

SECONDHAND MERCHANDISE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes: ___X___ Approved

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LOCATION: CROWN PAWN
130 EAST 3300 SOUTH
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84115
January 8, 2014
8:00am

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Katsanevas, representative from pawnshop industry
Brad Jenkins, representative from pawnshop industry
Mike Malay, representative from pawnshop industry
Boyd Clark, representative from secondhand merchandise dealers industry
Dave Fadel, representative from secondhand merchandise dealers industry
Mike Millard, representative from law enforcement that works with pawnshops and SHMs
Tracy Vanroosendaal, representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association
Leena Kumar, representative from Central Database
Holly Cocco, representative of Statewide Association of Prosecutors

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dennis Harris, representative of Utah Sheriff's Association
Richard Jorgensen, representative of the Utah Municipal Prosecutors Association
Staci Larsen, representative from coin dealers
Brad Smith, representative from general law enforcement
Vacant board position, representative from secondhand merchandise dealers industry

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Minson, Investigator
David Pierson, Licensor

GUESTS:

Kari Roberts, Salt Lake Pawn Technician
Craig Park, Monarch Coin

The January 8th, 2014 meeting of the Secondhand Merchandise Advisory Board (Board) began at 8:00am with Chairman of the Board, Mike Katsanevas, conducting the meeting. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Agenda Items:

1. APPROVE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Katsanevas requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 board meeting. A motion was presented by Board Member Brad Jenkins and seconded by Board Member Holly Cocco. The motion passed unanimously.

2. OPEN FORUM FOR DISCUSSION

Investigator Glen Minson opened with a discussion of concerns The Division of Consumer Protection has regarding jewelry transactions and the descriptions of said jewelry uploaded to the database. The concept of photographing jewelry items to be held in-store for law enforcement access was presented. Detective Mike Millard spoke from his experience that the current level of description of items uploaded leaves much to be desired. The Board then discussed the need for further education at training events to educate shop owners of the need for better descriptions. At a later point in the discussion, Detective Tracy Van Roosendaal spoke to photographs having helped obtain prosecutions in several scrap metal cases. Chairman Mike Katsenevas voiced a concern over the perception of criminalizing the pawn/second hand merchandise industry, and the industry's customer base.

Discussion next turned an idea presented by Chairman Katsenevas to split future training sessions into sub groups (e.g. law enforcement, gold buyers, etc.) and tailoring instruction to subjects specifically valuable to each group. Detective Millard voiced a desire to maintain the status quo of training sessions so that law enforcement and businesses are exposed to the same knowledge. Investigator Minson suggested that the pawn database page could be used for posting suggestions for best practices and informal notices that the Board would like to disseminate to law enforcement and the pawn/secondhand merchandise industry.

Investigator Minson raised an example during a recent property disposition hearing wherein the merchant involved was unaware that law enforcement would allow them to reach an agreement with the original victim to purchase the property back. Minson suggested that this misconception might be addressed again in future training sessions, possibly with an informational packet.

Chairman Katsenevas raised a desire to see parity across the industry with regards to the exemptions discussed during the November 2013 board meeting. Detective Millard spoke against the idea from his experience in law enforcement.

Finally the board discussed the idea of inviting a representative from the Internal Revenue Service to speak at the training sessions this year to advice pawn and secondhand dealers of requirement related to "red flag" requirements for certain transactions.

3. MEETING ADJOURNED