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State Board of Directors
January 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kim Crabtree, Michael Shields, Tim O'Connell, Cindy Moran, Keith Wright, Janet Mauldin, Ryan Hahn, Keith Bowers, Cindy Sim, Sandi Miller, David Farley, Chris Ellison, and Michael Wiltfong.

Members Missing: Kathy Houck, and Deborah Maskal.

Guest: none.

Call to order at 11:09 am at the Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant, Happy Valley, OR.

Minutes:

Read Minutes for the October 21 meeting; approved by motion

Financial Report:

Kathy Houck was absent so NATT – She did request to know if we wished to continue the NASDPTS membership. No vote was needed but board did agree to continue.

Legislative – Michael W. – In session now. Ways and Means release the budget. Its more in line with spending. There are about 145 pieces of legislation. Lots of work to be done, due to funding. Had School Funding task fund last session and they concluded no changes needed. There are some concerns about school fund as a whole. Changes in department (not necessarily in transportation) but could domino effect next year. Nothing major is going on about policy. There is a meeting in the future about DHS and School fund. [David F. asked about a limit, time or mileage, on the homeless act] No answer was given but said he (Michael) would take back and ask question. M. Shields brought up the fuel bill that expires 2025 and not leaving it to the last minute but setting up something up so can set aside funds for 5-8 years so not a hard hit. David F. asked about the question do you have a replacement plan to replace by 2025 and can Michael W. share the findings. NASDPTS debrief – A lot of good info. It was Michael's second time going. He went to trade show. He felt there was a little repetitiveness from last year. He noted that concerns of NASDPTS and NAPT are overlapping about their trade shows. They are similar to our Conference concerns also. **M.W. did not attend NAPT.

Chris E. said liked the pilot and his presentation (Scott O'Grady) M. Shields concentrated on NAPT this year said it was well run with good subjects. He encouraged us to find Professional Development Funds and go to them.

Chapter Reports:

Northwest: Ryan H. – Winter Workshop at Monach Hotel 3.9.15 – focusing on safety(School) related to Transportation. They were looking at radio use and tying to 911 in case of emergency and also tying in the family re-unification and having us develop plans. Elena M, Ryan, Dawn P, and Dana S were working on it. Next meeting will be at Jubitz, Brattian is hosting and will have a speaker come for PDS type meeting. NW really is trying to move away from just having a meeting. Summer Workshop is August 4-7th. Probably at Jackson Middle School but not finalized.

South Willamette Valley: Cindy M. – winter workshop ready to roll. Feb 21, a Saturday. Can't stop what you don't know" theme. Talking about what kids doing today, ie.... Behavior, drugs, etc.... A speaker will be there to deal with Positive Behavior support. Forum – looking good, lots of experience but need driver and dispatcher. Safety Exercise will be 5.2.15 and will be combined with NW. Contestants to be intermingled but will be two separate rodeos. Lots of help so good on judges, and ODE happy. Tim said it is a large park lot and we can have multiple events to prevent a hang up. Keith B and Tim O will meet and get the details. SWV is also trying to get more education into the meetings they had a speaker come and speak about _____(?)

Committee Reports:

Conference- Michael Shields changed with Janet to chair the conference. There have been two meetings. 1 face to face and 1 video feed. The focus is on SPED – equipment and medical protocols, moving away from tech and moving toward fleet management leadership. Also have some topics on Safety/Security which came out of the Reynolds issue last year. Keith B and Dana S to work on promotions, Kathy H on Registration, Keith W on Trade Show, Program is T.J., M. Shields, and Kim C., Kathy H. Budget, Scavenger Hunt is Ryan, Janet, and Keith W. All are working on keeping journals of what/when we are doing things to pass on. (timeline) there is a contest to decide theme we are trying to change up the look of schedule and design to stimulate new interest and boost our lagging attendance numbers. There was a question about our 503c tax exempt status and if we were one. Monday will be the welcome back and the ODE Chief Officer will kick off the keynote speaker. Tuesday is the workshop day T.J. leaning towards one hour sessions remembering that one hour sessions would increase cost as there would be more speakers. Looking at all four areas presented 6-8 times. Wednesday start at 0800 general session and talked about vender presentations so they could address all the attendees – still have to work out logistics about speakers vs keynote, lunch, then trade show timing. Thursday 60-90 minute workshops then

