

NC Locksmith Licensing Board
Burlington, NC
March 20, 2012

Members Present: Jim Storie, Steve Bright, Alan Boone, Steve Stroud, Steve Bimbo,
Jimmy Wilson

Guests: Philip Lanier and Patsy Wilson

Call to Order

Ethics Awareness Statement: Jimmie Storie read the ethics awareness statement. Hearing none the meeting moved forward

Approval of the Minutes: Alan asked to be included in the minutes from the last meeting. The correction was made and Steve bright motioned to approve the minutes, Steve Stroud seconded an dthe minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Steve Bright reported on the last bank statement and Steve Stroud motioned to approve the financial statements.

Hearing on Mr. Buff's Application:

Examination/ Continuing Education Report: 15 took exam, 4 failed. 2 expressed concerns that the exams were too hard. Of these, none of which purchased study guides or reviewed the materials. Jimmie Storie has proctored the exam and has been able to tell people if they passed or failed. Steve Stroud reported that we are still in a learning period.

Rules Report: Barden reported on the rule amendments.

Steve Bright asked if all law enforcement agencies were moving away from fingerprint cards.

Ralph Fuller reported on proposed changes to the law that Ballard Everett was still shopping around Raleigh. The primary changes being made to the law were changing the first offense to Class 1 Misdemeanor from a Class 3 Misdemeanor. Some Locksmith services were changed. Steve bright asked about possession of locksmith tools, and Ralph reported that possession was now considered illegal. Jim Storie asked if the fee increases were maintained, Ralp said that these remained a trouble spot. Some exemptions were removed, including taxi cabs, employees of locksmith companies were exempt, police officers' exemptions were better defined. The wording of merchant and retail services was better defined for "time of sale."

Policy discussion ensued on how to move legislation changes forward.

Hearing on Dan Eisner – Steve Bright motioned to uphold the revocation, Melanie seconded and it was unanimously upheld.

Hearing on Jeff Buff – Due to failure to appear, Mr. Steve Stroud motioned to deny his license request. Steve Bright asked why the denial was initially issued. Mr. Stroud said it was doubly issued against him because he falsified information. Barden reported that Mr. Buff would be able to apply for licensure in 2013.

Old Business: Jim Storie asked that the Board begin diligent work on a newsletter. There is a lot of misinformation out there. Melanie offered to help with this. Jimmie Storie appointed Steve Stroud, Steve Bright and Jimmy Wilson to put together a budget for the coming year. The newsletter needs to be budgeted. Melanie and Steve Bimbo joined in a committee to put together the locksmith newsletter.

Steve Stroud asked that the Board produce a newsletter by June.

Next meeting scheduled for June 12th at the K&W in Burlington, NC

Adjourn: Steve Bimbo motioned to adjourn and Jimmy Wilson seconded and the meeting ended.