



Board of Directors Minutes
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Zoom Meeting

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

Call to order: Cynthia called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Acceptance of Secretary's Report of September 20 Meeting: Marc made correction to accept and Tim seconded. No discussion. Motion was approve.

Review of the September 30 Financial Report: Emo asked for questions on the report. Marc commented that we are short on dues (only 50%). Matt reported on those not yet paid and efforts made to recoup them. A couple of former member invoices to be voided as they are no longer running and a few have paid since the AR report was run. Matt asked for any contacts for one or two for which emails go unreplied to. Marc offered that Steve's Bus Service not likely to renew as their contract expires. CTS may be returning as a member but awaiting confirmation and check. Ryan provided contact names here in NH for CTS. A bit more revenue expected from upcoming programs. Marc made motion with a second from Tim. No further discussion and motion carried.

In-Service Training Committee: Nov. 5 training all set for MVHS. Greg Hildreth and two guest speakers from Rochester SD to present on bullying and suicide awareness. Will announce it at the awards program. Winfried also looked into a possible speaker and we will contact in the future.

Legislative Committee: Karen reported that nothing has come up since the last meeting. Due to the election, the filing period for LSRs has been extended.

Rules and Safety Committee: Sandy reminded all of the first meeting on Oct. 25 at 10:30 at Troop G to begin a review of the Saf-C rules. Just Marc, Cynthia, Sandy and Karen. An official invitation was already sent out. Sandy had verifications with industry news. A couple of trainers had asked about the following: Air brake restrictions being lifted. It is normally a full pre-trip with the road test and all should be up on skills. Now just pre-tip and road only. Vehicles over 10K pounds or 8 passengers for hire, those drivers do not need a CDL, but because of the size or passengers, they do require a DOT medical card be carried on them, no need to self-certify. Going to send the information to Matt. Make sure all trainers remind driver of this. Joanne asked for clarification on pre-trip and road in regard to getting air brakes lifted.

Awards Banquet Committee: Sandy reported that Matt sent out the email blast with the dinner flyer and forms for nominations and RSVP for dinner. Deadline for award nominees is now 10/14 and dinner is 10/24. Matt asked her to confirm when plaques start...20 or 25 years. Things starting out a bit slow but expected to increase. Sandy asked if the board wants to host the 50/50 raffle this year. Tom unable to attend due to driving commitments. Su Brobst agreed to take this on. No giveaways lined up for this year.

Public Relations Committee: Tim commented that National School Bus Safety Week is coming up, 10/17-21/22. Reminded all to get their fire evacuation drill reports into Rebecca. Tim indicated that he tried reaching out to committee to see if someone else might take over the committee.

Membership Strategies Committee: Laurie was not able to attend. Matt commented that the purpose of this group is to both consider longer term member trends and also concern itself with public relations. Only one meeting but no real traction was felt. Recommend that the full board address this. Matt asked if people would remain on the Zoom after the regular meeting ends, but the feeling was that we should pick on date and hold it during the lunch hour. Anyone who

can stay on will participate. The issue of the cap on the number of buses remains a factor. No easy answers as both small and large operators have concerns with shifting the dues metric. Maybe raise cap a small percentage and raise the per bus rate a bit as well. Cynthia asked all to email the full board of their schedules to participate. Cynthia also asked about the newsletter. Matt commented that Roy Roberts was to create article about CDLs, drug testing, med cards, etc. and will go with email and start with awards program winners. Matt was to get an email out about fire drills. No contributions from Greg at all.

Old Business: No old business was heard, but Matt reminded all to spread the word about the awards program and Tom asked that the scholarship be promoted as well.

New Business: Marc reported that Greg would hopefully be back to full-duty.

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