

OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
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State Board of Directors
May 30, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chris Ellison, Denice Blake, Keith Wright, Janet Mauldin, Cindy Moran (not signed in), Kathy Houck, Kim Crabtree, Teri Brady, Cindy Sim, Deborah Maskal, David Farley, Michael Wiltfong, and Ryan Hahn via Skype

Members Missing:

Sandi Miller

Guests:

T.J. Crockett - ODE, Jim Menzies – PEMCO, Kim Hevia – Schetky NW

Call to order at 12:13 pm at Black Bear, Bend, OR.

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the January 23 minutes they were amended to be with David Farley under Members Present and not Members Missing. With that change they were approved. The March 20 minutes were read and approved with no changes.

Financial Report:

Kathy has been working on the Conference. She had no Financial report at this time (NATT) Denise and Kathy will make deposits for the Conference and Denice will share/pass the Budget to Kim Crabtree.

Legislative – Michael told us that Deborah Lincoln officially retired yesterday. She is still very interested in being part of the student transportation world. Currently rules for reimbursement are being re-written. Currently looking for changes to non reimbursement miles on under 20 and over 20, fuel, maintenance supplies, tires, and labor. Baseline was pre Deborah Lincoln. May increase but not be extravagant. Also looking at another run at Block Grants for Education. Looking at changing funding formula. Chris E. and Kathy H talked at State level three (3) years ago and may need to again. Michael needs data to help defend current funding model. The state argues that at 70% does not encourage efficiency at district level. Temporary driver requests are up 5 times the amount of the past 3 yrs. From 800 to 1700 in last 5 months.

Chapter Reports:

Ryan from Northwest reported NW rodeo winners. Had 41 contestants. It was VERY wet. Judges did great. A drawing was done for the Judges and it was well received by the drivers. Next meeting would be at Conference. They would be electing officials there. He did not have the names of the Poster Contest Winners.

Cindy M. from South Willamette Valley reported had Rodeo at Grants Pass. 63 contestants They voted on Contribution of \$1000.00 to the Conference to sponsor a Break session. Had elections –

Cindy Moran for President

Sandi Miller for Vice President

Deborah Maskal for Treasurer

David Farley for the Chapter Representative

SWV has bought a “gator” for the Safety Exercises and storing it in the SWV Trailer

Committee Reports:

Conference – Janet reported the Schedule is set, it went through a revision this week and is done. There are lots of different speakers this year not a lot of the same returning. Focus on communication in workplace. Suzy is no longer with Riverhouse. Nicole has stepped in and is picking up the pieces to proceed on. Committee will be having a face to face meeting today after Board meeting. Schetky meeting Nicole today and Western and Brattain are taken care of already. SunRiver is out due to the pricing (2015-16). Brought up dates to try to get the setup off Fathers Day. Start up on Monday and end on Friday with a Half Day. This should be bought up at chapter level in general session so people can talk about it and have a good feeling for next year. The questionnaire about the Schedule is done and is asking for feedback from general populations. There are questions about what to do with all the old lapel pins for OPTA. Should they be put in bags or in a dish for people to grab if they want.

Speakers- T.J. mentioned that he needs Speaker ideas from a National level. Could we be asking Members as they sign up on line?

Poster – Ryan said he had the winners for the NW. He has not heard from SWV they were kind of lost and may be bringing them to Conference to judge before trade show.

Safety Exercise- Cindy M. says its tomorrow. Head Judge is Tim O’Connell from Bend-La Pine. They will be marking the course tonight so can just do the set up and placing of tomorrow morning. There are 75 registered and a good amount of Judges are signed up. Tim/Cindy will call Starbucks about Coffee tomorrow – missed cause they don’t drink coffee.

Web Report:

Chris E. reported that google analytics was installed so they could go in and see how did they get to the website. It was very interesting. The website is getting hits from Brazil and Finland. There is a new “Training Tab” sent out via list

serve. There are lots of people bookmarking things. Janice included the link in email and people are going from there to site. It shows most popular site is shifting from Jobs to Safety Exercise. Average is 60-75 hits per day, after the Rodeo it goes up to about 200 hits a day. Training tab can have dates of classes so need to have dates from districts sent so can be posted. There is a section for Training Documents to be posted and have the resources available. There is also a Media page and it does have pictures of past events. Need to take more pictures of events and send them to Chris. It currently has SWV last year Rodeo and Last Years Conference.

Old Business: Changing the list serve @ ODE. Next announcement will be about State Library. State has two lists now one to Directors of Student Trans and one to the SuperIntendents of districts. They are encouraging people to add themselves to the list if interested.

New Business: Jim Menzies from PEMCO Ins. Gave a brief history about company. He showed a partnership agreement and handed it out. He gave booklets on the Company and offered to answer any questions we had. The agreement is not a contract, just an agreement between two groups that will start some conversations. Discussion was had and Board agreed to sign and return to Jim. Chris brought up an idea from Silke Communications about having a bus to bus network. Board gave it some discussion and was thought to not be of much value at this time as the people monitoring it are accessible via other means. Chris will thoughtfully relay this back to Silke. The bus to bus network brought on a discussion about creating a list of Districts that are willing to help others if need arises with issues such as breakdowns, after hours calls, and such. It was thought that a committee should be created to bring this idea to fruition. Another idea was to have a committee to talk about Field trips Do's and Don'ts.....collected from all districts and then collated and distributed a kind of handbook if you will. Kim Hevia from Schetky emailed a sheet form Q'Straint/Sure-Lok about the wheelchair tie downs and tracks and proper inspections and cleaning of. Keith received and emailed it to board when returned to Portland.

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Future Meetings:

06/16/14 – Pre-Conference @ Riverhouse

Meeting Adjourned 14:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Keith Wright

OPTA Director at Large - Recorder

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