closing keynote. Committee talked about Vendor council and modeling after NASDPTS/NAPT and having 3 dinners so each of the bigger vendors could have a night. We have moved awards to Tuesday lunch and no special charge so it increases attendance. (moving up scale of lunch because of awards) money was saved but moved to the speaker fund so can move to a more National level. Also talked about moving trade show save the date up so goes out sooner to drum up more business. Denise B to get door prizes that we could do at beginning /end of general sessions so we keep attendance up. Need Board member to greet vendors /speakers and help them find room and supplies. Need Board to be present to answer questions and remove that hang up at the registration table. Committee also talked about a 50/50 split drawing but still need to discuss the state limits about how much can give as a reward. Tim O was approached by out of state vendor and what our theme was. M. Shields said to refer them or forward their contact info to T.J./M Shields/Kim C. as they could have a more involved conversation. M. Shields brought up the idea of finding speakers and trying to get them to speak to a theme or getting the theme and having speakers plan around that. Committee is still looking at the 2015-16 for a location. Also, they are looking for the 2016-17 and 2018-19 locations as the changes at Valley River Inn have been tabled for a bit. Riverhouse and Eagle crest holding space til we reach decision. Ryan brought up we should decide dates soon to make commitments. We need to vote for 16 and 17 Kim C. will resend the survey out about what board and districts would prefer. Riverhouse not good decision 2017 because of different dates raise the price Eagle crest ok....looking to see if actual spaces could accommodate us. They have 2 large parking lots for vendors. Kim C. had some literature on eagle Crest. We need to do votes by email so we can move forward on locking down contracts.

Speakers- T.J./M. Shields/Kim C. working on this.

Poster – Ryan H. to chair Ryan H sent flier out Chapters vote at combined exercise and collect the winners for State Conference all at same time.

Safety Exercise- Tim O/David F/Keith B to talk same location at state fairgrounds. Thinking about same set up we are still talking about who supplies buses looking at addressing that the same people supply buses and thus score better. May 30th is confirmed. SPED Exercise met Chris E e-mailed out proposals – looking at redoing the entire manual to fix errors that it has and looking at aligning with National standards so if doing that we are looking at timing events and scoring. The question becomes do we change SPED and scoring criteria? Ryan brought up that he has seen changes from other states It is a necessity if we want our contestants to move forward and have an expectation of what is happening hat the National Level. (National – windows taped over and we did not want to do

that) Also need to redo score forms so can see what station or piece was hit. (Score on front and diagram on back of sheet) Ryan talked about grievance procedure and reworking so it takes into account sportsmanship. A motion was made to “Adopt National Scoring Standards” M. Shields brought up that we would need to align the manual and it was discussed. A **new motion was made to “Adopt National Scoring Standards and to align with documents (rework manual). Cindy S 2nd**. There was more discussion David Farley brought up equipment would need to change right turn and Sandy M talked about our equipment looking different than the National standards too – close but slightly different. Cindy M talked about longer Judges meetings and “training” at least one judge so somebody definitely knows about updated standard. After discussion points were made the **Board voted and it was Approved.**

Web Report- Chris – current pricing allows one document posting. SMV would have 1. Registration, 2. Forum questions, 3. Lunch, and 4.? Chris E is looking to use allotted money to amend amount of posting. He will check into changes and get pricing. Kim C. says there is \$5K in budget, so if needed it is there.

Old Business: tabled from last - Mentoring Program???? Road Usage fees (see legislative report October)

New Business: SWV offering a scholarship (1 conference registration) as part of the SWV Winter Workshop.

Good of the Order- changing March meeting date due to spring break and needing to look at venues for 2015-16 Conference. See below:

Future Meetings: @ 11:00 am. The 4th Tuesday of the month
03/06/15 – Central Oregon area @TBA
05/19/15 – Eugene area
06/15/15 – Pre-Conference @ Valley River Inn 09:00am

Meeting Adjourned at 1328 pm.
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