



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

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

Call to order: Mike opened the meeting with Karen at 10:31 a.m. for general discussion until 10:45 when quorum was attained. Karen officially called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Acceptance of Secretary's Report of February 8 Board Meeting: Review was made of the February meeting minutes. No corrections or comments heard. Motion was made, seconded, no further discussion was heard and motion was approved.

Review of the February 28, 2022 Finance Report: Emo gave a quick overview of the finances. Accounts receivables drastically reduced. Thanked the office for getting to that point. Motion was made, seconded, no further discussion was heard and motion was adopted.

In-Service Training Committee: Karen offered update on the training programs. Instructor Development class is full and on track. Marc commented that there is a wait list. Cynthia is looking to discuss with Matt moving back to MVHS. May 14 or 7 are the preferred dates. Feedback on Feb. program was that it was well received. All got good marks. Approx. 60 attendees. No other items of discussion.

Legislative Committee: Howard gave a report about HB1202 (use of coach buses for more than 150 miles). It has returned but without mileage restriction. Need clarification of what "transitional services" means. Howard clarified it is special needs transition and that language has been in the bill before. Students that need transport from home to a new home for example, possibly one-time thing. Maybe DOE can provide definition of transitional services. Does that include out-of-district? If so, don't need to roster drivers.

Rules and Safety Committee: No report from Sandy.

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

Awards Banquet Committee: No update on the progress of the awards recognition effort.

Public Relations Committee: No report from Tim.

Scholarship Committee: Scholarship application for 2022 is on the website.

Membership Strategies Committee: Laurie commented on new smaller companies taking on more and more customers and pulling drivers away from other companies. Anukem's from Manchester was mentioned. Dee's School Busing and VanPool (part of NRT) also. Should Laurie reach out to promote membership? Safe Wheels is not going after contracts put picking up runs that others are not going after. Terry offered that they are certified and inspected. Durham School Services to speak to Anukem's about their concerns about the situation. Issue with a new bill about special needs transport and some of the smaller new firms are looking to pickup transitional services. Unless these firms have hired certified instructors not sure how they are rostering drivers. NRT used to claim no contracts in NH, yet their other division does now. They are legally supposed to follow all NH rules, but are they being audited? Committee needs to meet again.

Old Business: Update on criminal background checks. Marc gave an update on the process for the board. Howard commented that the state's programs went well but some felt they had no notice of the advent of the new process and that the fees were too high. Comment also that it would make it harder to get drivers. Not the case as the driver carries the credentials with them. A challenge for fleets bringing in a group of new drivers. Who eats that cost? The intention is to lower the cost. Susan Blake commented they are only using Section V criteria but some Superintendents have other violations they look for, e.g. DWI and they can always request other checks. Karen asked how the use of only Section V and what are the differences from what DOS was asking for. Even if DOE has cleared a person, the superintendent can still say no as it goes along with employment. Superintendents have a lot of leeway.

Marc asked if there were any updates on how the ELDT program is going? Had a driver be issued the wrong type of CDL. It changed the driver's expiration date to a date after Feb. 7 when it should have been prior to.

Howard asked Mike to get him any legislative updates.

New Business: Karen commented that the next meeting with the DMV Director is coming up on April 5. Marc commented that Trooper Marasco was shown in. Howard was planning to attend the DOE program to be held later today.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. so that Marc could offer a training of the board. Howard and Tom departed. Marc continued with his training for approximately 45 minutes. He walked through the whole process including the use of documents he created that make things easier. He will be presenting to the audience of our March 11 program on Zoom.