **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a) 2007 conference.
    - i) Fred reported conference cost Stafford County Crime Solvers \$2,251 out of pocket after registration fees. SCCS did a poor job of negotiating w/ hotel; paid full rate for everything. Reg fee \$3,570 taken in.
    - ii) Written comments were generally very good. Fred will forward to board. Good participation by attendees.
    - iii) Tonya reported issues with DCJS in-service credit. DCJS changed policies and we were unable to provide DCJS in-service credit to officers as advertised.
  - b) 2008 Williamsburg Conference
    - i) Area experiencing economy turn down
    - ii) Three possible 2008 dates
      - (1) 18 – 21 Sep
      - (2) 25 – 27 Sep
      - (3) 16 – 18 Oct
    - iii) Williamsburg Marriott
      - (1) Tom reported overall costs WAY too much – Marriott no longer considered
      - (2) Reconsidering relocating from W'burg due to costs
        - (a) Discussion to return to Natural Bridge
      - (3) **MOTION BY:** Lynn to explore Natural Bridge hosted by VCSA. Seconded Cathy
        - (a) Discussion dates 18 or 25 Sep. Joyce will work with Natural Bridge hotel to secure deal and dates.
        - (b) **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
    - iv) Joyce will serve as VCSA Conference Liaison with hosting agencies.
  - c) Web site update
    - i) Old host GGCWeb was \$39 a quarter. Terminated business. Cancelled contract January 1, 2008.
    - ii) Stared new site Sept 27, 2008.

- iii) New host is Microsoft Office Live. Free – no cost.
    - iv) New address is [www.vacrimestoppers.net](http://www.vacrimestoppers.net)
  - d) VCSTI update
    - i) Tom reported last meeting moved \$500 to VCSTI and marc is Executive Director.
    - ii) MOTION Lynwood nominates Cathy VCSTI Secretary for remainder of vacant term.  
SECOND: Fred. Discussion none. Approved UNANIMOUS.
    - iii) Marc reported on SCC / IRS c(6) and c(3)
  - e) VCSA State corporation filing.
    - i) Marc will file both VCSA & VCSTI
- 6) NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Identification of programs in Virginia
    - i)
  - b) Tipster
    - i) Include ad in Tipster asking for contact info – start up assistance – do you have a program?
    - ii) Include outside reward management (see training file) Fred to write article
    - iii) Need award info from 2007 – Tom has
  - c) Inclusion of VSP
    - i) VA Beach already coordinate with HEAT.
    - ii) Hampton Roads interfaces w/ VSP regularly  
(1) VSPA donated \$1K to Top Cop Award
    - iii) Lancaster routinely advertises VSP crimes
    - iv) Tom will explore relationship with VSP BCI for networking local programs to area offices and for training opportunities
  - d) Dealing w/ private rewards
    - i) Fred proposes a VCSA policy statement to deal with outside rewards offers.  
(1) Handed out the Peninsula CL existing policy
  - e) Insurance for local programs
    - i) Include issue as training topic at conference
  - f) Crime Stoppers USA
    - i) Tom held discussion on having CS USA to conference as a presenter to promote membership
  - g) VCSA CD update
    - i) Fred reported: gave out 45 discs at last conference
    - ii) Lynwood and Harold will forward to Fred their programs' new reward recommendations to format a new VCSA standard recommendation
  - h) Task groups
    - i) **Get Tom to email me the document**
  - i) VCSA credibility w/ local programs
    - i) Training local programs
    - ii) Updating reward recommendations
  - j) Exploring other state programs
    - i) Tom wants Tanya to attend the next North Carolina State Conference to explore other avenues
  - k) Marketing conferences
  - l) Fundraising for VCSTI
    - i) Tom will contact Illinois State CS to get copy of their grant application that netted \$170K. Federal Safe Neighborhoods Grant.
    - ii) Marc to explore contacting DCJS to explore partnership to use a portion of asset forfeiture funds to support VCSTI
  - m) OTHER TOPICS:
    - i) Fred spoke on SB763 a moratorium on electronic billboards. He will monitor bill as how it may effect CS advertising.
  - n) NEXT MEETING:

## 7) ADJOURNMENT