



Board of Directors Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Zoom Meeting

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

Call to order: Marc called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m awaiting Cynthia to arrive. She arrived but requested Marc to continue as she did not have agenda with her.

Acceptance of Secretary's Report of January 11 Board Meeting: Motion was made and seconded to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried. One abstention due to late arrival at prior meeting.

Review of the January 31, 2022 Finance Report: Emo and Matt gave overview with detail on AR balances cleared up since January meeting. Motion made to accept the financial report. Motion seconded and carried.

In-Service Training Committee: Cynthia reported that things set for Feb. 12. Reviewed who was speaking. Matt reported numbers and asked if we will go with separate classrooms or just use auditorium and cafeteria to provide for distancing. April 22 class going well likely to sell out by next Tuesday's non-member deadline. 31 on the roster so far. Cynthia confirmed who the April instructors will be. Greg Hildreth and Rebecca will be there hopefully.

Legislative Committee: Marc reported that things are very close on credentialing via DOE. Marc is a test case. He explained how to go on line to get your id #, schedule live scan fingerprints (make appointment by phone or via credit card online). Going on as an employee and then you say where you want record to be sent. (Released to DOE). Online allows you to see what appointments are open. Get reimbursed by company with credit card, or go with company card. If by check, the old way. All gets matched up against DOS records too before issuing new credentials. Renewals, just want your school bus certificate. Portal is the way to go vs doing it via phone. Lots of details to be confirmed but looking good. We won't release any info until DOE sends us information.

Rules and Safety Committee: ELDT went into effect on 2/7 (yesterday). Despite what WMUR reported, keep in mind the 90-day waiver does not include school transportation drivers. Our trainers can continue to be trainers. Do not need a drivers education certificate. Mike Todd at DMV is only looking for drivers ed instructors to be certified is for those who are teaching young drivers. CDL will follow the Federal process. CDL as of Feb. 7 does not need to be in the registry. After that date, you have to have classroom, range and on-the-road training complete. General knowledge and school bus and passenger endorsement requirements to be met too. In system as completed before they will be done. If a permit but expires soon, they can renew it and not be subject, but after that they will be. The allotment time is only the remainder of the 365 days. If you expired and did not renew it on the expiration date, they will only push it out six months.

Bylaws Committee: No changes or update offered at this time.

Awards Banquet Committee: Matt asked that it be announced at the Saturday in-service that we are still accepting drivers and mechanics. Will figure out how to put this together and encourage fleets/locations to host their own ceremony. NHSTA to supply pins and plaques.

Public Relations Committee: Tim had no report. Marc asked about a newsletter. Matt and Mike trying to work on an electronic newsletter/alerts.

Scholarship Committee: Scholarship application for 2022 is now on the resources tab of the website. No inquires yet.

Membership Strategies Committee: Matt covered some points from meeting, need new membership promo piece; talked about who our target audience is and how to attract them; new providers, school districts with buses, create lists; can we get suppliers involved at the board level to talk about what they offer; suggested that we ask suppliers to be sponsors, but not make that available to providers. What about DMV doing a manager's forum or meeting and have vendors there? Continuing education discussion ensued, including the fact that it is a revenue stream for us vs the state. Will there be outfall from COVID on ridership? Watch what is going on in towns in regard to bus budgets. Need to have another meeting with more members participating. Did not get into revenue strategies. Need more participation/representation to consider that aspect. How do we set the rates for next year?

Old Business: None heard.

New Business: Marc gave report of meeting with Greg Hildreth, Mike Todd and Trp. Scott Atherton who is now handling student transportation. Major John Morasco nominated from NH State Police. Feeling is that this will be a great thing for our industry. Very connected with children. Greg spoke about rosters. The word "ALL" can be put in the rosters. Can drive for all districts. Do not need to do the 10-hr training for other districts. Transferring a driver that is already rostered. Low priority on that issue though. Discussion of training. Making good progress. Agreed that the instructor manual is not our manual and that the state needs to work on that.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.