

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board
Meeting Minutes
Burlington, NC
January 13, 2014

Members Present: Steve Stroud, Alan Boone, Jimmie Storie, Phil Lanier, Reid Barbee, Steve Bimbo, Ralph Fuller

Members Absent: Melanie Wade Goodwin and Jason Walls

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Administrator and Barry Bloch, Board Attorney

Guests: Rafe Rountree

Call to Order: Steve Stroud called the meeting to order, and advised everyone of a hearing following the meeting at 1pm.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Steve read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for conflicts and potential conflicts.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Steve asked for motion to approve October minutes, Ralph motioned for approval, Jimmie seconded and they were approved. Jimmie motioned to approve the November minutes, and Phil seconded, and they were approved. Steve asked for a motion to approve December minutes, Jimmie motioned and Alan seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Steve motioned to accept the financial report and Jimmie seconded.

Education Committee:

Jimmie added Phil Lanier to the list of approved sponsors. Jimmie spoke on Medeco sponsor. Jimmie motioned for Lanier and Medeco sponsorship approval. Alan seconded and the two sponsors, Medeco and Phil Lanier were approved for sponsorship.

Jimmie spoke on continued effort to hold more test dates. He is working with Phil to offer the test at the Institutional Locksmith Association meetings.

Steve asked about the letter that the test proctors were giving to persons who passed the exam. Steve asked that the Board not do redundant work when issuing licenses.

Standards:

Barden said there was a case waiting for a hearing for the next time the Board meets.

Ethics:

Barden stated that the Board would be issuing a Letter of Warning regarding locksmith possessing a control key after customer requests it be returned.

Discussion ensued about possessing a control key.

Barry asked about standard locksmith practices with regard to entering into contracts with customers. Steve stated that generally a locksmith did not enter into a written contract with customers. Steve Stroud stated he did not believe the Board should be telling locksmiths to enter into contracts based on release of control keys and other products and services.

Steve Bimbo stated that he did not see a statute violation in a locksmith possessing the control key, but it did not appear to be a good practice.

Alan presented a control key system for the Board to examine and discuss.

New Business:

Barden discussed audit with Shelton Hawley for 2012-2013. Barden discussed the non-financial audit being done by the NC Auditor.

Steve presented the case that the office was receiving some complaints from locksmiths who felt that the Board was grandfathering too many persons who should to be eligible for license. Discussion ensued about the beginning of NC Locksmith licensure when people tried to get as many people as possible licensed. The Board declined to move on this phone complaint.

Case of Francis Larmand – Mr. Larmand is requesting a reimbursement/waiver of fees for renewal due to false imprisonment. Discussion ensued, and Steve Stroud asked for a motion to consider Mr. Larmand's request. Barry discussed legal options before the Board. Phil motioned to reject the request. Ralph seconded, and the vote was unanimous to deny reimbursement/waiver of fees.

Phil proposed a NCLLB orientation training course for 2 credits. He asks for Board approval and travel costs for instructor. Alan has been asked by Phil to help with the materials and presentations. Phil stated it would be open to other Board members to present. Ralph motioned to approve the class but not the travel costs. Jimmie seconded and the training was approved.

Old Business: Jimmie asked about the Board contacting Lowes and other hardware stores regarding making transponder keys. Barry said he was busy with other cases and hopes to get with Barden soon.

Discussion was led by Ralph regarding progress to prosecute violators of the Act. Discussion was held over whether and how to allocate resources. Barry described the amount of evidence and procedure needed in order to get prosecuted.

Elections –

President: Phil nominated Alan Boone for President, Ralph seconded.

Vice Chair: Ralph nominated Phil, Steve Bimbo seconded.

Secretary/Treasurer: Phil nominated Ralph Fuller. Steve Bimbo seconded.

The slate of candidates was approved by acclamation.

Phil thanked the past officers for all the hard work, including the law changes at the legislature. Applause ensued.

Next meeting: March 11th, 11:00AM in Raleigh at the Board's new office location.

Hearing:

The hearing proceeded at 1:30PM. Hearing entered recess after receiving evidence at 1:40PM. The Board deliberated from 2:00-2:50 to determine Ms. Williams' license application. Barry confirmed that a probationary license may be issued, based on the Board's statutory authority. Steve stated that the Board decided to allow Ms. Williams to take the test, the Board will suspend the license for a year with a stay of that suspension. The hearing then ended.

Meeting recessed until further notice.