



Board of Directors Minutes
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Cynthia Fournier, Karen Holden, Emo Chynoweth, Maryann Belanger, Ryan Renauld Smith, Su Brobst, Marc Raposo, Howard Anderson, Joanne Waterhouse and Sandy Rowe. **Absent:** Tim Eldridge, Tom Sutton, Laurie Young, Winfried Feneberg and Terry Crotty. **Staff:** Matt Gatzke

Call to order: Cynthia called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Comment was made that updates from Trooper Hildreth and Rebecca will be part of the newsletter. Other updates will be reported during rules and safety.

Acceptance of Secretary's Report of November 8 Meeting: Karen moved to approve and Marc seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

Review of the November 30 Financial Report: Emo reported that we have received dues from all larger vendors that were outstanding. Had a few question for Matt on AR report, but nothing specific to report out. Office is on top of that due to better ability to use QB to invoice repeatedly. Matt the monthly fee for online QB which is reflected on the reports. Cynthia asked about scholarship income on budget vs actual. Marc and Emo clarified that it was raffle money as income (50/50). For First Student for Salem... Ruth Varga to remove her invoice as she was an instructor. Marc asked if we can see the full budget report to see how far into our budget we are progressing. Current report doesn't really tell us if we are on track. Only shows pro-rated budget. Will tell us if we are on target. Marc moved to approve report and Sandy seconded. No further discussion. Motion was approved.

In-Service Training Committee: Cynthis confirmed instructor-only in-service for Jan. 21 at MVHS with Trooper Hildreth and Rebecca to begin the morning. Have two rotating classrooms to each be one hour. Use the cafeteria and the auditorium for training spaces. Still working on who the instructors will be. The online registration is already live on the website. Email survey went out about April instructor class. We have 12 on board so far. It will be featured in the newsletter about to go out as well. Likely 5 from First Student and 2-3 from Butler's and 2-3 from STA. Need to chase down Fall Mountain. Hotel has the space. Ryan has suggested that a pre-instructor program on how to use PowerPoint would be beneficial. Plan had been to add it to one of the instructor programs. In 2022 class, several had not training on it at all. Might address at January program.

Legislative Committee: Karen did not have any update. Howard reviewed LSRs and did not see anything relevant.

Rules and Safety Committee: Sandy reported on great series of meetings at DOS/DMV with many players. Trooper Hildreth, Sergeant Atherton, Michael Todd, Rebecca Kelsea plus designated NHSTA board members. We got through the Saf-C 1300 rules and made suggested changes. Matt asked if there were any significant changes or additions. Sandy reported some additions, but a few rewordings. Future newsletter story can elaborate on those items. Only addressed Saf-C rules not DOE rules nor FMCSA rules (ELDT). Should we put together a list of Saf-Cs that are going to change. Trainers would benefit from knowing what items have changed. Matt suggested a free Zoom. Greg is next presenting to the Director on suggested rules changes. We really need to wait before reporting out to members on this. Did hearing aids with Bluetooth come up? Technology in general needs to be reviewed. GPS units also. GPS can be tied to hearing aids. define the event which was wonderful. Matt commented that it was school districts that did not pay to have people attend the dinner. They've gotten out of the habit of including attendance in their budgets.

Public Relations Committee: Neither Tim nor Laurie were able to participate. Matt has been speaking to Tim. He has also updated one-page membership brochure that Walter and Tim had started to work on, but it is formatted for print, not for electronic use. Need to press the discussion dues. Has anyone been in touch with Laurie recently?

New Business: Joanne still working on fact finding about the MA 7D situation involving buses and drivers from NH driving into MA. Matt worked with her to provide a list of all NH bus operators (based on our membership). She will

send the list to MA. MA has so far said no dual licensing for drivers because our driver training is more comprehensive than in MA. They seem to want to look at dual plating (7D). Now including 7-11 passenger vehicles not counting driver. MA would be in touch with NH companies. Joanne has tried corresponding with MA but has not heard back from anyone yet. This all started due to displacement of children during COVID who are now living in MA but needed to be driven to NH, but there are also students being transported in the opposite direction for home-to-school transport. She has made it clear to MA that if things go as first discussed this would have a huge impact. Too soon to alert our members about this situation given so many unknowns. Marc asked that since it is a law in MA, if we don't have anything in writing waiving NH providers? In the event of a situation, we need copy of a letter. She has given Trooper Hildreth's contact to them also. Waive drivers with a SBC and vehicles with a NH inspection sticker.

Director's Meeting on Thursday, December 15. Send any items to Cynthia for discussion. Will ask about stand-by testing due to cancellations; ten-day wait period for retesting for both written and road tests; should be able to reschedule immediately for a date ten days out; Director wants to work on a PSA/video to help entice drivers; ELDT in NH should allow for the road test prior to the entering of information into the TPR. Cynthia emphasized the director's willingness to work with us.

Matt will send out a draft of the newsletter to Marc and Cynthia.

Old Business: No old business was heard.

Other Business: None heard.

Motion was made by Marc, seconded by Karen and approved to adjourn at 11:20 a.m.