

Department of Licensing Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 29, 2016 6:00 pm The MotoShed 3208 Queen Ann Ave. N Seattle, WA 98109

1. Call to order (time)

6:10 p.m.

2. Introduction of Board members and Department of Licensing staff

Board members in attendance – Shawn “Oly” Olsen, Tina Tyler, Jessica Dally (Chair), Jason Linn, Ron Fryer

Department of Licensing staff – Eric Shields, David Weed, Brady Horenstein, Andrea Nygard

3. Opening remarks from board members

Jessica Dally (Chair) briefly talked about what the board is in place to accomplish and focus on.

Andrea Nygard (DOL) discussed the Washington Motorcycle Safety Program: what the program’s vision and goals are, what they do, and how they support motorcycle safety.

4. Washington Motorcycle Facts and Stats

David Weed (DOL) talked about some facts and stats regarding motorcycle fatalities including how many other vehicles are involved and who’s at fault. He shared that 57% of crashes involved multiple parties and 73% of fatalities in 2015 were caused by the rider. He also shared that 43% of fatalities in 2015 were cruisers and 36% were sport bikes.

Interesting fact: The top 3 killers of riders in WA are speed, bad cornering, and lack of skills.

5. Review and approval of minutes from September and December 2015

The amended minutes from the September and December meetings were approved

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6. Legislative Update – Larry Walker, General Public Presenter

Larry Walker (public) gave a Legislative update on Motorcycle bills that may or may not have passed through legislation this session. He spoke about the following bills:

- House Bill 1244 regarding removing the federal language pertaining to the application of the DOT sticker on the back of helmets.
- House Bill 1655 pertaining to motorcycle safety and education, there was no action taken on that bill.
- House Bill 1738, concerning marine, off-road recreational vehicle, and snowmobile tax refunds based on actual fuel taxes paid.
- House Bill 2094 requiring mandatory liability insurance on a motorcycle never got a hearing.
- House Bill 2312 did not receive a hearing either and was in regards to modifying the operation of the Interstate 405 express toll lanes.
- House Bill 2393, another insurance liability bill never got a hearing.

Some additional bills mentioned were House Bill 2574, Senate Bills 5198, 5438, 5627, 6152, and 6219.

7. Public Forum

A member of the public spoke about the great experience he had taking an endorsement course a few years ago and even though he didn't purchase a bike until 6 months after the training, he stated his training kicked in and it's been a phenomenal experience since then.

A member of the public spoke about the motorcycle task force that was around 10 years ago and how effective it was and how many great recommendations came from the task force so he wanted to encourage the board to do what they could to see if another task force could be assembled. Jessica Dally (Chair) thanked him for his suggestion.

A member of the public said cost was a deterrent for him not taking an Advanced Riding course. Dave Wendell (public) said his training school was offering Advanced Rider courses for \$149.

A member of the public shared an experience she had through an out of state private company who taught a crashing course, which included her and her bike being hooked to a harness and having her and the bike go through tilting, swerving, rocking, and crashing and they videotaped it so she was able to watch and get educated on best practices to help her in real life situations. She suggested that WA come up with some type of training like the one she attended.

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A member of the public asked of the 73% of fatalities that was talked about at the beginning of the meeting, how many of those riders were endorsed? David Weed (DOL) responded and said about 70% of all fatalities had no endorsements or training that could be verified.

A member of the public suggested may be having some cards/handouts that could be passed around to folks that don't know anything about the motorcycle training available that may be interested.

A member of the public suggested having a "two-up" training with a passenger.

A member of the public also stated promoting discussions, talking points to dealerships, presentations at clubs to encourage seasoned riders to look to training. Or educating insurance companies to recognize advanced and non-msf training for discounts. Maybe having a 3 class package deal for basic/intermediate/advanced training to encourage continued training.

A member of the public asked if lights on helmets were legal or not. Jason Linn (Board Member) answered and said it isn't legal but it matters the color of the light and how much the light/item is protruding from the helmet, for example a go pro.

Jessica Dally (Chair) asked the audience how many of them actually got training when they received their endorsement. It was over half of the attendees in the room. Follow up question asked, how many riders have since taken a training? Not a lot of response.

8. Work session – Strategic Plan Document

Jessica Dally (Chair) stated there wasn't enough time to work on the Strategic Plan Document so they skipped it this meeting.

9. Comments from the Board

Tina Tyler (member) asked Brady Horenstein what Target Zero is and what Texas is doing to accomplish Target Zero. Tina stated that Texas has met Target Zero and another board member clarified to her that Texas has met their goals to go in the direction of Target Zero but are still working on eliminating fatalities.

Jessica Dally (Chair) asked the audience for some ideas for reducing fatalities. Some suggestions were:

- Riders changing their behavior. For example, poker runs where riders ride from bar to bar.

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- Work with dealerships and manufacturers to produce the right message and decrease messages like "Harley's & Hops" & "Grab a cold one".
- Messaging about cold tires
- Follow-up info about fatalities/crashes to the public to learn from the mistakes of others
- Talk to news producers to inform them on what to report like helmet, cause, impairment, endorsement, etc.
- Videos to highlight increased risks within first 6 months owning a new bike
- More PSA's
- Recommended training timeline
- Bundle trainings
- Give a free t-shirt if you bring a friend
- Link to advanced rider trainings from DOL site
- Email/mail follow-ups to students for more training

10. Adjourn (Time)

8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

June 23, 2016 – Central Washington Motorcycle Training
3306 5th St. SE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802